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## land /lənd/

**n.**

1. any part of the earth's surface, as a continent or an island, not covered by a body of water. [uncountable] **Geography**
2. an area of ground with reference to its nature: land good for farming. [uncountable]
3. an area of ground with specific boundaries: to buy land in Florida. [uncountable]
4. rural or farming areas (contrasted with urban areas): They left the land for the city. [uncountable]
5. any part of the earth's surface that can be owned as property, and everything connected to it: You're on his lands. [countable] **Law**
6. a region or country: Immigrants came from many lands. [countable]
7. realm or domain; world: still in the land of the living.

**v.**

8. to (cause to) come to land or shore: The boat lands at Cherbourg. [no object] **Nautical, Naval Terms**  
We managed to land the boat at the shoreline. [~ + object]
9. to go or come ashore from a ship or boat: The Pilgrims landed in 1620. [no object]
10. to (cause to) come down upon or strike a surface: The plane landed on time. [no object]  
The pilot managed to land the crippled plane. [~ + object]
11. to (cause to) arrive or come in a particular place, position, or condition: His behavior will land him in jail. [~ + object]  
to land in trouble. [no object]
12. to catch or capture; gain; win: to land a high-paying job. [~ + object] **Informal Terms**
13. to bring (a fish) onto land or into a boat, as with rod and reel. [~ + object] **Sport**

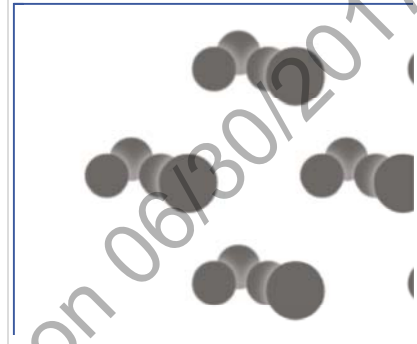
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## land (land),

**n.**

1. 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.
2. an area of ground with reference to its nature or composition: arable land.
3. an area of ground with specific boundaries: to buy land on which to build a house.
4. rural or farming areas, as contrasted with urban areas:

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- They left the land for the city.
- 5.
- 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. Law
  - any legal interest held in land. Law
6. natural resources as a factor of production. [Econ.] Business
7. 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.
8. the people of a region or country
9. the flat surface between the grooves of a phonograph record. [Audio.] Sound Reproduction
10. a realm or domain:  
the land of the living.
11. a surface between furrows, as on a millstone or on the interior of a rifle barrel.
12. a tenement house. Scottish Terms
13. **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.  
**Cf. lay of the land.**

**v.t.**

14. to bring to or set on land:  
to land passengers or goods from a ship; to land an airplane. Nautical, Naval Terms
15. to bring into or cause to arrive in a particular place, position, or condition:  
His behavior will land him in jail.
16. to catch or capture;  
gain;  
win:  
to land a job. Informal Terms
17. to bring (a fish) to land, or into a boat, etc., as with a hook or a net. [Angling.] Sport

**v.i.**

18. to come to land or shore:  
The boat lands at Cherbourg. Nautical, Naval Terms
19. to go or come ashore from a ship or boat.
20. to alight upon a surface, as the ground, a body of water, or the like:  
to land on both feet.
21. to hit or strike the ground, as from a height:  
The ball landed at the far side of the court.
22. to strike and come to rest on a surface or in something:  
The golf ball landed in the lake.
23. to come to rest or arrive in a particular place, position, or condition (sometimes fol. by *up*):  
to land in trouble; to land up 40 miles from home.
24. **land on**, to reprimand;  
criticize:  
His mother landed on him for coming home so late. Informal Terms
25. **land on one's feet**. See **foot** (def. 27). Idioms

**land'like'**, adj.**Etymology**

→ bef. 900; Middle English (noun, nominal and verb, verbal), Old English (noun, nominal); cognate with Dutch, German, Old Norse, Gothic *land*; akin to Irish *lann*, Welsh *llan* church (origin, originally enclosure), Breton *lann* heath. See LAWN<sup>1</sup>

**Land** (*land*), n.

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

-land,

- a combining form of **land**: *hinterland*; lowland.

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**land** /lænd/

N

1. the solid part of the surface of the earth as distinct from seas, lakes, etc  
Related adjective(s): **terrestrial**
2. ground, esp with reference to its use, quality, etc
3. rural or agricultural areas as contrasted with urban ones
4. farming as an occupation or way of life
5. any tract of ground capable of being owned as property, together with any buildings on it, extending above and below the surface
6. a country, region, or area
7. the people of a country, etc
8. the factor of production consisting of all natural resources

VB

1. to transfer (something) or go from a ship or boat to the shore: *land the cargo*
2. (**intransitive**) to come to or touch shore
3. to come down or bring (something) down to earth after a flight or jump
4. to come or bring to some point, condition, or state
5. (**transitive**) to retrieve (a hooked fish) from the water
6. (**transitive**) INFORMAL to win or obtain: *to land a job*
7. (**transitive**) INFORMAL to deliver (a blow)

See also **land up** Etymology: Old English; compare Old Norse, Gothic *land*, Old High German *lant*

- **'landless**

ADJ

**Land**<sup>1</sup> /lænd/

N

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

**Land**<sup>2</sup> GERMAN: /lant/

N (PL **Länder** / **lændər**/)

1. any of the federal states of Germany
2. any of the provinces of Austria

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 "built on a size land"  
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 "Only then does it become the Law of the Land"  
 "Patch of land" <vs> "plot of land"  
 "Situated" with reference to land  
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 "They lived on the land"  
 (the) land in Mexico  
 [land] where it always seems to be after dinner  
 1000 m2 of land are/is affected  
 a ?sized land?  
 a big piece of land  
 a buzzard, swung over the land, skimming the air; suspended  
 a land of golden opportunity  
 a patch of land  
 a piece of land that sticks out into a lake  
 A piece of land used for recreational purposes  
 a tongue of land a quarter of a mile broad [apposition?]  
 a young state in an ancient land  
 About To Land  
 All alone I roved to/on a foreign land  
 an estate in land to which is ....  
 arable land, farm land or cultivated land  
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