

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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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.*

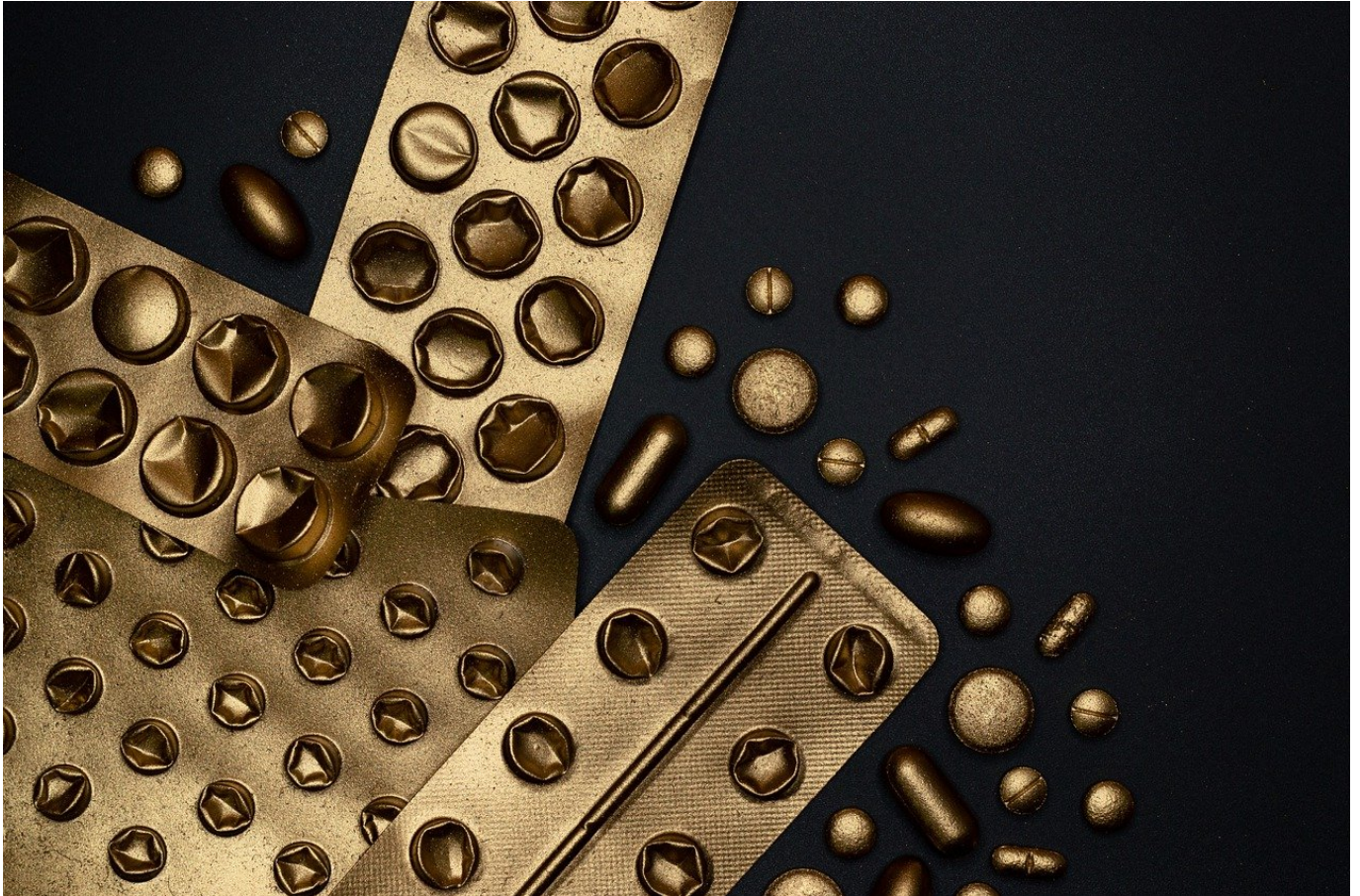
futile	Unproductive of success. <i>It is futile to allocate blame for this.</i>
idle	Without purpose or effect; pointless. <i>An idle mind.</i>
ineffective	Not producing an intended effect. <i>An ineffective teacher.</i>
ineffectual	Not producing an intended effect. <i>The therapy was ineffectual.</i>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

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

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

<u>devoid</u>	Completely wanting or lacking. <i>The sentence was devoid of meaning.</i>
embryo	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 embryo of a capitalist economy.</i>
<u>expanse</u>	The distance to which something expands or can be expanded. <i>The green expanse of the forest.</i>
fruitless	Unproductive of success. <i>A fruitless search.</i>
<u>futile</u>	Producing no result or effect. <i>Futile years after her artistic peak.</i>
impotence	An inability (usually of the male animal) to copulate. <i>People speak constantly of their social and political impotence.</i>
<u>ineffective</u>	Not producing an intended effect. <i>The legal sanctions against oil spills are virtually ineffective.</i>
<u>ineffectual</u>	Lacking in power or forcefulness. <i>An ineffectual campaign.</i>
infertile	(of land) unable to sustain crops or vegetation. <i>Infertile couples are offered specialist advice.</i>
infertility	Inability to conceive children or young. <i>A couple undergoing infertility treatment.</i>
insemination	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 inseminations on 48 females.</i>
interbreed	(of an animal) inbreed. <i>These species do not interbreed.</i>
miscarriage	An unsuccessful outcome of something planned. <i>Some pregnancies result in miscarriage.</i>
miscarry	Suffer a miscarriage. <i>Such a rash crime and one so very likely to miscarry.</i>
pregnancy	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 pregnancy.</i>
pregnant	Carrying developing offspring within the body or being about to produce new life. <i>She was six months pregnant.</i>

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

