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noun

1. a tract of land completely surrounded by water, and not large enough to be called a continent.
2. something resembling an island, especially in being isolated or having little or no direct communication with others.
3. a raised platform with a counter or other work surface on top situated in the middle area of a room, especially a kitchen, so as to permit access from all sides.

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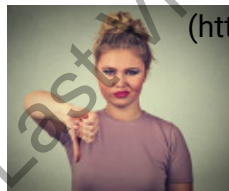
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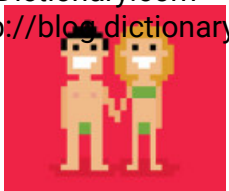
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- 4. safety island
(http://www.dictionary.com/browse/safety-islands).
 - 5. a low concrete platform for gasoline pumps at an automotive service station.
 - 6. a clump of woodland in a prairie.
 - 7. an isolated hill.
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verb (used with object)

- 10. to make into an island.
- 11. to dot with islands.
- 12. to place on an island; isolate.

Origin of island

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before 900; Middle English *iland*, Old English *īgland*, *īland*, variant of *īegland*, equivalent to *īeg* island (cognate with Old Norse *ey*) + *land* land (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/land>); spelling with *-s-* by association with *isle* (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/isle>)

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islandless, adjective

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British Dictionary definitions for island

island

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noun

1. a mass of land that is surrounded by water and is smaller than a continent
2. See traffic island (/browse/traffic-island)
3. (**anatomy**) a part, structure, or group of cells distinct in constitution from its immediate surroundings *related adjective* insular

verb (**transitive**) (**rare**)

4. to cause to become an island
5. to intersperse with islands
6. to place on an island; insulate; isolate

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n.

1590s, earlier *yland* (c.1300), from Old English *igland* "island," from *ieg* "island" (from Proto-Germanic **aujo* "thing on the water," from PIE **akwa-* "water;" see *aqua-* (/browse/aqua-)) + *land* "land." Spelling modified 15c. by association with

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similar but unrelated isle (/browse/isle). An Old English cognate was *ealand* "river-land, watered place, meadow by a river." In place names, Old English *ieg* is often used of "slightly raised dry ground offering settlement sites in areas surrounded by marsh or subject to flooding" [Cambridge Dictionary of English Place-Names]. Related: *Islander*.

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island is·land (ī'lənd)

n.

An isolated tissue or group of cells that is separated from the surrounding tissues by a groove or is marked by a difference in structure or function.

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island (ī'lənd)

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A land mass, especially one smaller than a continent, entirely surrounded by water.

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