

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)

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| <b>essentials</b>       | Anything indispensable.<br><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.<br><i>He lacks the <b>foundation</b> necessary for advanced study.</i>  |
| <b>fundamentals</b>     | The lowest tone of a harmonic series.<br><i>First you must learn the <b>fundamentals</b>.</i>  |
| <b>groundwork</b>       | Preliminary or basic work.<br><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.<br><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)

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

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| <b><u>cardinal</u></b>        | Being or denoting a numerical quantity but not order.<br>A <b>cardinal</b> rule.   |
| <b>chief</b>                  | Most important element.<br><i>The <b>chief</b> reason for the spending cuts.</i>   |
| <b><u>elemental</u></b>       | Forming an essential or typical feature; fundamental.<br><i>Failure is always apparent at this <b>elemental</b> level.</i>                                     |
| <b><u>elementary</u></b>      | Of or pertaining to or characteristic of elementary school or elementary education.<br><i>An <b>elementary</b> problem in statistics.</i>                      |
| <b>fundamental</b>            | So basic as to be hard to alter, resolve, or overcome.<br><i>The book underwent <b>fundamental</b> changes.</i>  |
| <b>introductory</b>           | Serving as an introduction or preface.<br><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.<br><i>An insurance policy written in <b>plain</b> English.</i> |
| <b><u>primary</u></b>         | Of primary importance.<br><i>A <b>primary</b> teacher.</i>   |
| <b>principal</b>              | Denoting an original sum invested or lent.<br><i>The <b>principal</b> amount of your investment.</i>   |
| <b><u>rudimentary</u></b>     | Relating to an immature, undeveloped, or basic form.<br><b>Rudimentary</b> wings.  |
| <b>simple</b>                 | Humble and unpretentious.<br><i>The <b>simple</b> passage of time was enough.</i>  |
| <b>starting</b>               | Bulging or protruding as with fear.<br><i>The <b>starting</b> point.</i>   |
| <b><u>straightforward</u></b> | (of a person) honest and frank.<br><i>He is not being as <b>straightforward</b> as it appears.</i>   |
| <b>unadorned</b>              | Not adorned; plain.<br><i>It was very simple its walls <b>unadorned</b>.</i>   |
| <b>undecorated</b>            | Not decorated with something to increase its beauty or distinction.<br><i>The walls were completely <b>undecorated</b>.</i>                                    |
| <b>unornamented</b>           | Lacking embellishment or ornamentation.<br><i>An <b>unornamented</b> two storey building.</i>  |
| <b><u>unsophisticated</u></b> | Lacking refined worldly knowledge or tastes.<br><b>Unsophisticated</b> computer software.  |



## 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.



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| <b>cornerstone</b>   | The fundamental assumptions from which something is begun or developed or calculated or explained.<br><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.<br><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.<br><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.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i><b>Essentially</b> they are amateurs.</i>   |
| <b>essentialness</b> | Basic importance.   |
| <b>firsthand</b>     | From the original source; directly.<br><i><b>Firsthand</b> information.</i>   |
| <b>fundamental</b>   | A fundamental note tone or frequency.<br><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.<br><i><b>Fundamentally</b> this is a matter for doctors.</i>   |
| <b>indispensable</b> | Absolutely necessary.<br><i>Foods <b>indispensable</b> to good nutrition.</i>   |
| <b>leading</b>       | The activity of leading.<br><i>The <b>leading</b> team in the pennant race.</i>   |
| <b>main</b>          | Most important element.<br><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.<br><i>Potatoes <b>originally</b> came from South America.</i>  |
| <b>premise</b>       | State or presuppose something as a premise.<br><i>He <b>premised</b> these remarks so that his readers might understand.</i>  |
| <b>primarily</b>     | For the most part; mainly.<br><i>Around 80 per cent of personal computers are used <b>primarily</b> for word processing.</i>  |

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| <b><u>primary</u></b>     | Of primary importance.<br><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.<br><i>Stockbrokers in Tokyo act as agents rather than as <b>principals</b>.</i>        |
| <b><u>radical</u></b>     | A radical sign.<br><i><b>Radical</b> leaves.</i>  |
| <b>radically</b>          | In a thorough or fundamental way; completely.<br><i>You must <b>radically</b> change the way you do business.</i>           |
| <b>rudiment</b>           | An elementary or primitive form of (something).<br><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.<br><i><b>Rudimentary</b> plans.</i>  |
| <b><u>staple</u></b>      | Attach or secure with a staple or staples.<br><i>Wheat is a <b>staple</b> crop.</i>   |
| <b><u>underlying</u></b>  | Lying or situated under something.<br><i><b>Underlying</b> problems need to be addressed.</i>                               |

