

Need another word that means the same as “sterile”? Find 36 synonyms and 30 related words for “sterile” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Sterile” are: infertile, unfertile, aseptic, unimaginative, uninspired, uninventive, unproductive, unfruitful, uncultivable, pointless, profitless, fruitless, unrewarding, abortive, unsuccessful, ineffectual, ineffective, worthless, useless, unprofitable, futile, vain, idle, uninspiring, unoriginal, derivative, stale, lifeless, musty, sterilized, antiseptic, uninfected, uncontaminated, unpolluted, pure, clean**

## Sterile as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Sterile" as an adjective

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

- *Free of or using methods to keep free of pathological microorganisms.*
- *Lacking in imagination, creativity, or excitement; uninspiring or unproductive.*
- *(of a plant) not able to produce fruit or seeds.*
- *Deficient in originality or creativity; lacking powers of invention.*
- *Incapable of reproducing.*
- *(of land or soil) too poor in quality to produce crops.*
- *Not able to produce children or young.*
- *Free from bacteria or other living microorganisms; totally clean.*



## Synonyms of "Sterile" as an adjective (36 Words)

- abortive** (of an organ or organism) rudimentary; arrested in development.  
*An **abortive** revolt.*
- antiseptic** Thoroughly clean and free of or destructive to disease-causing organisms.  
*Lyrics as **antiseptic** as Sunday School.*
- aseptic** (of surgical practice) aiming at the complete exclusion of harmful microorganisms.  
***Aseptic** surgical techniques.*
- clean** Free from dirt or impurities or having clean habits.  
*The room was spotlessly **clean**.*
- derivative** Originating from, based on, or influenced by.  
*A highly **derivative** prose style.*
- fruitless** (of a tree or plant) not producing fruit.  
*A banana leaf from a **fruitless** palm.*

<b>futile</b>	Unproductive of success. <i>It is <b>futile</b> to allocate blame for this.</i>
<b>idle</b>	Without purpose or effect; pointless. <i>An <b>idle</b> mind.</i>
<b>ineffective</b>	Not producing an intended effect. <i>An <b>ineffective</b> teacher.</i>
<b>ineffectual</b>	Not producing an intended effect. <i>The therapy was <b>ineffectual</b>.</i>
<b>infertile</b>	(of land) unable to sustain crops or vegetation. <i>An <b>infertile</b> couple.</i>
<b>lifeless</b>	Devoid of living things. <i>Dull and <b>lifeless</b> hair.</i>
<b>musty</b>	Lacking freshness or vitality; old-fashioned. <i>A dark <b>musty</b> library.</i>
<b>pointless</b>	Not having a point especially a sharp point. <i>Speculating like this is a <b>pointless</b> exercise.</i>
<b>profitless</b>	Without profit or reward. <i>Let us have no part in <b>profitless</b> quarrels.</i>
<b>pure</b>	Of color being chromatically pure not diluted with white or grey or black. <i><b>Pure</b> and vestal modesty.</i>
<b>stale</b>	(of food) no longer fresh and pleasant to eat; hard, musty, or dry. <i>The beer was <b>stale</b>.</i>
<b>sterilized</b>	Made free from bacteria or other living microorganisms. <i><b>Sterilized</b> pets are often easier to train.</i>
<b>uncontaminated</b>	Not contaminated. <i><b>Uncontaminated</b> air and food.</i>
<b>uncultivable</b>	Not suitable for cultivation or tilling.
<b>unfertile</b>	Incapable of reproducing.
<b>unfruitful</b>	Not fruitful; not conducive to abundant production. <i>The meeting was <b>unfruitful</b>.</i>
<b>unimaginative</b>	Deficient in originality or creativity; lacking powers of invention. <i>The audience proved sluggish and <b>unimaginative</b>.</i>
<b>uninfected</b>	Free from sepsis or infection. <i>A clean or <b>uninfected</b> wound.</i>
<b>uninspired</b>	Having no intellectual or emotional or spiritual excitement. <i>The production was professional but <b>uninspired</b>.</i>

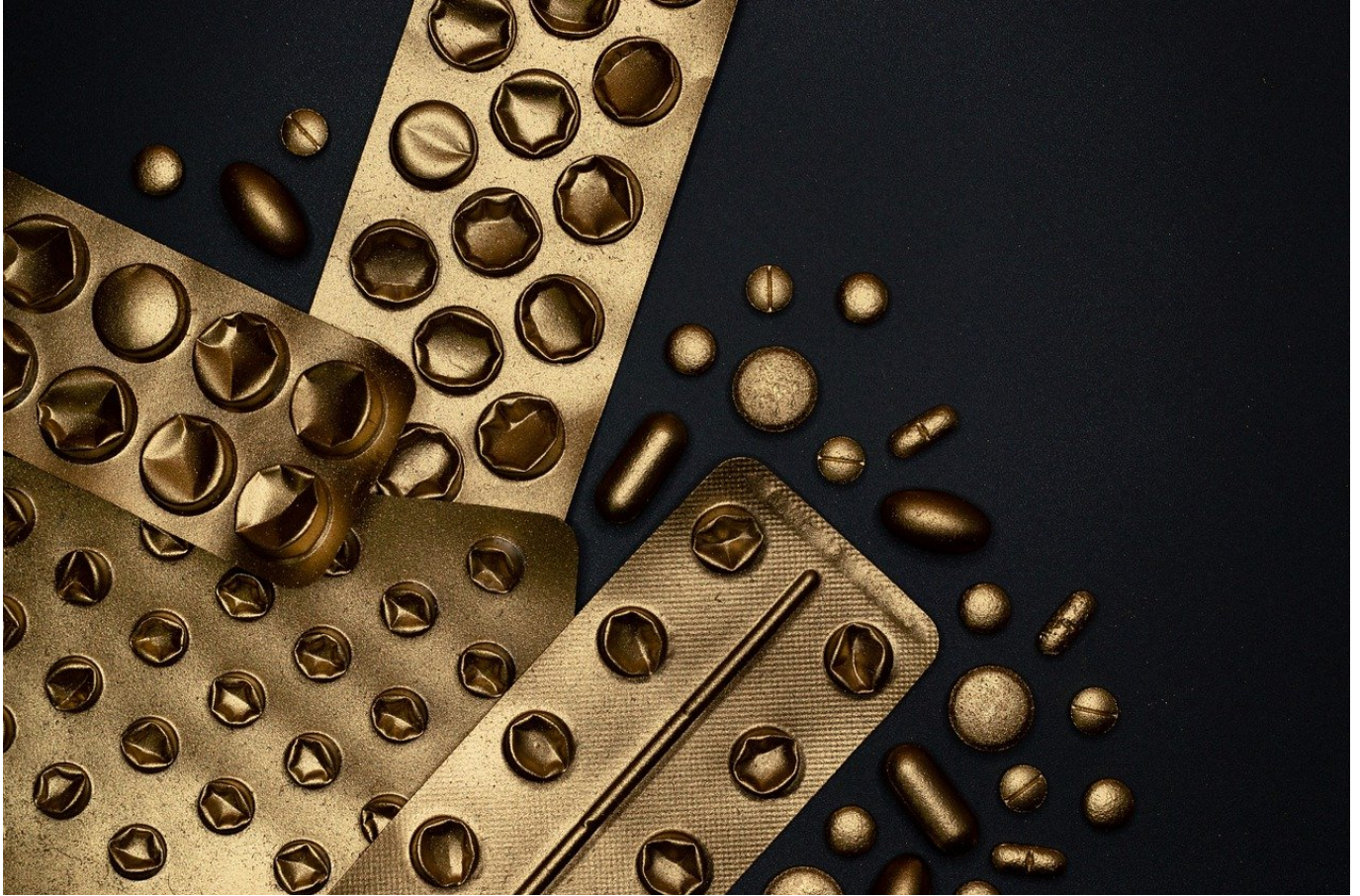
<b>uninspiring</b>	Not producing excitement or interest. <i>An <b>uninspiring</b> game that United scarcely deserved to win.</i>
<b>uninventive</b>	Not showing creativity or original thought. <i>The oils were sensitively painted but <b>uninventive</b> in design.</i>
<b><u>unoriginal</u></b>	Lacking originality; derivative. <i>An uninteresting and <b>unoriginal</b> essay.</i>
<b>unpolluted</b>	Free from admixture with noxious elements; clean. <i>Her mind remains <b>unpolluted</b> by the filth they teach her.</i>
<b><u>unproductive</u></b>	Not producing desired results. <i><b>Unproductive</b> meetings.</i>
<b>unprofitable</b>	(of a business or activity) not yielding profit or financial gain. <i>There has been much <b>unprofitable</b> speculation.</i>
<b>unrewarding</b>	Not rewarding; not providing personal satisfaction. <i>It was dull <b>unrewarding</b> work.</i>
<b><u>unsuccessful</u></b>	Not successful. <i>An <b>unsuccessful</b> attempt to enter Parliament.</i>
<b><u>useless</u></b>	Having no ability or skill in a specified activity or area. <i>A piece of <b>useless</b> knowledge.</i>
<b>vain</b>	Producing no result; useless. <i>Their flattery made him <b>vain</b>.</i>
<b>worthless</b>	Having no real value or use. <i>A <b>worthless</b> idler.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Sterile" as an adjective

- *The disease had made him sterile.*
- *A sterile needle and syringes.*
- *Vast tracts of sterile desert land.*
- *The peppermints are vigorous sterile hybrids.*
- *He found the fraternity's teachings sterile.*
- *A sterile operating area.*
- *A sterile ideology lacking in originality.*



## Associations of "Sterile" (30 Words)

<b>abort</b>	Carry out or undergo the abortion of a fetus. <i>An <b>aborting</b> fetus.</i>
<b>abortion</b>	The expulsion of a fetus from the uterus by natural causes before it is able to survive independently. <i>Illegal <b>abortions</b>.</i>
<b>abortive</b>	Failing to accomplish an intended result. <i>An <b>abortive</b> revolt.</i>
<b><u>arid</u></b>	Lacking in interest, excitement, or meaning. <i>His <b>arid</b> years in suburbia.</i>
<b>baby</b>	Treat someone as a baby pamper or be overprotective towards. <i>It sounds simple but when you have your own <b>baby</b> it is all so different.</i>
<b>barren</b>	A barren tract or tracts of land. <i>The room was <b>barren</b> of furniture.</i>



<b><u>devoid</u></b>	Completely wanting or lacking. <i>The sentence was <b>devoid</b> of meaning.</i>
<b>embryo</b>	The part of a seed which develops into a plant consisting in the mature embryo of a higher plant of a plumule a radicle and one or two cotyledons. <i>A simple commodity economy is merely the <b>embryo</b> of a capitalist economy.</i>
<b><u>expanse</u></b>	The distance to which something expands or can be expanded. <i>The green <b>expanse</b> of the forest.</i>
<b>fruitless</b>	Unproductive of success. <i>A <b>fruitless</b> search.</i>
<b><u>futile</u></b>	Producing no result or effect. <i><b>Futile</b> years after her artistic peak.</i>
<b>impotence</b>	An inability (usually of the male animal) to copulate. <i>People speak constantly of their social and political <b>impotence</b>.</i>
<b><u>ineffective</u></b>	Not producing an intended effect. <i>The legal sanctions against oil spills are virtually <b>ineffective</b>.</i>
<b><u>ineffectual</u></b>	Lacking in power or forcefulness. <i>An <b>ineffectual</b> campaign.</i>
<b>infertile</b>	(of land) unable to sustain crops or vegetation. <i><b>Infertile</b> couples are offered specialist advice.</i>
<b>infertility</b>	Inability to conceive children or young. <i>A couple undergoing <b>infertility</b> treatment.</i>
<b>insemination</b>	The act of sowing (of seeds in the ground or, figuratively, of germs in the body or ideas in the mind, etc). <i>We performed 224 <b>inseminations</b> on 48 females.</i>
<b>interbreed</b>	(of an animal) inbreed. <i>These species do not <b>interbreed</b>.</i>
<b>miscarriage</b>	An unsuccessful outcome of something planned. <i>Some pregnancies result in <b>miscarriage</b>.</i>
<b>miscarry</b>	Suffer a miscarriage. <i>Such a rash crime and one so very likely to <b>miscarry</b>.</i>
<b>pregnancy</b>	The state of being pregnant; the period from conception to birth when a woman carries a developing fetus in her uterus. <i>The first weeks of <b>pregnancy</b>.</i>
<b>pregnant</b>	Carrying developing offspring within the body or being about to produce new life. <i>She was six months <b>pregnant</b>.</i>

<b><u>stark</u></b>	Stiff, rigid, or incapable of movement. <i>A human body lying stiff and <b>stark</b> by the stream.</i>
<b>sterility</b>	The state of being unable to produce offspring; in a woman it is an inability to conceive; in a man it is an inability to impregnate. <i>The disease can cause <b>sterility</b> in males.</i>
<b>stillborn</b>	(of an infant) born dead. <i>A <b>stillborn</b> plot to assassinate the President.</i>
<b>unavailable</b>	Not able to be used or obtained; not at someone's disposal. <i>The men were <b>unavailable</b> for work.</i>
<b>unfruitful</b>	Not producing good or helpful results; unproductive. <i>The meeting was <b>unfruitful</b>.</i>
<b><u>unproductive</u></b>	(of an activity or period) not achieving much; not very useful. <i><b>Unproductive</b> meetings.</i>
<b><u>unsuccessful</u></b>	Failing to accomplish an intended result. <i>An <b>unsuccessful</b> attempt to enter Parliament.</i>
<b>windswept</b>	(of a place) exposed to strong winds. <i>The <b>windswept</b> moors.</i>



