

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)

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

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



Usage Examples of "Banal" as an adjective

- *Songs with banal, repeated words.*

Associations of "Banal" (30 Words)

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

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

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