

soilI
[sɔɪl] *n*

1. почва, грунт

poor soil - бедная /неплодородная/ почва

rich soil - плодородная /богатая, тучная/ почва

unbroken /virgin/ soil - новь, целина

alkali soils - солончаки

permanently frozen soil - вечная мерзлота

playground soil - *спорт.* грунт поля /игровой площадки/

2. земля, страна

on foreign soil - на чужой земле /стороне/

on one's native soil - у себя на родине, на родной земле

a child /a son/ of the soil - а) уроженец данной страны /местности/; б) крестьянин, земледелец; в) дитя природы

II

1. [sɔɪl] *n*

1. грязь, пятно

2. 1) экскременты, нечистоты, отбросы

2) навоз; компост

3. *охот.* болото или ручей, где прячется загнанное животное2. [sɔɪl] *v*

1. 1) пачкать, грязнить, марать, покрывать пятнами

to soil one's clothes - запачкать одежду

splashes of paint soiled the wall - краска забрызгала стену

I would not soil my hands with it! - *образн.* не стоит руки марать!

2) пачкаться, грязниться, мараться

white shirts soil easily - белые рубашки быстро пачкаются

2. порочить, осквернять, бесчестить

to soil one's reputation - запятнать свою репутацию

his actions have soiled the family name - своими поступками он запятнал честь семьи

3. тускнеть

4. валяться в грязи, плескаться в воде (*о животных*)5. *охот.* спасаться от преследования в болоте или в воде (*о животных*)6. *с.-х.*

1) унавоживать, удобрять

2) давать скоту зелёный корм

soil

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

soil [soil soils soiled soiling] *noun, verb* BrE [sɔɪl] ^ˈ NAmE [sɔɪl] ^ˈ*noun uncountable, countable*

1. the top layer of the earth in which plants, trees, etc. grow

• **poor/dry/acid/sandy/fertile, etc. soil**

• the study of rocks and soils

• soil erosion

2. (*literary*) a country; an area of land

• It was the first time I had set foot on African soil.

Word Origin:*n.* late Middle English Anglo-Norman French Latin **solium** 'seat' **solum** 'ground'*v.* Middle English Old French **soiller** Latin **sucula sus** 'pig'Thesaurus:**soil** *noun* U, C

• Plant the seedlings in damp soil.

earth • • **mud** • • **clay** • • **ground** • • **land** • |especially AmE **dirt** •**dry** soil/earth/mud/clay/ground/land/dirt**wet/soft** soil/earth/mud/clay/ground/dirt**dig** the soil/earth/mud/clay/ground/land**cultivate/till/fertilize/drain** the soil/ground/landSynonyms:**soil****mud** • **dust** • **clay** • **land** • **earth** • **dirt** • **ground**

These are all words for the top layer of the earth in which plants grow.

soil • the top layer of the earth in which plants grow: ▪ Plant the seedlings in damp soil.**mud** • wet soil that is soft and sticky: ▪ The car wheels got stuck in the mud.**dust** • a fine powder that consists of very small pieces of rock, earth, etc.: ▪ A cloud of dust rose as the truck set off.**clay** • a type of heavy sticky soil that becomes hard when it is baked and is used to make things such as pots and bricks: ▪ The tiles are made of clay.

land • an area of ground, especially of a particular type: ▪ an area of rich, fertile land
earth • the substance that plants grow in. **Earth** is often used about the soil found in gardens or used for gardening ▪ She put some earth into the pot.
dirt • (*especially NAmE*) soil, especially loose soil: ▪ Pack the dirt firmly around the plants.
ground • an area of soil: ▪ The car got stuck in the muddy ground. ◇▪ They drove across miles of rough, stony ground.
Ground is not used for loose soil: a handful of dry ground
good/rich soil/land/earth
fertile/infertile soil/land/ground
to **dig** the soil/mud/clay/land/earth/ground
to **cultivate** the soil/land/ground

Example Bank:

- Keep the soil moist and fertilize weekly.
- Rich loamy soils produce the largest leeks.
- She bought a bag of potting soil.
- She first set foot on French soil at a small Channel port.
- Soil samples taken from the site revealed massive amounts of radiation.
- The clay soils of the region are difficult to work.
- The flowers do well in sandy soil.
- declining soil fertility
- fields of newly turned soil
- protests over the siting of nuclear weapons on British soil
- the place where she first set foot on Canadian soil
- Cutting down forest trees can lead to serious soil erosion.
- In the valley the soil was waterlogged.
- It was the first time I had set foot on American soil.
- Much of the soil is still contaminated and can't be used.
- Plant the seedlings in damp soil.
- The soil here isn't very good.

verb often passive ~ sth (formal)

to make sth dirty

- soiled linen
- (*figurative*) I don't want you **soiling your hands** with this sort of work (= doing sth unpleasant or wrong) .

see also ↑shop-soiled

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	soil
	BrE /sɔɪl/
	NAmE /sɔɪl/
he / she / it	soils
	BrE /sɔɪlz/
	NAmE /sɔɪlz/
past simple, past participle	soiled
	BrE /sɔɪld/
	NAmE /sɔɪld/
-ing form	soiling
	BrE /sɔɪlɪŋ/
	NAmE /sɔɪlɪŋ/

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1. **soil**¹ **W2** /sɔɪl/ BrE ⁿ AmE ⁿ noun

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Anglo-French; Origin: 'piece of ground', from Latin **solum** 'seat', influenced by Latin **solum** 'ground, soil']

1. **[uncountable and countable]** the top layer of the earth in which plants grow **SYN earth**:
 - **fertile soil** (=good for growing crops)
 - The **soil** here is very **poor** (=not good for growing crops).
 - Roses grow well in a clay soil.
2. **on British/French/foreign etc soil** *formal* in Britain, France etc:
 - The crime was committed on American soil.
3. **[uncountable]** a place or situation where something can develop:
 - Eastern Europe provided **fertile soil** for political activists.
4. **sb's native soil** *literary* your own country
5. **the soil** *literary* farming as a job or way of life:
 - They make their living from the soil.
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COLLOCATIONS

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + soil

- **good/rich/fertile** (=good for growing plants) The fertile soil produces delicious wines.
- **poor** (=not good for growing plants) If the soil is poor, add manure or compost.
- **deep** The soil near the river is rich and deep.
- **thin** (=not deep) The thin soil is easily washed away.
- **moist/dry** Keep the soil moist. | The soil was dry after three weeks without rain.
- **light/sandy** (=containing a lot of sand) Some plants prefer sandy soils.
- **heavy/clay** (=containing a lot of clay) The soil was too heavy to grow decent carrots.
- **well-drained** (=letting water pass through easily) Plant the seedlings out in a warm, sunny position in well-drained soil.
- **acid/alkaline** Blueberries need acid soil.
- **garden soil** Try planting them in compost rather than garden soil.

verbs

- **work the soil** (=prepare the soil to grow plants) They worked the soil with hoes and forks.
- **till the soil** (=prepare the soil to grow crops) Their time is spent in constantly tilling the soil.

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THESAURUS

- **soil** the top layer of the earth that plants grow in: Roses do best in well-drained, slightly acid soil.
- **earth** the brown substance that the ground is made up of: Thousands of tons of earth were moved to build the dam.
- **dirt** *American English* loose dry earth: a pile of loose dirt in the wheelbarrow
- **dust** a dry powder made up of extremely small bits of earth or sand: A cloud of dust billowed out behind the tractor.
- **mud** wet soil that has become soft and sticky: The dog came back covered in mud.

II. soil² BrE¹ AmE¹ verb [transitive]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: soiller, from soil 'pigsty', probably from Latin suile, from sus 'pig']

1. **formal** to make something dirty, especially with waste from your body
2. **not soil your hands** to not do something because you consider it too unpleasant or dishonest:

" Keep your money – I wouldn't soil my hands with it.

—soiled *adjective*:

" soiled diapers

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