

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)

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

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)

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

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

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

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

