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1 land

noun, often attributive | \ˈlɑnd\

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Definition of LAND

- 1 a
:
the solid part of the surface of the earth; *also*
:
a corresponding part of a celestial body (such as the moon)
- b
:
ground or soil of a specified situation, nature, or quality
- dry *land*
- c
:
the surface of the earth and all its natural resources



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a portion of the earth's solid surface distinguishable by boundaries or ownership • bought *land* in the country: such as

a

:

COUNTRY • the finest cheese in all the *land*

b

:

a rural area characterized by farming or ranching; *also*

:

farming or ranching as a way of life • wanted to move back to the *land*

3

:

REALM, DOMAIN • in the *land* of dreams —sometimes used in combination • TV-*land*

4

:

the people of a country • the *land* rose in rebellion

5

:

an area of a partly machined surface (such as the inside of a gun barrel) that is left without machining

—landless \ˈlænd-ləs\ *adjective*

—landlessness \ˈlænd-ləs-nəs\ *noun*

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Examples of LAND in a Sentence

the *land* along the highway

The *land* stretched as far as you could see.

They cleared some *land* to grow crops.

After two days of sailing, we were miles from *land*.

They invaded the country by *land* and by sea.

They own *land* in Alaska.



They bought some *land* and built a house.

His *lands* extend as far as the eye can see.

He was the most powerful politician in the *land*.

the *lands* of the Far East

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Origin and Etymology of LAND

Middle English, from Old English, akin to Old High German *lant*
 land, Middle Irish *lann*

LAND Synonyms

Synonyms

commonwealth, country, nation, sovereignty (*also* sovranty),
 state

Other Geology Terms

anthracite, boulder, cwm, erratic, igneous, intrusive, mesa,
 sedimentary, silt, swale



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verb

Definition of LAND

transitive verb

1 :
to set or put on shore from a ship

:

DISSEMBARK

2 a
:
to set down after conveying

b

:

to cause to reach or come to rest in a particular place

- never *landed* a punch

c



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to bring to a specified condition • his wit *landed* him in trouble

d

:

to bring to a **landing** • *land* an airplane

e

:

to complete successfully by landing • the skater *landed* all her jumps

3

a

:

to catch and bring in • *land* a fish

b

:

GAIN, SECURE • *land* a job • *landed* the leading role

intransitive verb

1

a

:

to go ashore from a ship

:

DISEMBARK

b *of a ship or boat*

:

to touch at a place on shore

2

a

:

to come to the end of a course or to a stage in a journey



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ARRIVE • took a wrong turn and *landed* on a dead-end street

b

:

to come to be in a condition or situation • *landed* in jail

c

:

to strike or meet a surface (as after a fall) • *landed* on my head

d

:

to alight on a surface

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Examples of LAND in a Sentence

The plane *landed* on the runway.

We watched the seaplanes *landing* on the water.

The bird *landed* in a tree.

A butterfly *landed* on the flower.

Our flight was scheduled to *land* in Pittsburgh at 4:00.

It was raining heavily at the airport when we *landed*.

The pilot was able to *land* the plane on the runway.



The golf ball *landed* in the trees.

I could not see where the ball *landed*.

The cat fell from the tree but *landed* on its feet.

First Known Use of LAND

13th century

LAND Synonyms

Synonyms

anchor, **dock**, make port

Antonyms

Land

biographical name | \ˈland\

Definition of LAND

Edwin Herbert 1909–1991 American inventor and industrialist



LAND Defined for English Language Learners

land

noun

Definition of LAND for English Language Learners

:

the solid part of the surface of the Earth

:

an area of ground

:

an area of the earth's solid surface that is owned by someone

:

a country or nation

land


verb

Definition of LAND for English Language Learners

:

to return to the ground or another surface after a flight

:

 cause (an airplane, helicopter, etc.) to return to the ground or other surface after a flight

:

to hit or come to a surface after falling or moving through the air

LAND Defined for Kids

¹ **land**

noun | \ˈlænd\

Definition of LAND for Students

- 1 : the solid part of the surface of the earth
- 2 : an area of ground or soil of a particular kind • fertile *land*
- 3 : a part of the earth's surface marked off by boundaries
 - They bought some *land*.
- 4 : a country or nation • your native *land*
- 5 : the people of a country • All the *land* rose in rebellion.

–landless \-ləs\ *adjective*

² **land**



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verb

Definition of LAND for Students

landed; landing

- 1 : to go ashore or cause to go ashore from a ship • The troops *landed* on the island.
- 2 : to come down or bring down and settle on a surface • The airplane *landed*.
- 3 : to hit or come to a surface • I fell and *landed* on my back.
- 4 : to be or cause to be in a particular place or condition • He *landed* in jail.
- 5 : to catch and bring in • *land* a fish
- 6 : to succeed in getting • *land* a job

Headscratcher for LAND

Airplanes usually **land** on land. But some planes can come to rest on water. When this happens, it is still called a **landing**.

Law Dictionary

land



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noun

Legal Definition of LAND

- 1 : an area of the earth usually inclusive of improvements, bodies of water, and natural or man-made objects and extending indefinitely upward and downward — compare **AIR RIGHT**
- 2 : an estate, interest, or right in land
 - *land* means both surface and mineral rights — *California Public Resources Code*

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It is in fact a real word (but that doesn't mean you should use it).

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