

Need another word that means the same as “afloat”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “afloat” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Afloat” are: adrift, aimless, directionless, planless, rudderless, undirected, awash, flooded, inundated, overflowing, buoyant, floating, suspended, drifting, above the surface, on the surface, above water

Afloat as an Adjective

Definitions of "Afloat" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “afloat” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Floating in water; not sinking.*
- *Borne on the water; floating.*
- *Out of debt or difficulty.*
- *In general circulation; current.*
- *On board a ship or boat.*
- *Covered with water.*
- *Aimlessly drifting.*



Synonyms of "Afloat" as an adjective (17 Words)

above the surface Appearing earlier in the same text.

above water Appearing earlier in the same text.

adrift Failing to reach a target or winning position.
*The film s focus is a young woman **adrift** in a city where individuals struggle to make meaningful connections.*

aimless Aimlessly drifting.
*An **aimless** existence.*

awash	Covered or flooded with water, especially seawater or rain. <i>The monsoon left the whole place awash.</i>
buoyant	(of an economy, business, or market) involving or engaged in much successful trade or activity. <i>Buoyant water.</i>
directionless	Lacking in general aim or purpose. <i>Music which bordered on directionless experimentalism.</i>
drifting	Moving passively, aimlessly, or involuntarily. <i>Long stretches of drifting snow.</i>
floating	Continually changing especially as from one abode or occupation to another. <i>The floating population.</i>
flooded	Covered with water. <i>A flooded bathroom.</i>
inundated	Covered with water. <i>Inundated farmlands.</i>
on the surface	On the surface.
overflowing	Covered with water. <i>An overflowing ashtray.</i>
planless	Aimlessly drifting.
rudderless	Lacking a clear sense of one's aims or principles. <i>Today's leadership is rudderless.</i>
suspended	(of a sentence) imposed by a judge or court but not enforced as long as no further offence is committed within a specified period. <i>Small vents in the suspended ceilings supply fresh air.</i>
undirected	Aimlessly drifting. <i>She was full of ineffectual undirected anger.</i>



Usage Examples of "Afloat" as an adjective

- *The canoes were still afloat.*
- *There are various rumours afloat connected with his disappearance.*
- *They trod water to keep afloat.*
- *Professional management will be needed to keep firms afloat.*
- *The main deck was afloat (or awash).*
- *He hopes to find a second-hand craft and be afloat by the end of the month.*



Associations of "Afloat" (30 Words)

- adrift** Floating freely; not anchored.
*The film industry was **adrift** in a sea of debt.*
- aimless** Aimlessly drifting.
*An **aimless** existence.*
- aimlessly** Without purpose or direction.
*We wandered **aimlessly** round Venice.*
- beggar** Reduce to beggary.
*Why should I **beggar** myself for you.*
- buoy** Mark with a buoy.
*Shares were up 4p **buoyed** by his cut and thrust management style.*
- cast** Make a moulded object by casting metal.
***Cast** a bronze sculpture.*
- derelict** Forsaken by owner or inhabitants.
*The barge lay **derelict** for years.*
- drift** Move in an unhurried fashion.
*Excited voices **drifted** down the hall.*

float	A drink with ice cream floating in it. <i>He floated the kick into the net.</i>
floating	(of a part of the body) not firmly connected; movable or out of normal position. <i>A floating platform.</i>
floe	A flat mass of ice (smaller than an ice field) floating at sea.
flooded	Covered with water. <i>A flooded bathroom.</i>
ice	A rink with a floor of ice for ice hockey or ice skating. <i>Americans like ice in their drinks.</i>
limitless	Without limits in extent or size or quantity. <i>The limitless reaches of outer space.</i>
melt	A quantity of metal melted in one operation. <i>Richard gave her a smile that melted her heart.</i>
migrate	(of a person) move to a new area or country in order to find work or better living conditions. <i>Cells that can form pigment migrate beneath the skin.</i>
nomadic	Migratory. <i>The nomadic habits of the Bedouins.</i>
roam	Move about or travel aimlessly or unsystematically, especially over a wide area. <i>He let his eyes roam her face.</i>
roving	(of a person in relation to their job) travelling or required to travel to different locations. <i>A roving correspondent for CNN.</i>
rudderless	Lacking a clear sense of one's aims or principles. <i>Today's leadership is rudderless.</i>
truant	Of a pupil being a truant. <i>If my daughter had been truanting from school I would have been informed.</i>
undirected	Lacking direction; without a particular aim, purpose, or target. <i>She was full of ineffectual undirected anger.</i>
unsettled	Not settled or established. <i>An unsettled issue.</i>
vacant	Void of intelligence or thought. <i>A vacant stare.</i>
vagabond	Anything that resembles a vagabond in having no fixed place. <i>He went vagabonding about the world.</i>

vagrant Relating to or living the life of a vagrant.
Vagrant hippies of the sixties.

wanderer A person who travels aimlessly.
He is a longtime seaman a rootless wanderer.

wandering Having no fixed course.
His life followed a wandering course.

