

earth**1. [z:θ] n**

1. земля; мир, в котором мы живём; земной шар

the greatest poet on earth - величайший поэт на земле

the most absurd spectacle on earth - ≅ такого абсурдного зрелища свет не видал

2. (*тж.* Earth, the Earth) Земля (*планета*)

the Earth goes round the Sun - Земля обращается вокруг Солнца

earth crust - земная кора

earth gravity - сила притяжения Земли

3. 1) земля, почва, грунт

clayey earth - глинистая почва

earth bank - земляная насыпь

earth excavation - выемка грунта

the airplane fell to (the) earth - самолёт упал на землю

2) суша

4. *возвыш.*

1) (земной) мир

among the things of earth - среди земных /житейских/ интересов

2) люди, смертные

5. нора

to run to earth - а) загнать в нору (*лисицу*); б) скрыться в нору (*тж.* to take to earth, to go to earth); [*см. тж.* ◇]

6. *возвыш.* прах; плоть

sinful earth - грешная плоть

7. *уст.* страна

this earth ... this England (*Shakespeare*) - наша страна ... наша Англия

8. *эл.* «земля», заземление

earth electrode - заземляющий провод, молниеотвод

9. *хим.* земля

rare earths - редкие земли, редкоземельные элементы

alkaline earths - щелочные земли

◇ down to earth - практический, реалистический, приземлённый

to bring smb. back /down/ to earth - заставить кого-л. спуститься с облаков на землю

to come to earth - спуститься с небес на землю, взглянуть на истинное положение вещей

no use on earth - решительно ни к чему

how on earth? - каким же образом?

how on earth did you know it? - как же вы всё-таки это узнали?, как вам удалось это узнать?

what on earth was I to do? - что же мне в конце концов оставалось делать?

why on earth? - почему же?, с какой стати?

to run to earth - а) нагнать, разыскать; б) укрыться, скрыться, спрятаться; [*см. тж.* 5]

to cost the earth - стоить кучу денег

to burn the earth - *амер.* мчаться во весь опор, гнать машину

2. [z:θ] v

1. окапывать, окучивать; напахивать борозды (*тж.* earth up)

2. 1) загонять в нору

2) зарываться в землю, в нору

3. *диал.* зарывать, закапывать; предавать земле

4. *эл.* заземлять

earth

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earth [earth earths earthed earthing] noun, verb *BrE* [zɑːθ] *NAmE* [zɔːrθ]

noun

1. (*also* **Earth**), **the Earth** uncountable, singular the world; the planet that we live on

• the **planet Earth**

• the history of **life on earth**

• the earth's ozone layer

• The earth revolves around the sun.

• I must be the happiest person **on earth** !

2. uncountable, singular land; the hard surface of the world that is not the sea or the sky; the ground

• After a week at sea, it was good to feel the earth beneath our feet again.

• You could feel the earth shake as the truck came closer.

3. uncountable the substance that plants grow in

• a **clod/lump/mound of earth**

• I cleaned off the earth clinging to my boots.

4. countable the hole where an animal, especially a ↑fox, lives

5. (*BrE*) (*NAmE* **ground**) countable, usually singular a wire that connects an electric ↑circuit with the ground and makes it safe

more at go to the ends of the earth **at** ↑end _{n.}, disappear/vanish off the face of the earth **at** ↑face _{n.}, move heaven and earth **at**

↑move _{v.}, promise the earth/moon/world **at** ↑promise _{v.}, the salt of the earth **at** ↑salt _{n.}, wipe sb/sth off the face of the earth **at**

↑wipe _{v.}

Word Origin:

Old English eorthe, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch [aarde](#) and German [Erde](#).

Thesaurus:

earth *noun*

1. **U, sing.**

- The earth revolves around the sun.

the world • • **the globe** • • **the planet** •

around/across/all over the earth/world/globe/planet

on (the) earth/globe/planet

save/destroy the earth/world/planet

The earth or the world? Use **the world** when you are concerned with things that exist in the world and not outside it. Use **the earth** when our planet is being considered in relation to other planets, its place in space, or heaven

2. **U, sing.**

- It was good to feel the earth beneath our feet.

ground • • **land** • | **literary soil** •

on/under the earth/ground

bare earth/ground

drop/fall to (the) earth/ground

Earth, ground or land? **Ground** is the normal word for the solid surface that you walk on. Use **earth** to draw attention to the rock, soil, etc. that the ground is made of. **Land** is only used to contrast it with the sea

- They fought both at sea and on land.

3. **U**

- The smell of freshly dug earth was in the air.

soil • • **clay** • • **mud** • • **ground** • • **peat** • | **especially AmE dirt** •

dry/wet/soft earth/soil/clay/mud/ground/peat/dirt

good/rich earth/soil

dig the earth/soil/clay/mud/ground/peat

Synonyms:

floor

ground • **land** • **earth**

These are all words for the surface that you walk on.

floor • the surface of a room that you walk on: ▪ She was sitting on the floor watching TV.

ground • (often **the ground**) the solid surface of the earth that you walk on: ▪ I found her lying on the ground. ◇▪ The rocket crashed a few seconds after it ▪ left the ground ▪.

land • the surface of the earth that is not sea: ▪ It was good to be back on ▪ dry land ▪ again. ◇▪ They fought both at sea and ▪ on land ▪.

earth • (often **the earth**) the solid surface of the world that is made of rock, soil, sand, etc: ▪ You could feel the earth shake as the truck came closer.

ground, land or earth?

Ground is the normal word for the solid surface that you walk on when you are not in a building or vehicle. You can use **earth** if you want to draw attention to the rock, soil etc. that the ground is made of. **Land** is only used when you want to contrast it with the sea: the land beneath our feet ◇feel the land shake ◇sight ground/earth ◇travel by ground/earth

on/under the floor/ground/earth

bare floor/ground/earth

to **drop/fall to** the floor/the ground/(the) earth

to **reach** the floor/the ground/land

Synonyms:

soil

mud • **dust** • **clay** • **land** • **earth** • **dirt** • **ground**

These are all words for the top layer of the earth in which plants grow.

soil • the top layer of the earth in which plants grow: ▪ Plant the seedlings in damp soil.

mud • wet soil that is soft and sticky: ▪ The car wheels got stuck in the mud.

dust • a fine powder that consists of very small pieces of rock, earth, etc: ▪ A cloud of dust rose as the truck set off.

clay • a type of heavy sticky soil that becomes hard when it is baked and is used to make things such as pots and bricks: ▪ The tiles are made of clay.

land • an area of ground, especially of a particular type: ▪ an area of rich, fertile land

earth • the substance that plants grow in. **Earth** is often used about the soil found in gardens or used for gardening ▪ She put some earth into the pot.

dirt • (*especially NAmE*) soil, especially loose soil: ▪ Pack the dirt firmly around the plants.

ground • an area of soil: ▪ The car got stuck in the muddy ground. ◇▪ They drove across miles of rough, stony ground.

Ground is not used for loose soil: a handful of dry ground

good/rich soil/land/earth

fertile/infertile soil/land/ground

to **dig** the soil/mud/clay/land/earth/ground

to **cultivate** the soil/land/ground

Example Bank:

- Furniture fell over as the room was shaken by an earth tremor.
- I filled the pot with a handful of loose earth.
- I scrambled to the top of the steep earth bank.
- My boots were caked in big clods of wet earth.
- No one knows what happens to us after we leave this earth.
- The Bible says the meek will inherit the earth.
- The astronauts were able to send the information back to earth.
- The earth orbits the sun.
- The earth revolves on its axis.
- The fields had been ploughed, and there was nothing but bare earth to be seen.
- The island was there before there was life on earth.
- The plants must have their roots in the earth.
- The sun beat down on the baked earth.
- The wreckage of the plane was scattered across the scorched earth.
- We are flying at 30 000 feet above the earth.
- a lost spirit, wandering the earth
- humans and other species that inhabit the earth
- in mines deep under the earth
- satellites orbiting the earth
- the future of life on planet Earth
- the last asteroid that hit the earth
- the moon's orbit around the earth
- the retreating army's scorched earth policy.
- when dinosaurs roamed the earth
- Dig the earth to a depth of two spade lengths.
- Earth from the garden was clinging to his boots.
- His boots sank into the soft earth.
- I must be the happiest person in the world/on earth!
- In the air was the smell of freshly dug earth.
- In the story the aliens have a plan to destroy planet earth.
- It was good to feel the earth beneath our feet again.
- She put a couple of handfuls of earth into the pot.
- The Earth's ozone layer protects all life from the sun's harmful radiation.
- The bunker is located deep below the earth.
- The earth was dry and scorched.
- The fossil record shows the history of life on earth.

Idioms: be/feel/look/taste like nothing on earth ▪ ↑bring somebody down to earth ▪ charge/cost/pay the earth ▪ ↑come back to earth
 ▪ ↑go to earth ▪ how/why/where/who on earth ▪ ↑on earth ▪ ↑run somebody to earth

verb (BrE) (NAme ground) usually passive ~ sth

to make electrical equipment safe by connecting it to the ground with a wire

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	earth
	BrE /ɜːθ/
	NAme /ɜːrð/
he / she / it	earths
	BrE /ɜːθs/
	NAme /ɜːrθs/
past simple, past participle	earthed
	BrE /ɜːθd/
	NAme /ɜːrɛd/
-ing form	earthing
	BrE /ɜːθɪŋ/
	NAme /ɜːrɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English eorthe, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **aarde** and German **Erde**.

See also: ↑ground

earth

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I. **earth**¹ **S2 W2** /ɜːrð/ **BrE** ^{ɜːrð} **AmE** ^{ɜːrð} **noun**

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑earth, ↑earthling, ↑earthiness; **adjective:** ↑earthy, ↑earthly ≠ ↑uneearthly, ↑earthen; **verb:** ↑unearth; **adverb:** earthward(s)]

[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** eorthe]



1. **WORLD** (also **Earth**) [singular, uncountable] the ↑planet that we live on:
 - the planet Earth
 - the earth**
 - The earth revolves around the sun.
 - the earth's surface/atmosphere/crust etc**
 - 71% of the earth's surface is sea.
 - on earth**
 - the origin of life on Earth
2. **SOIL** [uncountable] the substance that plants grow in **SYN soil**
 - soft/bare/damp etc earth**
 - footprints in the wet earth
 - a lump of earth
3. **LAND** [uncountable] the hard surface of the world, as opposed to the sea or air **SYN ground**:
 - The earth shook.
 - They watched the kite fall back to earth.
4. **what/why/how etc on earth ...? spoken** used to ask a question when you are very surprised or angry:
 - What on earth did you do that for?
5. **cost/pay/charge the earth** *informal* to cost etc a very large amount of money:
 - It must have cost the earth!
6. **the biggest/tallest/most expensive etc ... on earth** the biggest etc example of something that exists:
 - the most powerful man on earth
7. **RELIGION** [uncountable] used in religion to refer to the time when people are alive as opposed to being in ↑heaven or ↑hell:
 - Jesus' time on earth ⇒ **move heaven and earth** at ↑heaven(9), ⇒ **hell on earth** at ↑hell¹(2)
8. **come back/down to earth (with a bump)** to stop behaving or living in a way that is not practical:
 - She soon brought him back down to earth.
9. **no ... /nothing on earth** used to emphasize that you mean nothing at all:
 - Nothing on earth would have persuaded me to go.
 - There's no reason on earth why you should tell him.
10. **look/feel etc like nothing on earth** *British English* to look or feel very strange:
 - The next morning I felt like nothing on earth.
11. **ELECTRICITY** [countable usually singular] *British English* a wire that makes a piece of electrical equipment safe by connecting it with the ground **SYN ground** *American English*
12. **ANIMAL'S HOME** [countable] the hole where a wild animal such as a ↑fox lives ⇒ **den, lair**
13. **go to earth** *British English* to hide in order to escape from someone who is chasing you **SYN go to ground**
14. **run somebody/something to earth** *British English* to find someone, especially by looking in many places
 ⇒ ↑down-to-earth, ⇒ **promise somebody the moon/the earth** at ↑promise¹(3), ⇒ **the salt of the earth** at ↑salt¹(2)

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ nouns

- **the Earth's surface** Over seventy percent of the Earth's surface is covered by ocean.
- **the Earth's crust** Volcanoes and earthquakes occur where there is movement in the Earth's crust.
- **the Earth's core** (=central part) The Earth's inner core is almost entirely composed of iron.
- **the Earth's mantle** (=parts around the central core) the incredibly high temperatures and pressures deep within Earth's mantle
- **the Earth's atmosphere** The Earth's atmosphere blocks off all radiation from space other than light and radio waves.
- **the Earth's gravity** the continual pull of the Earth's gravity on the Moon.
- **the Earth's orbit** The rocket left the Earth's orbit and set off to Mars.
- **the Earth's rotation** Has the Earth's rotation always been the same?
- **the Earth's axis** Over thousands of years, the direction of Earth's axis slowly changes.
- **the Earth's climate** The level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has an influence on the Earth's climate.

■ verbs

- **orbit** The Earth orbits the Sun once a year, and the Moon orbits the Earth approximately every 27 days.
- **revolve/rotate** Because of the direction in which the Earth revolves, the sun always rises in the east and sets in the west.
- **go round/around** Why does the Earth go around the Sun?

■ phrases

- **Planet Earth** the origin of life on Planet Earth

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ adjectives

- **soft** The wheels got stuck in the soft earth.
- **hard** It hadn't rained for weeks and the earth was hard.
- **bare** (=not covered by trees or grass) There were no flowers or grass, just bare earth.
- **fertile** This earth is not fertile enough to produce crops.
- **freshly-dug** The poppy seeds were planted in the freshly-dug earth.
- **moist/damp** I slipped on the damp earth and fell over.

■ phrases

- **a mound of earth** (=a pile of earth that looks like a small hill) A mound of earth lay beside the grave.
- **a clod/clump of earth** (=a lump of earth) The horse's hooves kicked up great clods of earth.

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THESAURUS

- **Earth/the Earth** the planet we live on - used especially when talking about this in relation to other planets and to space. Also used when talking about being on the ground as opposed to being in the sky: The Earth moves around the sun. | The space shuttle returned to Earth safely. | It's the highest mountain on Earth.
- **the world** the planet we live on – used when talking about all the people, countries, places etc on it: He's one of the richest men in the world. | Sir Francis Drake was the first Englishman to sail around the world.
- **land** the solid dry part of the Earth's surface: After weeks at sea, the sailors saw land.
- **the globe** the world – used especially when you want to emphasize that something happens in or comes from every part of the world: a meeting of scientists from around the globe | There has been an increase in skin cancer across the globe. | The network is accessible from any point on the globe.

II. earth ² BrE ^{*} AmE ^{*} verb [transitive]

British English to make electrical equipment safe by connecting it to the ground with a wire **SYN ground** *American English*:

^{*} Make sure that the machine is properly earthed.

earth

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