

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.

**adrift** *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.*

<b>awash</b>	Covered or flooded with water, especially seawater or rain. <i>The monsoon left the whole place <b>awash</b>.</i>
<b>buoyant</b>	(of an economy, business, or market) involving or engaged in much successful trade or activity. <i><b>Buoyant</b> water.</i>
<b>directionless</b>	Lacking in general aim or purpose. <i>Music which bordered on <b>directionless</b> experimentalism.</i>
<b>drifting</b>	Moving passively, aimlessly, or involuntarily. <i>Long stretches of <b>drifting</b> snow.</i>
<b>floating</b>	Continually changing especially as from one abode or occupation to another. <i>The <b>floating</b> population.</i>
<b>flooded</b>	Covered with water. <i>A <b>flooded</b> bathroom.</i>
<b>inundated</b>	Covered with water. <i><b>Inundated</b> farmlands.</i>
<b>on the surface</b>	On the surface.
<b>overflowing</b>	Covered with water. <i>An <b>overflowing</b> ashtray.</i>
<b>planless</b>	Aimlessly drifting.
<b>rudderless</b>	Lacking a clear sense of one's aims or principles. <i>Today's leadership is <b>rudderless</b>.</i>
<b>suspended</b>	(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 <b>suspended</b> ceilings supply fresh air.</i>
<b>undirected</b>	Aimlessly drifting. <i>She was full of ineffectual <b>undirected</b> 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.*

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

