

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.*

<b>cover</b>	An area of the field consisting of cover point and extra cover. <i>Under <b>cover</b> of darkness.</i>
<b>deputy</b>	A parliamentary representative in certain countries. <i>His <b>deputy</b> has been largely running the business for the past year.</i>
<b>fill-in</b>	Someone who takes the place of another (as when things get dangerous or difficult).
<b>locum</b>	Someone (physician or clergyman) who substitutes temporarily for another member of the same profession.
<b>locum tenens</b>	Someone (physician or clergyman) who substitutes temporarily for another member of the same profession.
<b>proxy</b>	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 <b>proxy</b> for the true worldwide measure.</i>
<b>relief</b>	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 <b>relief</b>.</i>
<b>replacement</b>	A person or thing that takes or can take the place of another. <i>The <b>replacement</b> of religion by poetry.</i>
<b><u>reserve</u></b>	A member of the military reserve. <i>Part of the marshes has been managed to create a splendid <b>reserve</b> full of birds.</i>
<b>stand-in</b>	Someone who takes the place of another (as when things get dangerous or difficult).
<b>standby</b>	An operational mode of an electrical appliance in which the power is switched on but the appliance is not actually functioning. <i>A <b>standby</b> credit facility.</i>
<b>stopgap</b>	A temporary way of dealing with a problem or satisfying a need. <i>Transplants are only a <b>stopgap</b> until more sophisticated alternatives can work.</i>
<b>surrogate</b>	A person appointed to represent or act on behalf of others. <i>The guidelines clearly mention the rights of <b>surrogates</b> and prospective parents.</i>
<b>understudy</b>	An actor able to replace a regular performer when required. <i>He has played as <b>understudy</b> 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)

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

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

<b>accessory</b>	Aiding and abetting in a crime. <i>She was charged as an <b>accessory</b> to murder.</i>
<b>accretion</b>	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 <b>accretions</b>.</i>
<b>additional</b>	Added, extra, or supplementary to what is already present or available. <i>We require <b>additional</b> information.</i>
<b>additive</b>	Something added to enhance food or gasoline or paint or medicine. <i>The video monitor uses the <b>additive</b> colours red green and blue.</i>
<b>adjunct</b>	Of or relating to a person who is subordinate to another. <i>An <b>adjunct</b> professor of entomology.</i>

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

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