

Need another word that means the same as “basic”? Find 31 synonyms and 30 related words for “basic” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Basic” are: canonic, canonical, introductory, fundamental, rudimentary, primary, principal, cardinal, chief, elementary, elemental, lowest, bottom, starting, plain, simple, unsophisticated, straightforward, adequate, unadorned, undecorated, unornamented, staple, fundamentals, essentials, rudiments, principles, first principles, foundations, preliminaries, groundwork**

## Basic as a Noun

### Definitions of "Basic" as a noun

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

- *Essential food and other supplies.*
- *The essential facts or principles of a subject or skill.*
- *A necessary commodity for which demand is constant.*
- *A popular programming language that is relatively easy to learn; an acronym for beginner's all-purpose symbolic instruction code; no longer in general use.*
- *(usually in the plural) a necessary commodity for which demand is constant.*



## Synonyms of "Basic" as a noun (9 Words)

<b>essentials</b>	Anything indispensable. <i>The <b>essentials</b> of the good life.</i>
<b>first principles</b>	The time at which something is supposed to begin.
<b>foundations</b>	Lowest support of a structure. <i>He lacks the foundation necessary for advanced study.</i>
<b>fundamentals</b>	The lowest tone of a harmonic series. <i>First you must learn the <b>fundamentals</b>.</i>
<b>groundwork</b>	Preliminary or basic work. <i>The inquiry's findings are expected to lay the <b>groundwork</b> for a complete overhaul of the system.</i>
<b>preliminaries</b>	Something that serves as a preceding event or introduces what follows.
<b>principles</b>	Rule of personal conduct. <i>Their <b>principles</b> of composition characterized all their works.</i>

**rudiments** The elementary stages of any subject (usually plural).  
*He mastered only the **rudiments** of geometry.*

**staple** A piece of thin wire with two short right angled end pieces which are driven by a stapler through sheets of paper to fasten them together.  
***Staple** fibers vary widely in length.*



### Usage Examples of "Basic" as a noun

- *I learnt the basics of programming on a course.*
- *Teachers are going back to basics to encourage pupils to learn English.*
- *People are facing a shortage of basics like flour.*



## Basic as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Basic" as an adjective

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

- *Forming an essential foundation or starting point; fundamental.*
- *Pertaining to or constituting a base or basis.*
- *Common to or required by everyone; primary and ineradicable or inalienable.*
- *Having the properties of a base, or containing a base; having a pH above 7.*
- *Relating to or denoting steel-making processes involving lime-rich refractories and slags.*
- *Of or denoting or of the nature of or containing a base.*
- *Offering or constituting the minimum required without elaboration or luxury.*
- *(of rock, especially lava) relatively poor in silica.*

- *Reduced to the simplest and most significant form possible without loss of generality.*
- *Serving as a base or starting point.*
- *Having tastes, interests, or attitudes regarded as mainstream or conventional (typically used of a woman).*



## Synonyms of "Basic" as an adjective (22 Words)

<b>adequate</b>	Sufficient for the purpose. <i>The food was <b>adequate</b>.</i>
<b>bottom</b>	Situated at the bottom or lowest position. <i>They came <b>bottom</b> with 17 points.</i>
<b>canonic</b>	Appearing in a biblical canon. <i>A <b>canonical</b> syllable pattern.</i>
<b>canonical</b>	According to or ordered by canon law. <i>A <b>canonical</b> book of the Christian New Testament.</i>

<b>cardinal</b>	Being or denoting a numerical quantity but not order. <i>A <b>cardinal</b> rule.</i>
<b>chief</b>	Most important element. <i>The <b>chief</b> reason for the spending cuts.</i>
<b>elemental</b>	Forming an essential or typical feature; fundamental. <i>Failure is always apparent at this <b>elemental</b> level.</i>
<b>elementary</b>	Of or pertaining to or characteristic of elementary school or elementary education. <i>An <b>elementary</b> problem in statistics.</i>
<b>fundamental</b>	So basic as to be hard to alter, resolve, or overcome. <i>The book underwent <b>fundamental</b> changes.</i>
<b>introductory</b>	Serving as an introduction or preface. <i>We are making a special <b>introductory</b> offer of a reduced subscription.</i>
<b>lowest</b>	Lowest in rank or importance.
<b>plain</b>	(of written or spoken usage) clearly expressed, without the use of technical or abstruse terms. <i>An insurance policy written in <b>plain</b> English.</i>
<b>primary</b>	Of primary importance. <i>A <b>primary</b> teacher.</i>
<b>principal</b>	Denoting an original sum invested or lent. <i>The <b>principal</b> amount of your investment.</i>
<b>rudimentary</b>	Relating to an immature, undeveloped, or basic form. <i><b>Rudimentary</b> wings.</i>
<b>simple</b>	Humble and unpretentious. <i>The <b>simple</b> passage of time was enough.</i>
<b>starting</b>	Bulging or protruding as with fear. <i>The <b>starting</b> point.</i>
<b>straightforward</b>	(of a person) honest and frank. <i>He is not being as <b>straightforward</b> as it appears.</i>
<b>unadorned</b>	Not adorned; plain. <i>It was very simple its walls <b>unadorned</b>.</i>
<b>undecorated</b>	Not decorated with something to increase its beauty or distinction. <i>The walls were completely <b>undecorated</b>.</i>
<b>unornamented</b>	Lacking embellishment or ornamentation. <i>An <b>unornamented</b> two storey building.</i>
<b>unsophisticated</b>	Lacking refined worldly knowledge or tastes. <i><b>Unsophisticated</b> computer software.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Basic" as an adjective

- *Basic human rights.*
- *The basic ingredients.*
- *Basic changes in public opinion occur because of changes in priorities.*
- *The laying down of arms is basic to the agreement.*
- *Certain basic rules must be obeyed.*
- *A basic course in Russian.*
- *A basic fact.*
- *These salts yield basic solutions comparable in strength with the mineral alkalis.*
- *The food was good, if a bit basic.*
- *A basic story line.*
- *Basic training for raw recruits.*
- *A set of basic tools.*
- *A coarse-grained, basic, plutonic rock.*
- *If your date orders vegetable tempura you know she is totally basic.*



## Associations of "Basic" (30 Words)

### applied

Concerned with concrete problems or data rather than with fundamental principles.

**Applied** psychology.

### basal

Of primary importance.

**Basal** placentation.

### base

Serving as or forming a base.

**Base** a claim on some observation.

### **basically**

In essence; at bottom or by one's (or its) very nature.

**I basically** played the same thing every night.

### **basilar**

Of or situated at the base of something, especially of the skull, or of the organ of Corti in the ear.

The **basilar** membrane of the cochlea.



<b>cornerstone</b>	The fundamental assumptions from which something is begun or developed or calculated or explained. <i>A national minimum wage remained the <b>cornerstone</b> of policy.</i>
<b>elemental</b>	A supernatural entity or force thought to be physically manifested by occult means. <i>Gods and <b>elementals</b> looked out upon the worshippers.</i>
<b>elementary</b>	Of or pertaining to or characteristic of elementary school or elementary education. <i>The six stages take students from <b>elementary</b> to advanced level.</i>
<b>elements</b>	Violent or severe weather viewed as caused by the action of the four elements. <i>They felt the full fury of the <b>elements</b>.</i>
<b>essential</b>	(of a disease) with no known external stimulus or cause; idiopathic. <i>The <b>essential</b> weakness of the plaintiff's case.</i>
<b>essentially</b>	In essence; at bottom or by one's (or its) very nature. <i><b>Essentially</b> they are amateurs.</i>
<b>essentialness</b>	Basic importance.
<b>firsthand</b>	From the original source; directly. <i><b>Firsthand</b> information.</i>
<b>fundamental</b>	A fundamental note tone or frequency. <i>The <b>fundamental</b> laws of the universe.</i>
<b>fundamentally</b>	Used to make an emphatic statement about the basic truth of something. <i><b>Fundamentally</b> this is a matter for doctors.</i>
<b>indispensable</b>	Absolutely necessary. <i>Foods <b>indispensable</b> to good nutrition.</i>
<b>leading</b>	The activity of leading. <i>The <b>leading</b> team in the pennant race.</i>
<b>main</b>	Most important element. <i>The camcorder can be run directly off the <b>mains</b>.</i>
<b>nutshell</b>	The hard woody covering around the kernel of a nut.
<b>originally</b>	With reference to the origin or beginning. <i>Potatoes <b>originally</b> came from South America.</i>
<b>premise</b>	State or presuppose something as a premise. <i>He <b>premised</b> these remarks so that his readers might understand.</i>
<b>primarily</b>	For the most part; mainly. <i>Around 80 per cent of personal computers are used <b>primarily</b> for word processing.</i>

<b><u>primary</u></b>	Of primary importance. <i>The government's <b>primary</b> aim is to see significant reductions in unemployment.</i>
<b>principal</b>	An actor who plays a principal role. <i>Stockbrokers in Tokyo act as agents rather than as <b>principals</b>.</i>
<b><u>radical</u></b>	A radical sign. <i><b>Radical</b> leaves.</i>
<b>radically</b>	In a thorough or fundamental way; completely. <i>You must <b>radically</b> change the way you do business.</i>
<b>rudiment</b>	An elementary or primitive form of (something). <i>She taught the girls the <b>rudiments</b> of reading and writing.</i>
<b><u>rudimentary</u></b>	Not fully developed in mature animals. <i><b>Rudimentary</b> plans.</i>
<b><u>staple</u></b>	Attach or secure with a staple or staples. <i>Wheat is a <b>staple</b> crop.</i>
<b><u>underlying</u></b>	Lying or situated under something. <i><b>Underlying</b> problems need to be addressed.</i>

