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Land

Webster's 1913 Dictionary



Pronunciation: lănd

- - 1. The solid part of the surface of the earth; opposed to water as constituting a part of such surface, especially to oceans and seas; as, to sight land after a long voyage. They turn their heads to sea, their sterns to land.

Dryden.

2. Any portion, large or small, of the surface of the earth, considered by itself, or as belonging to an individual or a people, as a country, estate, farm, or tract. Go view the land, even Jericho.

Josh. ii. 1.

III fares the land, to hastening ills a prev

Where wealth accumulates and men decay

- Goldsmith.

A poor parson dwelling upon land [i.e., in the country].

- Chaucer.

- 3. Ground, in respect to its nature or quality; soil; as, wet land; good or bad land.
- 4. The inhabitants of a nation or people.

These answers, in the silent night received,

The king himself divulged, the land believed.

- Dryden

- 5. The mainland, in distinction from islands
- 6. The ground or floor.

Herself upon the land she did prostrate.

- Spenser.

- 7. (Agric.) The ground left unplowed between furrows; any one of several portions into which a field is divided for convenience in plowing.
- 8. (Law) Any ground, soil, or earth whatsoever, as meadows, pastures, woods, etc., and everything annexed to it, whether by nature, as trees, water, etc., or by the hand of man, as buildings, fences, etc.; real estate.
- 9. (Naut.) The lap of the strakes in a clinker-built boat; the lap of plates in an iron vessel; called also landing
- 10. In any surface prepared with indentations, perforations, or grooves, that part of the surface which is not so treated, as the level part of a millstone between the furrows, or the surface of the bore of a rifled gun between the grooves

a person employed to sell or let land, to collect rents, and to attend to other money matters connected with land. Land boat

a vehicle on wheels propelled by sails.

a peculiar atmospheric brightness seen from sea over distant snow-covered land in arctic regions. See Ice blink.

See under Breeze

Land chain See Gunter's chain.

Land crab

(Zool.) any one of various species of crabs which live much on the land, and resort to the water chiefly for the purpose of breeding. They are abundant in the West Indies and South America. Some of them grow to a large size

a fish on land; a person guite out of place

a military force serving on land, as distinguished from a naval force

Land, ho!

(Naut.) a sailor's cry in announcing sight of land

Land ice

a field of ice adhering to the coast, in distinction from a floe.

(Zool.) any one of several species of blood-sucking leeches, which, in moist, tropical regions, live on land, and are often troublesome to man and beast.

the system of measurement used in determining the area of land; also, a table of areas used in such measurement.

in Bible history, Egypt; by extension, a place or condition of special oppression.

Land o' cakes

Scotland.

Land of Nod

Land of promise in Bible history, Canaan: by extension, a better country or condition of which one has expectation.

Land of steady habits

a nickname sometimes given to the State of Connecticut.

Land office

a government office in which the entries upon, and sales of, public land are registered, and other business respecting the public lands is transacted.

Land pike a -(Zool.) The gray pike, or sauger. b -The Menobranchus. Land service

military service as distinguished from naval service.

Land rail

a -(Zool) The crake or corncrake of Europe.

b -An Australian rail (Hypotænidia Phillipensis); - called also pectoral rail.

a certificate that the purchase money for a certain portion of the public land has been paid to the officer entitled to receive it.

a swindler of sailors on shore.

a -That side of anything in or on the sea, as of an island or ship, which is turned toward the land.

b -The side of a plow which is opposite to the moldboard and which presses against the unplowed land.

(Zool.) any snail which lives on land, as distinguished from the aquatic snails are Pulmonifera, and belong to the Geophila; but the operculated land snails of warm countries are Diœcia, and belong to the Tænioglossa. See Geophila, and Helix

Land spout

a descent of cloud and water in a conical form during the occurrence of a tornado and heavy rainfall on land.

Land steward

a person who acts for another in the management of land, collection of rents, etc.

(Zool.) any tortoise that habitually lives on dry land, as the box tortoise. See Tortoise

a certificate from the Land Office, authorizing a person to assume ownership of a public land.

Same as Land breeze (above).

To make land

(Naut.) to sight land

To set the land

to see by the compass how the land bears from the ship To shut in the land

to hide the land, as when fog, or an intervening island, obstructs the view

v. t. 1. To set or put on shore from a ship or other water craft; to disembark; to debark.

[imp. & p. p. Landed; p. pr. & vb. n. Landing.] I'll undertake to land them on our coast.

- 2. To catch and bring to shore; to capture; as, to land a fish.
- 3. To set down after conveying; to cause to fall, alight, or reach; to bring to the end of a course; as, he landed the quoit near the stake; to be thrown from a horse and landed in the mud; to land one in difficulties or mistakes
- 4. (Aeronautics) To pilot (an airplane) from the air onto the land; as, to land the plane on a highway.
- v. i. 1. To come to the end of a course; to arrive at a destination, literally or figuratively; as, he landed in trouble; after hithchiking for a week, he landed in Los Angele
 - 2. To go on shore from a ship or boat; to disembark.
 - 3. To reach and come to rest on land after having been in the air; as, the arrow landed in a flower bed; the golf ball landed in a sand trap; our airplane landed in Washington

WordNet Dictionary

Noun 1. land - the land on which real estate is located; "he built the house on land leased from the city"



2. land - material in the top layer of the surface of the earth in which plants can grow (especially with reference to its quality or use); "the land had never been plowed"; "good agricultural soil'

Synonyms: soil, ground

3. land - the solid part of the earth's surface; "the plane turned away from the sea and moved back over land", "the earth shook for several minutes"; "he dropped the logs on the

Synonyms: dry land, ground, solid ground, terra firma, earth

4. land - territory over which rule or control is exercised; "his domain extended into Europe"; "he made it the law of the land"

5. land - the territory occupied by a nation; "he returned to the land of his birth"; "he visited several European countries" Synonyms: country, state

6. land - a domain in which something is dominant; "the untroubled kingdom of reason", "a land of make-believe"; "the rise of the realm of cotton in the south" Synonyms: kingdom, realm

7. land - extensive landed property (especially in the country) retained by the owner for his own use; "the family owned a large estate on Long Island" Synonyms: acres, demesne, landed estate, estate

8. land - the people who live in a nation or country; "a statement that sums up the nation's mood"; "the news was announced to the nation"; "the whole country worshipped him" Synonyms: a people, nation, country

9. land - a politically organized body of people under a single government; "the state has elected a new president"; "African nations"; "students who had come to the nation's capitol"; "the country's largest manufacturer"; "an industrialized land" to the nation's capitol"; "the country's largest manufacturer"

Synonyms: body politic, nation, res publica, commonwealth, country, state



- 10. Land United States inventor who incorporated Polaroid film into lenses and invented the one-step photographic process (1909-1991) Synonyms: Din Land, Edwin Herbert Land
- 11. land working the land as an occupation or way of life; "farming is a strenuous life"; "there's no work on the land any more' Synonyms: farming
- Verb 1. land reach or come to rest; "The bird landed on the highest branch"; "The plane landed in Istanbul"
 - Synonyms: set down 2. land - cause to come to the ground; "the pilot managed to land the airplane safely"

Synonyms: put down, bring down

3. land - bring into a different state; "this may land you in jail"

Synonyms: bring

- 4. land bring ashore; "The drug smugglers landed the heroin on the beach of the island"
- 5. land deliver (a blow); "He landed several blows on his opponent's head"
- land arrive on shore; "The ship landed in Pearl Harbor" Synonyms: set ashore, shore

7. land - shoot at and force to come down; "the enemy landed several of our aircraft"

Synonyms: shoot down, down

Adi. 1. land - relating to or characteristic of or occurring on land: "land vehicles

air- relating to or characteristic of or occurring in the air; "air war"; "air safety"; "air travel" sea - relating to or characteristic of or occurring on the sea or ships; "sea stories"; "sea smells"; "sea traffic"

2. land - operating or living or growing on land Synonyms: terrestrial

Antonyms:

amphibious - operating or living on land and in water; "amphibious vehicles"; "amphibious operations"; "amphibious troops"; "frogs are amphibious animals" aquatic - operating or living or growing in water; "boats are aquatic vehicles"; "water lilies are aquatic plants"; "fish are aquatic animals'

Legal Dictionary

LAND. This term comprehends any found, soil or earth whatsoever, as meadows, pastures, woods, waters, marshes, furze and heath. It has an indefinite extent upwards as well as downwards; therefore land, legally includes all houses and other buildings standing or built on it; and whatever is in a direct line between the surface and the centre of the earth, such as mines of metals and fossils. 1 Inst. 4 a; Wood's Inst. 120; 2 B1. Com. 18; 1 Cruise on Real Prop. 58. In a more confined sense, the word land is said to denote "frank tenement at the least." Shep. To. 92. In this sense, then, leaseholds cannot be said to be included under the word lands. 8 Madd. Rep. 635. The technical sense of the word land is farther explained by Sheppard, in his Touch. p. 88, thus: "if one be seised of some lands in fee, and possessed of other lands for years, all in one parish, and he grant all his lands in that parish (without naming them) in fee simple or for life; by this grant shall pass no, more but the lands he hath in fee simple." It is also said that land in its legal acceptation means arable land. 11 Co. 55 a. See also Cro. Car. 293; 2 P. Wms. 458, n.; 5 Ves. 476; 20 Vin. Ab. 203.

2. Land, as above observed, includes in general all the buildings erected upon it; 9 Day, R. 374; but to this general rule there are some exceptions. It is true, that if a stranger voluntarily erect buildings on another's land, they will belong to the owner of the land, and will become a part of it; 16 Mass. R. 449; yet cases are, not wanting where it has been decided that such an erection, under peculiar circumstances, would be considered as personal property. 4 Mass. R. 514; 8 Pick. R. 283, 402; 5 Pick, R. 487; 6 N. H. Rep. 555; 2 Fairf. R. 371; 1 Dana, R. 591; 1

Dream Dictionary

To see land from the ocean in your dream, foretells that you will have an abundant amount of prosperity and happiness. To see rocky or barren land, denotes failure in your undertakings.

Related Words

acquire, acreage, acres, airspace, alight, ally, archduchy, archdukedom, area, arrive, bag, belt, berth, body politic, buffer state, captive nation, capture, catch, chattels real, chieftaincy, chieftainry, city-state, climb down, colony, come down, come in, come to land, commonweal, commonwealth, confines, continental shelf, corridor, country, county, crash-land, debark, debus, demesne, department, deplane, descend, detrain, dirt, disembark, disemplane, dismount, district, ditch, division, dock, dominion, downwind, drop anchor, dry land, duchy, dukedom, earldom empery, empire, enmesh, ensnare, entangle, entrap, environs, fatherland, foul, free city, get, get down, get off, go ashore, grand duchy, grounds, harpoon, heartland, hinterland, homeland, a special control of c honor, hook, kingdom, landed property, lands, lasso, level off, light, loam, lot, lots, make a landfall, make land, make port, mandant, mandate, mandated territory, mandatee, mandatory, mand mesh, messuage, milieu, moor, motherland, mould, nail, nation, nationality, native land, neighborhood, net, noose, obtain, offshore rights, overshoot, pancake, parcel, part, parts, perch, place, plat, plot, polis, polity, possession, power, praedium, precincts, premises, principality, principate, property, protectorate, province, puppet government, puppet regime, purlieus, put in, put into port, quadrat, quarter, reach land, real estate, real property, realm, realty, region, republic, roost, rope, sack, salient, satellite, section, secure, seneschalty, set down, settle, settle down, settle on, settle upon, settlement, sit, snag, snare, sniggle, sod, solid ground, sovereign nation, space, spear, state, sultanate, superpower, take, take captive, talk down, tangle, tangle up with, tenements, terra, terra firma, terrain, territory, three-mile limit, tie up, toft, toparchia, toparchy, touch down, trap, turf, twelve-mile limit, unboat, unhorse, upwind, vicinage, vicinity, win, zone