

Need another word that means the same as “banal”? Find 33 synonyms and 30 related words for “banal” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Banal” are: commonplace, hackneyed, old-hat, shopworn, stock, threadbare, timeworn, tired, trite, well-worn, clichéd, platitudinous, vapid, ordinary, common, conventional, stereotyped, predictable, overdone, overworked, stale, hoary, unimaginative, unoriginal, derivative, uninspired, prosaic, dull, boring, pedestrian, run-of-the-mill, routine, humdrum**

## Banal as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Banal" as an adjective

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

- *Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse.*
- *So lacking in originality as to be obvious and boring.*



## Synonyms of "Banal" as an adjective (33 Words)

<b>boring</b>	So lacking in interest as to cause mental weariness. <i>I've got a <b>boring</b> job in an office.</i>
<b>clichéd</b>	Repeated regularly without thought or originality.
<b>common</b>	Having no special distinction or quality widely known or commonly encountered average or ordinary or usual. <i>The <b>common</b> or vernacular name.</i>
<b>commonplace</b>	Not challenging; dull and lacking excitement. <i>Air travel has now become <b>commonplace</b>.</i>
<b>conventional</b>	Based on or in accordance with what is generally done or believed. <i>The <b>conventional</b> handshake.</i>
<u><b>derivative</b></u>	Originating from, based on, or influenced by. <i>An artist who is not in the slightest bit <b>derivative</b>.</i>
<b>dull</b>	(of a person) slow to understand; stupid. <i>A <b>dull</b> political campaign.</i>
<b>hackneyed</b>	(of a phrase or idea) having been overused; unoriginal and trite. <i><b>Hackneyed</b> phrases.</i>
<b>hoary</b>	Used in names of animals and plants covered with whitish fur or short hairs e.g hoary bat hoary cress. <i>Nodded his <b>hoary</b> head.</i>
<b>humdrum</b>	Tediously repetitious or lacking in variety. <i>A <b>humdrum</b> existence all work and no play.</i>
<b>old-hat</b>	Out of fashion.
<b>ordinary</b>	Not exceptional in any way especially in quality or ability or size or degree. <i>An <b>ordinary</b> day.</i>
<u><b>overdone</b></u>	Done to excess; exaggerated. <i>He sat there chewing his <b>overdone</b> steak.</i>
<u><b>overworked</b></u>	Used to excess. <i>For once the <b>overworked</b> phrase the end of an era is apposite.</i>
<u><b>pedestrian</b></u>	Lacking inspiration or excitement; dull. <i>Disenchantment with their <b>pedestrian</b> lives.</i>
<b>platitudinous</b>	(of a remark or statement) used too often to be interesting or thoughtful; hackneyed. <i>This may sound <b>platitudinous</b>.</i>

<b><u>predictable</u></b>	Capable of being foretold. <i>The market is volatile and never <b>predictable</b>.</i>
<b>prosaic</b>	Not challenging; dull and lacking excitement. <i><b>Prosaic</b> language can't convey the experience.</i>
<b>routine</b>	Found in the ordinary course of events- Anita Diamant. <i>It was a <b>routine</b> day.</i>
<b>run-of-the-mill</b>	Not special in any way.
<b>shopworn</b>	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i>He brought out some <b>shopworn</b> lettuce.</i>
<b><u>stale</u></b>	Lacking originality or spontaneity; no longer new. <i>Their marriage had gone <b>stale</b>.</i>
<b>stereotyped</b>	Lacking spontaneity or originality or individuality. <i><b>Stereotyped</b> phrases of condolence.</i>
<b><u>stock</u></b>	Of a product or type of product usually kept in stock and thus regularly available for sale. <i>The <b>stock</b> characters in every cowboy film.</i>
<b><u>threadbare</u></b>	(of a person, building, or room) poor or shabby in appearance. <i>The song was a tissue of <b>threadbare</b> clichés.</i>
<b>timeworn</b>	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i>Parroting some <b>timeworn</b> axiom.</i>
<b>tired</b>	Bored or impatient with. <i><b>Tired</b> mothers with crying babies.</i>
<b><u>trite</u></b>	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i>The <b>trite</b> metaphor hard as nails.</i>
<b>unimaginative</b>	Lacking spontaneity or originality or individuality. <i>The production was plodding and <b>unimaginative</b>.</i>
<b>uninspired</b>	Having no intellectual or emotional or spiritual excitement. <i>The production was professional but <b>uninspired</b>.</i>
<b><u>unoriginal</u></b>	Not original; not being or productive of something fresh and unusual. <i>The manuscript contained <b>unoriginal</b> emendations.</i>
<b><u>vapid</u></b>	Lacking taste or flavor or tang. <i>Tuneful but <b>vapid</b> musical comedies.</i>
<b>well-worn</b>	Showing signs of much wear or use.



## Usage Examples of "Banal" as an adjective

- *Songs with banal, repeated words.*

## Associations of "Banal" (30 Words)

<b>banality</b>	A trite or obvious remark. <i>There is an essential <b>banality</b> to the story he tells.</i>
<b>bathetic</b>	Effusively or insincerely emotional. <i>A <b>bathetic</b> novel.</i>
<b><u>bland</u></b>	(of food or drink) unseasoned, mild-tasting, or insipid. <i>A <b>bland</b> diet.</i>
<b><u>boredom</u></b>	The feeling of being bored by something tedious. <i>I ll die of <b>boredom</b> if I live that long.</i>
<b>boring</b>	The act of drilling a hole in the earth in the hope of producing petroleum. <i>A <b>boring</b> evening with uninteresting people.</i>
<b>bromide</b>	A reproduction or piece of typesetting on bromide paper. <i>Feel good <b>bromides</b> create the illusion of problem solving.</i>
<b><u>cliche</u></b>	A trite or obvious remark.
<b>commonplace</b>	A notable passage in a work copied into a commonplace book. <i>His remarks were trite and <b>commonplace</b>.</i>
<b><u>dichotomy</u></b>	Repeated branching into two equal parts. <i>A rigid <b>dichotomy</b> between science and mysticism.</i>
<b>dull</b>	Make dull in appearance. <i>When cutting hard rock the edge soon became <b>dull</b>.</i>

<b>featureless</b>	Lacking distinguishing characteristics or features. <i>The <b>featureless</b> landscape of the steppe.</i>
<b>generalization</b>	A general statement or concept obtained by inference from specific cases. <i>He was making sweeping <b>generalizations</b>.</i>
<b>hackneyed</b>	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i><b>Hackneyed</b> phrases.</i>
<b>humdrum</b>	Lacking excitement or variety; boringly monotonous. <i>A <b>humdrum</b> existence all work and no play.</i>
<b>lackluster</b>	Lacking luster or shine. <i>A dull <b>lackluster</b> life.</i>
<b>median</b>	Denoting the middle term or mean of the middle two terms of a series arranged in order of magnitude For example the median number of the series 55 62 76 85 93 is 76. <i>The <b>median</b> income for the year was 15 000.</i>
<b>mediocre</b>	Poor to middling in quality. <i>The caliber of the students has gone from <b>mediocre</b> to above average.</i>
<b>mediocrity</b>	A person of second-rate ability or value. <i>The team suddenly came good after years of <b>mediocrity</b>.</i>
<b>monotony</b>	Sameness of pitch or tone in a sound or utterance. <i>You can become resigned to the <b>monotony</b> of captivity.</i>
<b>nondescript</b>	A nondescript person or thing. <i>Women dressed in <b>nondescript</b> clothes.</i>
<b>normal</b>	Conforming with or constituting a norm or standard or level or type or social norm not abnormal. <i>Serve wine at <b>normal</b> room temperature.</i>
<b>ordinary</b>	Not interesting or exceptional; commonplace. <i>It was just an <b>ordinary</b> evening.</i>
<b>platitude</b>	A remark or statement, especially one with a moral content, that has been used too often to be interesting or thoughtful. <i>She began uttering liberal <b>platitudes</b>.</i>
<b>shopworn</b>	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i>He appraised his brown but slightly <b>shopworn</b> body in the mirror.</i>
<b>simple</b>	Unornamented. <i>Camcorders are now so <b>simple</b> to operate.</i>
<b>simplistic</b>	Treating complex issues and problems as if they were much simpler than they really are. <i>A <b>simplistic</b> theory of the universe.</i>

<b>stereotyped</b>	Viewed or represented as a stereotype. <i>The film is weakened by its <b>stereotyped</b> characters.</i>
<b>timeworn</b>	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i>Parroting some <b>timeworn</b> axiom.</i>
<u><b>trite</b></u>	(of a remark or idea) lacking originality or freshness; dull on account of overuse. <i>His remarks were <b>trite</b> and commonplace.</i>
<u><b>unremarkable</b></u>	Found in the ordinary course of events- Anita Diamant. <i>An <b>unremarkable</b> house.</i>