

sterile *a*

1. бесплодный, неспособный к деторождению; стерильный
2. неплодородный (о почве)
3. безрезультатный неэффективный
sterile work - работа впустую; бесплодные усилия
4. лишённый какого-л. своеобразия, серый
sterile lecture - скучная лекция
sterile style - бесцветный стиль
sterile verse - серые стихи
5. стерильный, стерилизованный
6. *проф.* проверенный (по соображениям безопасности); недоступный для проникновения иностранных агентов *и т. п.*; надёжный
sterile telephone - телефон к которому нельзя подключить подслушивающую аппаратуру
sterile concourse - зал (аэропорта), где собираются пассажиры, прошедшие контроль

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

ster·ile *BrE* ['steraɪl] ^ˈ *NAmE* ['sterəl] ^ˈ **adjective**

1. (of humans or animals) not able to produce children or young animals

Syn: ↑infertile

compare ↑fertile

2. completely clean and free from bacteria
 - sterile bandages
 - sterile water
3. (of a discussion, an argument, etc.) not producing any useful result
Syn: ↑fruitless
 - a sterile debate
4. lacking individual personality, imagination or new ideas
 - The room felt cold and sterile.
 - He felt creatively and emotionally sterile.
5. (of land) not good enough to produce crops
Derived Word ↑sterility

Word Origin:

[sterile sterility] late Middle English: from Old French, or from Latin *sterilis*; related to Greek *steira* 'barren cow'. Sense 2 dates from the late 19th cent.

Example Bank:

- The experiment was performed under sterile conditions.
- Their relationship had become sterile over the years.
- This top fits over the bottle and keeps the teat sterile.
- the increasingly sterile debate on constitutional reform
- All the equipment used is new and sterile.
- At forty-seven he was creatively and emotionally sterile.
- Dilute the stock solution to 2.5% with sterile water.
- I found I was writing a completely sterile account of their life.
- I like things to look old and comfortable, not cold and sterile.
- Let us move on from sterile argument about things like the format of meetings towards real cooperation.
- To me, there is something very sterile about these hi-tech guitars.
- We need to focus on solving the problem rather than continuing the sterile debate on how it came about.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

ster·ile /'steraɪl \$ -rəl/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **adjective**

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: *sterilis*]

1. a person or animal that is sterile cannot produce babies **SYN** infertile **OPP** fertile
make/render/leave somebody sterile
Radiotherapy has left her permanently sterile.
2. completely clean and not containing any ↑bacteria that might cause infection
sterile equipment/water/bandages etc
Rinse the eye with sterile water.
3. lacking new ideas, interest, or imagination **OPP** productive
sterile argument/debate etc
the increasingly sterile debate on political reform
4. a sterile building, room etc is not interesting or attractive and is often very plain:
The classrooms are sterile, with no artwork on the walls.
5. sterile land cannot be used to grow crops **SYN** barren
—sterility /stə'ri:ləti, stə'ri:lɪti/ **noun** [uncountable]

THESAURUS

- **clean** without any dirt or marks: They need clean water to drink. | I don't have any clean clothes.
- **pure** water or air that is pure does not contain any dirt, pollution, or bacteria: I breathed in the pure mountain air.
- **sterile** /'steraɪl \$ -rəl/ completely clean, with no bacteria, and therefore safe for medical or scientific use: Place a sterile bandage on the wound. | sterile needles
- **spotless** completely clean – used mainly about rooms and clothes: Her kitchen is always spotless.
- **pristine** /'prɪstɪn/ completely clean and new-looking: He wore a pristine white shirt.
- **immaculate** as clean and tidy as it is possible to be: The soldiers' uniforms have to be immaculate.
- **spick and span** [not before noun] *informal* clean and tidy, especially after having just been cleaned: By the end of the day, the whole place was spick and span.

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