

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.*

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. <i>The film industry was adrift in a sea of debt.</i>
<u>aimless</u>	Aimlessly drifting. <i>An aimless existence.</i>
aimlessly	Without purpose or direction. <i>We wandered aimlessly round Venice.</i>
beggar	Reduce to beggary. <i>Why should I beggar myself for you.</i>
<u>buoy</u>	Mark with a buoy. <i>Shares were up 4p buoyed by his cut and thrust management style.</i>
<u>cast</u>	Make a moulded object by casting metal. <i>Cast a bronze sculpture.</i>
<u>derelict</u>	Forsaken by owner or inhabitants. <i>The barge lay derelict for years.</i>
<u>drift</u>	Move in an unhurried fashion. <i>Excited voices drifted down the hall.</i>

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.*

