

Need another word that means the same as “tan”? Find 38 synonyms and 30 related words for “tan” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Tan” are: tangent, burn, sunburn, suntan, topaz, yellowish brown, light brown, pale brown, tawny, take a suntan, take a tan, brown, go brown, bronze, become suntanned, become brown, thrash, beat, wallop, belt, strap, spank, whip, lash, leather, cane, flog, flail, flagellate, horsewhip, birch, switch, flay

Tan as a Noun

Definitions of "Tan" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “tan” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Ratio of the opposite to the adjacent side of a right-angled triangle.*
- *Tan from which the tannin has been extracted, used for covering the ground for walking, riding, children's play, etc., and in gardening.*
- *A light brown the color of topaz.*
- *Bark of oak or other trees, bruised and used as a source of tannin for converting hides into leather.*
- *A brown or darkened shade of skin developed after exposure to the sun.*
- *A yellowish-brown colour.*
- *A browning of the skin resulting from exposure to the rays of the sun.*



Synonyms of "Tan" as a noun (14 Words)

bronze	A sculpture made of bronze. <i>On the black bookcase were three exquisite bronzes.</i>
<u>brown</u>	A brown thing in particular the brown ball in snooker. <i>The brown of his eyes.</i>
burn	A place or area that has been burned especially on a person's body. <i>They found rope burns around her waist.</i>
go brown	Street names for methylenedioxymethamphetamine.
light brown	A divine presence believed by Quakers to enlighten and guide the soul.
pale brown	A wooden strip forming part of a fence.

sunburn	Reddening, inflammation, and, in severe cases, blistering and peeling of the skin caused by overexposure to the ultraviolet rays of the sun. <i>My hands and face were raw with sunburn.</i>
suntan	A browning of the skin resulting from exposure to the rays of the sun. <i>He had acquired quite a suntan.</i>
take a suntan	The act of photographing a scene or part of a scene without interruption.
take a tan	The income or profit arising from such transactions as the sale of land or other property.
<u>tangent</u>	Ratio of the opposite to the adjacent side of a right-angled triangle. <i>Loretta's mind went off at a tangent.</i>
tawny	An orange-brown or yellowish-brown colour. <i>Pine needles turning from tawny to amber.</i>
topaz	A light brown the color of topaz. <i>Bright topaz eyes.</i>
yellowish brown	Yellow color or pigment; the chromatic color resembling the hue of sunflowers or ripe lemons.



Usage Examples of "Tan" as a noun

- *The overall colour scheme of tan and cream.*
- *Jenna managed to get an even golden tan.*

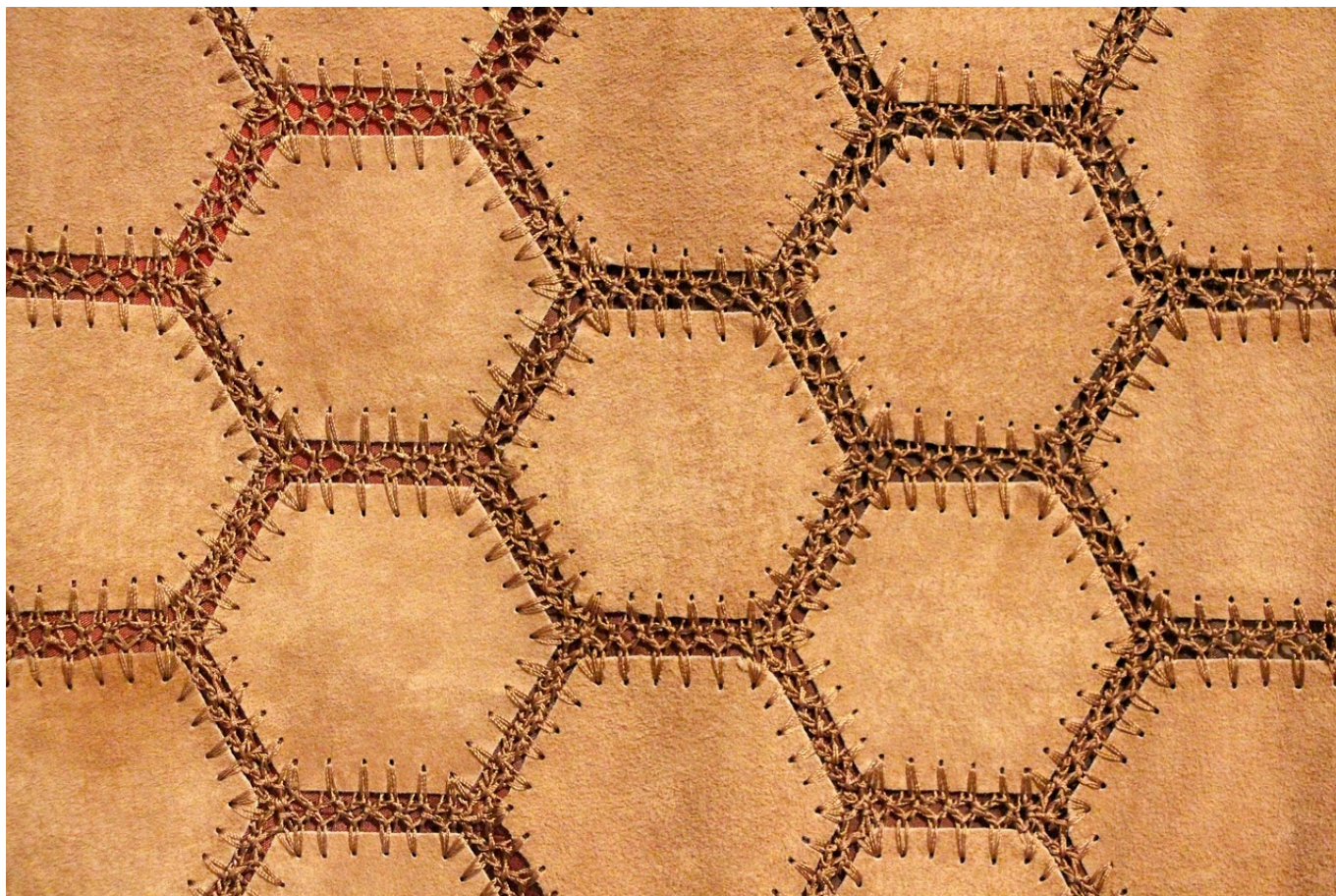


Tan as a Verb

Definitions of "Tan" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "tan" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Get a tan, from wind or sun.*
- *(of a person or their skin) become brown or darkened after exposure to the sun.*
- *(of the sun) cause (a person or their skin) to become brown or darkened.*
- *Treat skins and hides with tannic acid so as to convert them into leather.*
- *Beat (someone) repeatedly as a punishment.*
- *Convert (animal skin) into leather by soaking in a liquid containing tannic acid, or by the use of other chemicals.*



Synonyms of "Tan" as a verb (24 Words)

beat	Indicate by beating as with the fingers or drumsticks. <i>She beat him easily at chess.</i>
become brown	Enter or assume a certain state or condition.
become suntanned	Enter or assume a certain state or condition.
belt	Be fastened with a belt. <i>He was securely belted into the passenger seat.</i>
birch	Beat someone with a bundle of birch twigs as a formal punishment. <i>The school would attempt to birch them into submission.</i>
bronze	Give something a surface of bronze or something resembling bronze. <i>Bronze baby shoes.</i>
<u>brown</u>	Make brown in color. <i>The draught browned the leaves on the trees in the yard.</i>

cane	Beat with a cane. <i>They have canned Essex and Durham in the Championship.</i>
flagellate	Whip. <i>The religious fanatics flagellated themselves.</i>
flail	Move like a flail thresh about. <i>His arms flailed as he sought to maintain his balance.</i>
flay	Strip the skin off. <i>He flayed the government for not moving fast enough on economic reform.</i>
flog	Make one's way with strenuous effort. <i>The teacher often flogged the students.</i>
go brown	Perform as expected when applied.
horsewhip	Beat a person or animal with a horsewhip. <i>She would horsewhip them mercilessly.</i>
lash	Lash or flick about sharply. <i>The hatch was securely lashed down.</i>
leather	Whip with a leather strap. <i>Carlos took his customary 20 metre sprint up to the ball and leathered it.</i>
spank	Give a spanking to subject to a spanking. <i>She was spanked for spilling ink on the carpet.</i>
strap	Tie with a strap. <i>The children were strapped into their car seats.</i>
switch	Beat or flick with or as if with a switch. <i>Switch on the light.</i>
take a suntan	Develop a habit.
take a tan	Admit into a group or community.
<u>thrash</u>	Give a thrashing to beat hard. <i>I thrashed Pete at cards.</i>
wallop	Hit hard. <i>We ll wallop them.</i>
whip	Thrash about flexibly in the manner of a whiplash. <i>The curtain whipped her face.</i>



Usage Examples of "Tan" as a verb

- *'If Mickey touches a fishing net, I'll tan his hide.*
- *You'll tan very quickly in the pure air.*

- *The sun had already tanned his face golden.*



Associations of "Tan" (30 Words)

black	A black thing in particular the black ball in snooker. <i>Rory shot her a black look.</i>
blacken	Make or become black. <i>He set light to the paper watching the end blacken as it burned.</i>
blaze	Indicate by marking trees with blazes. <i>Twenty firemen fought the blaze.</i>
burn	Get a sunburn by overexposure to the sun. <i>Exercise does help to burn calories.</i>
char	Material that has been charred. <i>She trimmed the char from the wicks of the oil lamps.</i>
combust	Cause to burn or combust. <i>The oily rags combusted spontaneously.</i>

combustible	A combustible substance. <i>A volatile and combustible personality.</i>
combustion	The act of burning something. <i>The combustion of fossil fuels.</i>
complexion	Give a certain color to. <i>A liberal political complexion.</i>
darken	Make or become angry, unhappy, or gloomy. <i>Misery darkened her gaze.</i>
dusky	Used in names of animals with dark coloration e.g dusky dolphin dusky warbler. <i>Gold earrings gleamed against her dusky cheeks.</i>
fire	Start or maintain a fire in. <i>Fire a bullet.</i>
<u>flame</u>	Burn and give off flames. <i>Hope flamed in her.</i>
flammable	Easily set on fire. <i>The use of highly flammable materials.</i>
glow	A strong feeling of pleasure or well-being. <i>The setting sun cast a deep red glow over the city.</i>
<u>ignite</u>	Start or maintain a fire in. <i>Marsh gases ignited suddenly.</i>
incinerate	Destroy (something, especially waste material) by burning. <i>Waste packaging is to be incinerated rather than buried in landfills.</i>
<u>obfuscate</u>	Make obscure, unclear, or unintelligible. <i>The spelling changes will deform some familiar words and obfuscate their etymological origins.</i>
phosphorescence	Light emitted by a substance without combustion or perceptible heat. <i>The stones overhead gleamed with phosphorescence.</i>
<u>scorch</u>	Become scorched or singed under intense heat or dry conditions. <i>The wildfire scorched the forest and several homes.</i>
sear	Burn slightly and superficially so as to affect color. <i>The unfortunate childhood encounter is seared on his memory.</i>
<u>shadow</u>	Envelop in shadow cast a shadow over. <i>The shadow of war fell across Europe.</i>
singe	Burn superficially or lightly. <i>My eyebrows singed when I bent over the flames.</i>

smolder	Have strong suppressed feelings. <i>A smoldering fire.</i>
smoulder	Smoke coming from a smouldering fire. <i>Anna smouldered with indignation.</i>
soot	Cover or clog something with soot. <i>You have previously sooted the underside of their plate by holding it over a candle.</i>
<u>sun</u>	The light or warmth received from the earth's sun. <i>These herbs suffer when sunned.</i>
sunburn	Be or become affected with sunburn. <i>Those who sunburn easily are most likely to get skin cancer.</i>
swarthy	Naturally having skin of a dark color. <i>A smile on his swarthy face.</i>
<u>torch</u>	Tall stalked very woolly mullein with densely packed yellow flowers ancient Greeks and Romans dipped the stalks in tallow for funeral torches. <i>The madman torched the barns.</i>

