

Need another word that means the same as “stale”? Find 27 synonyms and 30 related words for “stale” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Stale” are: cold, dusty, moth-eaten, dry, dried out, hard, hardened, old, past its best, past its sell-by date, hackneyed, tired, overworked, threadbare, banal, trite, stock, stereotyped, clichéd, run-of-the-mill, commonplace, platitudinous, unoriginal, derivative, unimaginative, uninspired, flat

Stale as an Adjective

Definitions of "Stale" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “stale” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *(of a cheque or legal claim) invalid because out of date.*
- *Lacking freshness, palatability, or showing deterioration from age.*
- *Lacking originality or spontaneity; no longer new.*
- *(of a person) no longer able to perform well or creatively because of having done something for too long.*
- *(of food) no longer fresh and pleasant to eat; hard, musty, or dry.*
- *No longer new and interesting or exciting.*



Synonyms of "Stale" as an adjective (27 Words)

banal

So lacking in originality as to be obvious and boring.
*Songs with **banal** repeated words.*

clichéd

Repeated regularly without thought or originality.

cold

Extended meanings especially of psychological coldness without human warmth or emotion.
*A sharp **cold** wind.*

commonplace

Not interesting or original; trite.
***Commonplace** everyday activities.*

derivative

Originating from, based on, or influenced by.
*A highly **derivative** prose style.*

dried out

Not still wet.

dry

Of noodles not served in a soup but in a sauce or with dry ingredients.
*A **dry** cow.*

dusty	Staid and uninteresting. <i>Dusty old records.</i>
flat	Of a key having a flat or flats in the signature. <i>The flat roof of a garage.</i>
hackneyed	(of a phrase or idea) having been overused; unoriginal and trite. <i>Hackneyed old sayings.</i>
hard	Unfortunate or hard to bear. <i>He d had a hard life.</i>
hardened	Used of persons emotionally hardened. <i>Hardened criminals.</i>
moth-eaten	Lacking originality or spontaneity; no longer new.
old	Very familiar used for emphasis old adj skilled through long experience. <i>The old quarter of the town.</i>
overworked	(of a person) having to work beyond their capacity or strength. <i>It s an overworked analogy.</i>
past its best	Of a person who has held and relinquished a position or office.
past its sell-by date	Of a person who has held and relinquished a position or office.
platitudinous	Dull and tiresome but with pretensions of significance or originality. <i>This may sound platitudinous.</i>
run-of-the-mill	Not special in any way.
stereotyped	Lacking spontaneity or originality or individuality. <i>The film is weakened by its stereotyped characters.</i>
stock	Of a product or type of product usually kept in stock and thus regularly available for sale. <i>The stock characters in every cowboy film.</i>
threadbare	Having the nap worn away so that the threads show through. <i>Tatty rooms with threadbare carpets.</i>
tired	Bored or impatient with. <i>She was tired out now that the strain was over.</i>
trite	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i>The trite metaphor hard as nails.</i>
unimaginative	Lacking spontaneity or originality or individuality. <i>The audience proved sluggish and unimaginative.</i>
uninspired	Deficient in originality or creativity; lacking powers of invention. <i>They were uninspired by the Nationalist Party.</i>

unoriginal

Lacking originality; derivative.

*His life had been **unoriginal** conforming completely to the given pattern.*



Usage Examples of "Stale" as an adjective

- *The beer was stale.*
- *Justifications for adverse possession go beyond stale claims.*
- *A top executive tends to get stale.*
- *Their marriage had gone stale.*
- *Stale bread.*
- *Stale news.*



Associations of "Stale" (30 Words)

corrupt	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>A corrupt and incompetent city government.</i>
decay	Fall into decay or ruin. <i>Facilities decay when money is not spent on refurbishment.</i>
decayed	Having fallen into disrepair; deteriorated. <i>Decayed animal and plant matter.</i>
<u>decompose</u>	Separate (substances) into constituent elements or parts. <i>Many chemicals decompose rapidly under high temperature.</i>
<u>depravity</u>	Moral perversion; impairment of virtue and moral principles. <i>A tale of depravity hard to credit.</i>
<u>disenfranchise</u>	Deprive of voting rights. <i>The law disenfranchised some 3 000 voters on the basis of a residence qualification.</i>

<u>fetid</u>	Offensively malodorous. <i>The fetid water of the marsh.</i>
<u>flesh</u>	Remove the flesh adhering to a skin or hide. <i>He had fleshed out to a solid 220 pounds.</i>
foul	Commit a foul break the rules. <i>The midfielder was booked for a foul on Ford.</i>
insensitivity	Lack of response to a physical sensation, chemical, etc. <i>The growth of our insensitivity to things of beauty.</i>
<u>limp</u>	A tendency to limp a gait impeded by injury or stiffness. <i>He limped heavily as he moved.</i>
lousy	Infested with lice. <i>The town is lousy with tourists.</i>
malodorous	Having an unpleasant smell. <i>Leaking taps and malodorous drains.</i>
musty	Having a stale, mouldy, or damp smell. <i>A dark musty library.</i>
noisome	Offensively malodorous. <i>A noisome concoction of which cheap port is the basis.</i>
noxious	Harmful, poisonous, or very unpleasant. <i>They were overcome by the noxious fumes.</i>
putrescent	Becoming putrid. <i>The odour of putrescent flesh.</i>
putrid	In an advanced state of decomposition and having a foul odor- Somerset Maugham. <i>The putrid atmosphere of the court.</i>
queasy	Nauseous; feeling sick. <i>In the morning he was still pale and queasy.</i>
rancid	Smelling of fermentation or staleness. <i>Rancid meat.</i>
<u>rot</u>	Liver rot in sheep. <i>Has anybody been rotting you.</i>
<u>rotten</u>	To an extreme degree; very much. <i>Rotten floor boards.</i>
<u>sickening</u>	Causing or able to cause nausea. <i>A sickening stench.</i>

smell	A quality in something that is perceived by the faculty of smell an odour or scent. <i>It had the smell of treason.</i>
stink	A row or fuss. <i>A silly move now would kick up a stink we couldn't handle.</i>
stinking	Foul-smelling. <i>A stinking cold.</i>
stump	Remove tree stumps from. <i>The candidate stumped the Northeast.</i>
unclean	Having a physical or moral blemish so as to make impure according to dietary or ceremonial laws. <i>The firm was fined for operating in unclean premises.</i>
underhand	Acting or done in a secret or dishonest way. <i>Mean revenge committed underhand.</i>
venal	Showing or motivated by susceptibility to bribery; corrupt. <i>Their generosity had been at least partly venal.</i>

