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definitions

land



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Examples Word Origin

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noun

- any part of the earth's surface not covered by a body of water; the part of the earth's surface occupied by continents and islands:
Land was sighted from the crow's nest.
- an area of ground with reference to its nature or composition:
arable land.
- an area of ground with specific boundaries:
to buy land on which to build a house.
- rural or farming areas, as contrasted with urban areas:
They left the land for the city.
- Law.*
 - any part of the earth's surface that can be owned as property, and everything annexed to it, whether by nature or by the human hand.
 - any legal interest held in land.
- Economics.* natural resources as a factor of production.
- a part of the surface of the earth marked off by natural or political boundaries or the like; a region or country:
They came from many lands.

verb (used with object)

- to bring to or set on land:

Word of the Day

divagate (<http://www.dictionary.com/wordoftheday/>)



Difficulty index for land

All English speakers likely know this word

Word Value for land

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to land passengers or goods from a ship; to land an airplane.

- 14. to bring into or cause to arrive in a particular place, position, or condition:
His behavior will land him in jail.
- 15. *Informal.* to catch or capture; gain; win:
to land a job.
- 16. *Angling.* to bring (a fish) to land, or into a boat, etc., as with a hook or a net.

verb (used without object)

- 17. to come to land or shore:
The boat lands at Cherbourg.
- 18. to go or come ashore from a ship or boat.
- 19. to alight upon a surface, as the ground, a body of water, or the like:
to land on both feet.
- 20. to hit or strike the ground, as from a height:
The ball landed at the far side of the court.
- 21. to strike and come to rest on a surface or in something:
The golf ball landed in the lake.
- 22. to come to rest or arrive in a particular place, position, or condition (sometimes followed by *up*):
to land in trouble; to land up 40 miles from home.

Verb phrases

- 23. **land on**, *Informal.* to reprimand; criticize:
His mother landed on him for coming home so late.

Idioms

- 24. **land /fall on one's feet.** feet
(<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/feet>) (def 3).
- 25. **see how the land lies**, to investigate in advance; inform oneself of the facts of a situation before acting:
You should see how the land lies before making a formal proposal.
Compare lay of the land
(<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/lay-of-the-land>).

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(<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/land-to-land>)

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farm
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landward
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upland
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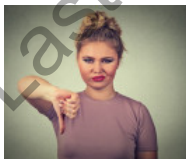
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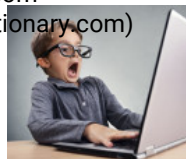
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Origin of land

Old English
(<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/old-english>)

900

before 900; Middle English (noun and v.), Old English (noun); cognate with Dutch, German, Old Norse, Gothic *land*; akin to Irish *lann*, Welsh *llan* church (orig. enclosure), Breton *lann* heath. See lawn (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/lawn>)¹

Related forms

landlike, adjective

reland, verb

underland, noun

Land

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Spell Syllables

noun

1. **Edwin Herbert**, 1909–91, U.S. inventor and businessman: created the Polaroid camera.

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1. a combining form of land
(<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/land>):
hinterland; lowland.

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 The Daily Beast Video (<http://www.thedailybeast.com/contributors/the-daily-beast-video.html?source=dictionary>)
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And the loss continues at the rate of a football-field-sized plot of *land* every 50 minutes.

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British Dictionary definitions for land

land

/lænd/

noun

1. the solid part of the surface of the earth as distinct from seas, lakes, etc *related adjective* terrestrial
2. a. ground, esp with reference to its use, quality, etc
b. (*in combination*): *land-grabber*
3. rural or agricultural areas as contrasted with urban ones

Land¹

/lænd/

noun

1. **Edwin Herbert.** 1909–91, US inventor of the Polaroid Land camera

Land²

/lant/

NOUN (pl) **Länder** (ˈlændər)

1.
 - a. any of the federal states of Germany
 - b. any of the provinces of Austria

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Word Origin and History for land

n.

Old English *land*, *lond*, "ground, soil," also "definite portion of the earth's surface, home region of a person or a people, territory marked by political boundaries," from Proto-Germanic **landom* (cf. Old Norse, Old Frisian Dutch, German, Gothic *land*), from PIE **lendh-* "land, heath" (cf. Old Irish *land*, Middle Welsh *llan* "an open space," Welsh *llan* "enclosure, church," Breton *lann* "heath," source of French *lande*; Old Church Slavonic *ledina* "waste land, heath," Czech *lada* "fallow land").

Etymological evidence and Gothic use indicates the original sense was "a definite portion of the earth's surface owned by an individual or home of a nation." Meaning early extended to "solid surface of the earth," which had been the sense of the root of Modern English earth (/browse/earth). Original sense of *land* in English is now mostly found under country (/browse/country). To take the *lay of the land* is a nautical expression. In the American English exclamation *land's sakes* (1846) *land* is a euphemism for *Lord*.

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land in (/browse/land-in)
land on (/browse/land--on)

land up (/browse/land--up)

also see:

cloud-cuckoo land
(/browse/cloud-cuckoo--land)

la-la land (/browse/la-la-land)

fall (land) on one's feet
(/browse/fall-on-one-s-feet)

lay of the land (/browse/lay-of-the-land--the)

fat of the land (/browse/fat-of-the-land--the)

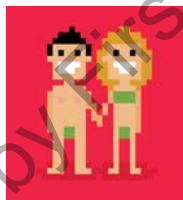
never-never land
(/browse/never-never-land)

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