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-noun

1. the earth or globe, considered as a planet.
2. (*often initial capital letter*) a particular division of the earth: *the Western world*.
3. the earth or a part of it, with its inhabitants, affairs, etc., during a particular period: *the ancient world*.
4. humankind; the human race; humanity: *The world must eliminate war and poverty*.
5. the public generally: *The whole world knows it*.
6. the class of persons devoted to the affairs, interests, or pursuits of this life: *The world worships success*.
7. a particular class of people, with common interests, aims, etc.: *the fashionable world*.
8. any sphere, realm, or domain, with all pertaining to it: *a child's world; the world of dreams; the insect world*.
9. everything that exists; the universe; the macrocosm.
10. any complex whole conceived as resembling the universe: *the world of the microcosm*.
11. one of the three general groupings of physical nature: *animal world; mineral world; vegetable world*.
12. any period, state, or sphere of existence: *this world; the world to come*.
13. Often, **worlds**. a great deal: *That vacation was worlds of fun*.
14. any indefinitely great expanse.
15. any heavenly body: *the starry worlds*.

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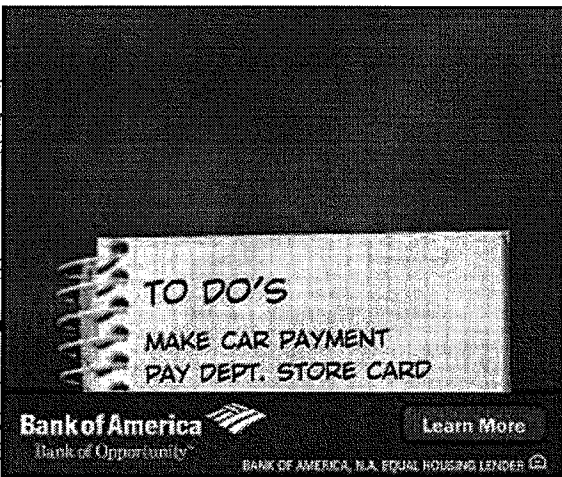
16. **bring into the world**,
 - a. to give birth to; bear: *My grandmother brought nine children into the world*.
 - b. to deliver (a baby): *the doctor brought many children into the world*.



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21. out of this or the world, exceptional; fine: *The chef prepared a roast duck that was out of this world.*
22. set the world on fire, to achieve great fame and success: *He didn't seem to be the type to set the world on fire.*
23. think the world of, to like or admire greatly: *His coworkers think the world of him.*
24. world without end, for all eternity; for always.

[Origin: bef. 900; ME; OE *world, weorold*; c. D *wereld*, G *Welt*, ON *verǫld*, all < Gmc **wer-ald-* lit., age of man]



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4. The inhabitants of the earth, the human race.
5.
 - a. Humankind considered as social beings; human society: *turned her back on the world.*
 - b. People as a whole; the public: *The event amazed the world.*
 - c. A sphere of human activity or interest: *the world of sports.*
 - d. A class or group of people with common characteristics or pursuits: *the scientific world.*
 - e. Human existence; life: *brought a child into the world.*
 - f. A state of existence: *the next world.*
6. often **World** A specified part of the earth: *the Western World.*
7. A part of the earth and its inhabitants as known at a given

- 8. A realm or domain: *the animal world; the world of imagination.*
 - 9.
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 - c. Human existence; life: *brought a child into the world.*
 - d. A state of existence: *the next world.*
 - 10. A particular way of life: *the world of the home.*
 - 11. All that relates to or affects the life of a person: *the world collapse about him.*
 - 12. Secular life and its concerns: *a man of the world.*
 - 13.
 - a. Human existence; life: *brought a child into the world.*
 - b. A state of existence: *the next world.*
 - 14. A large amount; much. Often used in the plural: *did her a world of good; candidates that are worlds apart on foreign policy.*
 - 15. A celestial body such as a planet: *the possibility of life on other worlds.*
- adj.
- 1. Of or relating to the world: *a world champion.*
 - 2. Involving or extending throughout the entire world: *a world crisis.*



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[Middle English, from Old English *weorold*; see *wī-ro-* in Indo-European roots.]

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O.E. *woruld, worold* "human existence, the affairs of life," also "the human race, mankind," a word peculiar to Gmc. languages (cf. O.S. *werold*, O.Fris. *warld*, Du. *wereld*, O.N. *verold*, O.H.G. *weralt*, Ger. *Welt*), with a literal sense of "age of man," from P.Gmc. **wer* "man" (O.E. *wer*, still in *werewolf*; see *virile*) + **ald* "age" (see *old*). Originally "life on earth, this world (as opposed to the afterlife)," sense extended to "the known world" (e.g. "Greatest Show on Earth"), then to "the physical world in the broadest sense, the universe" (c.1200). In O.E. gospels, the commonest word for "the physical world," was *Middangeard* (O.N. *Midgard*), lit. "the middle enclosure" (cf. *yard*), which is rooted in Gmc. cosmology. Gk. *kosmos* in its ecclesiastical sense of "world of people" sometimes was rendered in Goth. as *werold*, lit. "seed of

man." The usual O.N. word was *heimr*, lit. "abode" (see home). Words for "world" in some other I.E. languages derive from the root for "bottom, foundation" (cf. Ir. *domun*, O.C.S. *duno*, related to Eng. *deep*); the Lith. word is *pasaulis*, from *pa-* "under" + *saule* "sun." Original sense in *world without end*, translating L. *sæcula sæculorum*, and in *worldly*. L. *sæculum* can mean both "age" and "world," as can Gk. *aion*. *Worldwide* is from 1632. *World power* in the geopolitical sense first recorded 1900. *World-class* is attested from 1950, originally of Olympic athletes.

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adjective

1. involving the entire earth; not limited or provincial in scope; "global war"; "global monetary policy"; "neither national nor continental but planetary"; "a world crisis"; "of worldwide significance" [syn: global]

noun

1. everything that exists anywhere; "they study the evolution of the universe"; "the biggest tree in existence" [syn: universe]
2. people in general; especially a distinctive group of people with some shared interest; "the Western world"
3. all of your experiences that determine how things appear to you; "his world was shattered"; "we live in different worlds"; "for them demons were as much a part of reality as trees were"
4. the 3rd planet from the sun; the planet we live on; "the Earth moves around the sun"; "he sailed around the world" [syn: Earth]
5. people in general considered as a whole; "he is a hero in the eyes of the public" [syn: populace]
6. a part of the earth that can be considered separately; "the outdoor world"; "the world of insects"
7. the concerns of this life as distinguished from heaven and the afterlife; "they consider the church to be independent of the world" [syn: worldly concern]
8. all of the living human inhabitants of the earth; "all the world loves a lover"; "she always used 'humankind' because 'mankind' seemed to slight the women"

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the place (world); best of both worlds; bring into the world; come up (in the world); dead to the world; for all the world; go out (of the world); in one's own world; it's a small world; laugh and the world laughs with you; man of the world; move up (in the world); not for all the tea in china (for the world); on earth (in the world), what; on top of the world; out of this world; set the world on fire; think a lot (the world) of; third world; with the best will in the world.

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world¹ [wə : ld] *noun*

the planet Earth

Example: *every country of the world*

<i>Arabic:</i> كوكب الأرض، العالم	<i>Japanese:</i> 世界
<i>Chinese (Simplified):</i> 世界	<i>Korean:</i> 지구, 세 계
<i>Chinese (Traditional):</i> 世界	<i>Latvian:</i> pasaule; zeme
<i>Czech:</i> svět	<i>Lithuanian:</i> pasaulis
<i>Danish:</i> jorden	<i>Norwegian:</i> jorda
<i>Dutch:</i> wereld	<i>Polish:</i> świat
<i>Estonian:</i> maailm	<i>Portuguese (Brazil):</i> mundo
<i>Finnish:</i> maailma	<i>Portuguese (Portugal):</i> mundo
<i>French:</i> monde	<i>Romanian:</i> lume, pământ
<i>German:</i> die Welt	<i>Russian:</i> земной шар
<i>Greek:</i> κόσμος	<i>Slovak:</i> svet
<i>Hungarian:</i> föld (kerekség), világ	<i>Slovenian:</i> svet
<i>Icelandic:</i> jörðin	<i>Spanish:</i> mundo
<i>Indonesian:</i> dunia	<i>Swedish:</i> värld
<i>Italian:</i> mondo	<i>Turkish:</i> dünya

world² [wə : ld] *noun*

the people who live on the planet Earth

Example: *The whole world is waiting for a cure for cancer.*

<i>Arabic:</i> الناس على سطح الأرض	<i>Japanese:</i> 世界中の 人々
<i>Chinese (Simplified):</i> 世人	<i>Korean:</i> 인류, 인 간
<i>Chinese (Traditional):</i> 世人	<i>Latvian:</i> pasaule; cilvēce;
<i>Czech:</i> svět	
<i>Danish:</i> verden	

<i>Estonian:</i> rahvas, üldsus	<i>visā</i> pasaulē
<i>Finnish:</i> maailma	<i>Lithuanian:</i> žmonija
<i>French:</i> monde	<i>Norwegian:</i> folk, alle, (hele) verden
<i>German:</i> die Welt	<i>Polish:</i> świat
<i>Greek:</i> κόσμος	<i>Portuguese (Brazil):</i> mundo
<i>Hungarian:</i> világ	<i>Portuguese (Portugal):</i> mundo
<i>Icelandic:</i> mannkynið	<i>Romanian:</i> planetă
<i>Indonesian:</i> penduduk dunia	<i>Russian:</i> мир
<i>Italian:</i> mondo	<i>Slovak:</i> svet, ľudstvo
	<i>Slovenian:</i> svet
	<i>Spanish:</i> mundo
	<i>Swedish:</i> värld
	<i>Turkish:</i> Dünya, herkes, bütün insanlar

world³ [wə : ld] *noun*

any planet etc

Example: *people from other worlds*

<i>Arabic:</i> أي كوكب آخر	<i>Japanese:</i> 天体
<i>Chinese (Simplified):</i> 天体	<i>Korean:</i> 행성
<i>Chinese (Traditional):</i> 天體	<i>Latvian:</i> pasaule; planēta
<i>Czech:</i> svět	<i>Lithuanian:</i> pasaulis
<i>Danish:</i> planet	<i>Norwegian:</i> planet, verden
<i>Dutch:</i> wereld	<i>Polish:</i> świat
<i>Estonian:</i> maailm(akõiksus)	<i>Portuguese (Brazil):</i> mundo
<i>Finnish:</i> maailmankaikkeus	<i>Portuguese (Portugal):</i> mundo
<i>French:</i> monde	<i>Romanian:</i> univers
<i>German:</i> die Welt	<i>Russian:</i> мир
<i>Greek:</i> κόσμος, πλανήτης	<i>Slovak:</i> svet, vesmír
<i>Hungarian:</i> világ	<i>Slovenian:</i> svet
<i>Icelandic:</i> heimur, veröld	<i>Spanish:</i> mundo
<i>Indonesian:</i> planet	<i>Swedish:</i> värld
<i>Italian:</i> mondo	<i>Turkish:</i> Dünya

world⁴ [wə : ld] *noun*

a state of existence

Example: *Many people believe that after death the soul*

<i>Arabic:</i> عالم، وجود	<i>Japanese:</i> 世
<i>Chinese (Simplified):</i> 世界	<i>Korean:</i> 이승, 저승
<i>Chinese (Traditional):</i> 世界	<i>Latvian:</i> pasaule
<i>Czech:</i> svět	<i>Lithuanian:</i> pasaulis
<i>Danish:</i> verden	<i>Norwegian:</i> verden, tilværelse
<i>Dutch:</i> wereld	<i>Polish:</i> świat
<i>Estonian:</i> ilm	<i>Portuguese (Brazil):</i> mundo
<i>Finnish:</i> elämä	<i>Portuguese (Portugal):</i> mundo
<i>French:</i> monde	<i>Romanian:</i> lume, planetă
<i>German:</i> die Welt	<i>Russian:</i> мир
<i>Greek:</i> κόσμος, ὕπαρξις	<i>Slovak:</i> svet
<i>Hungarian:</i> világ	<i>Slovenian:</i> svet
<i>Icelandic:</i> (annar) heimur, annað tilverustig	<i>Spanish:</i> mundo
<i>Indonesian:</i> alam	<i>Swedish:</i> värld, liv
<i>Italian:</i> mondo	<i>Turkish:</i> varlık, mevcudiyet

world⁵ [wə : ld] *noun*

an area of life or activity

Example: *the insect world; the world of the international businessman*

<i>Arabic:</i> مجال، عالم	<i>Japanese:</i> ~界
<i>Chinese (Simplified):</i> 领域	<i>Korean:</i> ...계(界)
<i>Chinese (Traditional):</i> 領域	<i>Latvian:</i> pasaule; vide
<i>Czech:</i> svět	<i>Lithuanian:</i> pasaulis
<i>Danish:</i> verden	<i>Norwegian:</i> verden, rike
<i>Dutch:</i> wereld	<i>Polish:</i> świat
<i>Estonian:</i> maailm, keskkond	<i>Portuguese (Brazil):</i> mundo
<i>Finnish:</i> maailma	<i>Portuguese (Portugal):</i> mundo
<i>French:</i> monde	<i>Romanian:</i> lume
<i>German:</i> die Welt	<i>Russian:</i> мир
<i>Greek:</i> κόσμος, πληθυσμός	<i>Slovak:</i> svet, ríša, sféra
<i>Hungarian:</i> világ	<i>Slovenian:</i> svet
<i>Icelandic:</i> tilgreint svið; heimur, ríki	<i>Spanish:</i> mundo
<i>Indonesian:</i> dunia	<i>Swedish:</i> värld
<i>Italian:</i> mondo	<i>Turkish:</i> ... dünyası, ... âlemi

world⁶ [wə : ld] *noun*

Example: *The holiday did him a/the world of good.*

<i>Arabic:</i> مقداراً عظيماً	<i>Japanese:</i> 多く
<i>Chinese (Simplified):</i> 大量	<i>Korean:</i> 다수, 다량
<i>Chinese (Traditional):</i> 大量	
<i>Czech:</i> velmi mnoho	<i>Latvian:</i> milzums
<i>Danish:</i> gøre godt	<i>Lithuanian:</i> daugybė
<i>Dutch:</i> een hoop	<i>Norwegian:</i> meget (godt), alt
<i>Estonian:</i> kõvasti, palju	<i>Polish:</i> moc, mnóstwo
<i>Finnish:</i> valtavan	<i>Portuguese (Brazil):</i> colosso
<i>French:</i> le plus grand bien	<i>Portuguese (Portugal):</i> imenso
<i>German:</i> eine Unmenge	<i>Romanian:</i> un mare bine
<i>Greek:</i> πολύ, σε μεγάλο βαθμό	<i>Russian:</i> macca
<i>Hungarian:</i> rengeteg	<i>Slovak:</i> veľmi veľa
<i>Icelandic:</i> mjög mikið	<i>Slovenian:</i> obilo
<i>Indonesian:</i> banyak	<i>Spanish:</i> inmenso
<i>Italian:</i> mondo	<i>Swedish:</i> oändligt
	<i>Turkish:</i> dünya kadar, büyük miktar

world⁷ [wɜːld] *noun*

the lives and ways of ordinary people

Example: *He's been a monk for so long that he knows nothing of the (outside) world.*

<i>Arabic:</i> حياة العالم، الناس العاديين	<i>Japanese:</i> 世間
<i>Chinese (Simplified):</i> 人世间	<i>Korean:</i> 세상, 사회, 세상 물질
<i>Chinese (Traditional):</i> 人世間	<i>Latvian:</i> pasaule; pasaulīgā dzīve
<i>Czech:</i> svět	<i>Lithuanian:</i> pasaulis
<i>Danish:</i> verden (udenfor)	<i>Norwegian:</i> hverdagslivet, den vanlige verden
<i>Dutch:</i> wereld	<i>Polish:</i> świat
<i>Estonian:</i> maailm	<i>Portuguese (Brazil):</i> mundo
<i>Finnish:</i> maailmanmeno	<i>Portuguese (Portugal):</i> mundo
<i>French:</i> monde	<i>Romanian:</i> lume
<i>German:</i> die Welt	<i>Russian:</i> мир
<i>Greek:</i> κόσμος, ζωή	<i>Slovak:</i> svet, život
<i>Hungarian:</i> világ	<i>Slovenian:</i> svet
<i>Icelandic:</i> veraldarvafstur	<i>Spanish:</i> mundo
<i>Indonesian:</i> dunia	
<i>Italian:</i> mondo	

Turkish: dış dünya,
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See also: worldly, worldwide, for all the world, out of this world, the best of both worlds, what in the world(?)

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