

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)

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

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

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

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| <b>abort</b>       | Carry out or undergo the abortion of a fetus.<br><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.<br><i>Illegal <b>abortions</b>.</i>             |
| <b>abortive</b>    | Failing to accomplish an intended result.<br><i>An <b>abortive</b> revolt.</i>   |
| <b><u>arid</u></b> | Lacking in interest, excitement, or meaning.<br><i>His <b>arid</b> years in suburbia.</i>  |
| <b>baby</b>        | Treat someone as a baby pamper or be overprotective towards.<br><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.<br><i>The room was <b>barren</b> of furniture.</i>   |



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| <b>devoid</b>       | Completely wanting or lacking.<br><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.<br><i>A simple commodity economy is merely the <b>embryo</b> of a capitalist economy.</i> |
| <b>expanse</b>      | The distance to which something expands or can be expanded.<br><i>The green <b>expanse</b> of the forest.</i>  |
| <b>fruitless</b>    | Unproductive of success.<br><i>A <b>fruitless</b> search.</i>  |
| <b>futile</b>       | Producing no result or effect.<br><i><b>Futile</b> years after her artistic peak.</i>  |
| <b>impotence</b>    | An inability (usually of the male animal) to copulate.<br><i>People speak constantly of their social and political <b>impotence</b>.</i>   |
| <b>ineffective</b>  | Not producing an intended effect.<br><i>The legal sanctions against oil spills are virtually <b>ineffective</b>.</i>   |
| <b>ineffectual</b>  | Lacking in power or forcefulness.<br><i>An <b>ineffectual</b> campaign.</i>  |
| <b>infertile</b>    | (of land) unable to sustain crops or vegetation.<br><i><b>Infertile</b> couples are offered specialist advice.</i>   |
| <b>infertility</b>  | Inability to conceive children or young.<br><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).<br><i>We performed 224 <b>inseminations</b> on 48 females.</i>  |
| <b>interbreed</b>   | (of an animal) inbreed.<br><i>These species do not <b>interbreed</b>.</i>  |
| <b>miscarriage</b>  | An unsuccessful outcome of something planned.<br><i>Some pregnancies result in <b>miscarriage</b>.</i>   |
| <b>miscarry</b>     | Suffer a miscarriage.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i>She was six months <b>pregnant</b>.</i>  |

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| <b><u>stark</u></b>        | Stiff, rigid, or incapable of movement.<br><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.<br><i>The disease can cause <b>sterility</b> in males.</i> |
| <b>stillborn</b>           | (of an infant) born dead.<br><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.<br><i>The men were <b>unavailable</b> for work.</i>  |
| <b>unfruitful</b>          | Not producing good or helpful results; unproductive.<br><i>The meeting was <b>unfruitful</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>unproductive</u></b> | (of an activity or period) not achieving much; not very useful.<br><i><b>Unproductive</b> meetings.</i>  |
| <b><u>unsuccessful</u></b> | Failing to accomplish an intended result.<br><i>An <b>unsuccessful</b> attempt to enter Parliament.</i>  |
| <b>windswept</b>           | (of a place) exposed to strong winds.<br><i>The <b>windswept</b> moors.</i>  |



