

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

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The synonyms of “Ancillary” are: accessory, adjunct, adjuvant, appurtenant, auxiliary, subordinate, secondary, supportive, additional, supporting, extra, supplementary, supplemental, contributory, attendant, replacement, deputy, relief, proxy, reserve, surrogate, cover, fill-in, stand-in, standby, locum, locum tenens, understudy, stopgap, alternative

Ancillary as a Noun

Definitions of "Ancillary" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “ancillary” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A person whose work provides necessary support to the primary activities of an organization, system, etc.*
- *Something which functions in a supplementary or supporting role.*

Synonyms of "Ancillary" as a noun (15 Words)

alternative One of two or more available possibilities.
*She had no **alternative** but to break the law.*

cover	An area of the field consisting of cover point and extra cover. <i>Under cover of darkness.</i>
deputy	A parliamentary representative in certain countries. <i>His deputy has been largely running the business for the past year.</i>
fill-in	Someone who takes the place of another (as when things get dangerous or difficult).
locum	Someone (physician or clergyman) who substitutes temporarily for another member of the same profession.
locum tenens	Someone (physician or clergyman) who substitutes temporarily for another member of the same profession.
proxy	A power of attorney document given by shareholders of a corporation authorizing a specific vote on their behalf at a corporate meeting. <i>The use of a US wealth measure as a proxy for the true worldwide measure.</i>
relief	A method of moulding carving or stamping in which the design stands out from the surface to a greater high relief or lesser low relief extent. <i>As he heard the news he was suddenly flooded with relief.</i>
replacement	A person or thing that takes or can take the place of another. <i>The replacement of religion by poetry.</i>
<u>reserve</u>	A member of the military reserve. <i>Part of the marshes has been managed to create a splendid reserve full of birds.</i>
stand-in	Someone who takes the place of another (as when things get dangerous or difficult).
standby	An operational mode of an electrical appliance in which the power is switched on but the appliance is not actually functioning. <i>A standby credit facility.</i>
stopgap	A temporary way of dealing with a problem or satisfying a need. <i>Transplants are only a stopgap until more sophisticated alternatives can work.</i>
surrogate	A person appointed to represent or act on behalf of others. <i>The guidelines clearly mention the rights of surrogates and prospective parents.</i>
understudy	An actor able to replace a regular performer when required. <i>He has played as understudy to Celtic s usual goalkeeper.</i>

Usage Examples of "Ancillary" as a noun

- *The employment of specialist teachers and ancillaries.*
- *Undergraduate courses of three main subjects with related ancillaries.*
- *The system measures engine power at the flywheel with all ancillaries (fan, standard exhaust, etc.) connected.*

Ancillary as an Adjective

Definitions of "Ancillary" as an adjective

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

- *In addition to something else, but not as important.*
- *Providing necessary support to the primary activities or operation of an organization, system, etc.*
- *Furnishing added support.*

Synonyms of "Ancillary" as an adjective (15 Words)

accessory	Contributing to or aiding an activity or process in a minor way; subsidiary or supplementary. <i>He was charged with being accessory to the crime.</i>
additional	Further or added. <i>We require additional information.</i>
adjunct	(of an academic post) attached to the staff of a university in a temporary or assistant capacity. <i>Other adjunct therapies include immunotherapy.</i>
adjuvant	Furnishing added support. <i>The adjuvant action of certain bacteria.</i>
appurtenant	Belonging; pertinent. <i>Properties appurtenant to the main building.</i>
attendant	Following or accompanying as a consequence. <i>Attendant members of the congregation.</i>
auxiliary	(of a sailing vessel) equipped with a supplementary engine. <i>The main library and its auxiliary branches.</i>

contributory	Playing a part in bringing something about. <i>A contributory factor.</i>
extra	Excessive or extravagant. <i>Breakfast is extra but there are tea and coffee facilities.</i>
secondary	Not of major importance. <i>A secondary infection.</i>
subordinate	(of a clause) unable to stand alone syntactically as a complete sentence. <i>A subordinate or dependent clause functions as a noun or adjective or adverb within a sentence.</i>
supplemental	Added to complete or make up a deficiency. <i>Many premature infants need supplemental oxygen soon after birth.</i>
supplementary	Completing or enhancing something. <i>Produced supplementary volumes.</i>
supporting	Furnishing support and encouragement. <i>His performance is excellent but he is more than matched by the supporting cast.</i>
supportive	Providing encouragement or emotional help. <i>The staff are extremely supportive of each other.</i>

Usage Examples of "Ancillary" as an adjective

- Paragraph 19 was merely ancillary to paragraph 16.
- Ancillary staff.
- An ancillary pump.

Associations of "Ancillary" (30 Words)

accessory	Aiding and abetting in a crime. <i>She was charged as an accessory to murder.</i>
accretion	An increase in a beneficiary's share in an estate (as when a co-beneficiary dies or fails to meet some condition or rejects the inheritance). <i>The city has a historic core surrounded by recent accretions.</i>
additional	Added, extra, or supplementary to what is already present or available. <i>We require additional information.</i>
additive	Something added to enhance food or gasoline or paint or medicine. <i>The video monitor uses the additive colours red green and blue.</i>
adjunct	Of or relating to a person who is subordinate to another. <i>An adjunct professor of entomology.</i>

adjutant	A military officer who acts as an administrative assistant to a senior officer. <i>He eventually became adjutant to the commander of the tactical air force.</i>
advocacy	The profession or work of a legal advocate. <i>Solicitors should have a record of advocacy in the lower courts.</i>
aide	An assistant to an important person, especially a political leader. <i>A presidential aide.</i>
appendage	An external body part that projects from the body. <i>A pair of feathery appendages through which oxygen is absorbed.</i>
assist	Give help or assistance be of service. <i>They were assisting police with their inquiries.</i>
assistant	A person who helps in particular work. <i>My invaluable assistant.</i>
auxiliary	An auxiliary verb. <i>The ship has an auxiliary power source.</i>
bookkeeper	Someone who records the transactions of a business. <i>The business had grown enough to justify hiring a bookkeeper.</i>
caring	Displaying kindness and concern for others. <i>A caring and invaluable friend.</i>
<u>complementary</u>	Relating to complementary medicine. <i>The second TV network was complementary to the BBC.</i>
conducive	Tending to bring about; being partly responsible for. <i>The harsh lights and cameras were hardly conducive to a relaxed atmosphere.</i>
confirming	Indicating existence or presence of a suspected condition or pathogen.
counseling	Something that provides direction or advice as to a decision or course of action.
encouraging	Positive and giving hope for future success; promising. <i>Encouraging advances in medical research.</i>
extra	Excessive or extravagant. <i>Crudit is so extra just call it a snack.</i>
gemstone	A precious or semi-precious stone, especially one cut, polished, and used in a piece of jewellery.
mutually	With mutual action; in a mutual relationship. <i>Adoption and fostering are not necessarily mutually exclusive alternatives.</i>

psychotherapy	The treatment of mental or emotional problems by psychological means. As a secondary consequence; subsequently.
secondarily	<i>Through trade and perhaps secondarily through publishing he was very wealthy.</i>
secondary	A secondary school. A secondary issue.
subsidiary	A company that is completely controlled by another company. A subsidiary flue of the main chimney.
supplementary	A supplementary person or thing. <i>The development of databases supplementary to existing ones.</i>
supportive	Furnishing support or assistance. <i>The staff are extremely supportive of each other.</i>
tributary	A river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake. <i>The Illinois River a tributary of the Mississippi.</i>
vicarious	Occurring in an abnormal part of the body instead of the usual site involved in that function. A vicarious atonement.