

Need another word that means the same as “bony”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “bony” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Bony” are: boney, osseous, osteal, scraggly, scraggy, scrawny, skinny, underweight, weedy, gaunt, angular, thin, thin as a rake, lean, spare, skin-and-bones, skeletal, cadaverous**

## Bony as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Bony" as an adjective

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

- *Very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold.*
- *Being very thin.*
- *(of a fish eaten as food) having many bones.*
- *Having bones especially many or prominent bones.*
- *Of or like bone.*
- *(of a person or part of the body) so thin that the bones can be seen.*
- *Composed of or containing bone.*



## Synonyms of "Bony" as an adjective (18 Words)

<b>angular</b>	Having angles or an angular shape. <i>Her <b>angular</b> face.</i>
<b>boney</b>	Being very thin.
<b>cadaverous</b>	Of or relating to a cadaver or corpse. <i>He was gaunt and <b>cadaverous</b>.</i>
<b><u>gaunt</u></b>	Very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold. <i>A nightmare population of <b>gaunt</b> men and skeletal boys.</i>
<b><u>lean</u></b>	Lacking excess flesh-Shakespeare. <i>Yon Cassius has a <b>lean</b> and hungry look.</i>
<b>osseous</b>	Composed of or containing bone. <i><b>Osseous</b> tissue.</i>
<b>osteal</b>	Relating to bone or to the skeleton.

<b>scraggly</b>	Lacking neatness or order. <i>A <b>scraggly</b> little path to the door.</i>
<b>scraggy</b>	(of a person or animal) thin and bony. <i>An old man with a <b>scraggy</b> beard.</i>
<b>scrawny</b>	(of vegetation) meagre or stunted. <i>A long <b>scrawny</b> neck.</i>
<b>skeletal</b>	Very thin; emaciated. <i>A small <b>skeletal</b> boy clothed in rags.</i>
<b>skin-and-bones</b>	Consisting of or made up of bone.
<b><u>skinny</u></b>	(of coffee) made with skimmed or semi-skimmed milk. <i>A child with <b>skinny</b> freckled legs.</i>
<b><u>spare</u></b>	Lacking in magnitude or quantity. <i><b>Spare</b> parts.</i>
<b><u>thin</u></b>	Relatively thin in consistency or low in density not viscous. <i>A depressingly <b>thin</b> crowd.</i>
<b>thin as a rake</b>	Lacking excess flesh-Shakespeare.
<b>underweight</b>	Having less investment in a particular area than is normal or desirable. <i>He was thirty pounds <b>underweight</b>.</i>
<b>weedy</b>	Abounding with or resembling weeds. <i>He was small and <b>weedy</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Bony" as an adjective

- *He held up his bony fingers.*
- *Bony fish.*
- *The bony plates that protect turtles and tortoises.*
- *Her bony wrist.*
- *A bony shad fillet.*
- *Pale bony hands.*





## Associations of "Bony" (30 Words)

- bone** In southern Africa one of a set of carved dice or bones used by traditional healers in divination.  
*I had to **bone** up on my Latin verbs before the final exam.*
- cadaverous** Very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold.  
*He was gaunt and **cadaverous**.*
- careworn** Tired and unhappy because of prolonged worry.  
*A **careworn** expression.*
- cranial** Of or relating to the cranium which encloses the brain.
- drawn** Having the curtains or draperies closed or pulled shut.  
*Cathy was pale and **drawn** and she looked tired out.*
- emaciated** Very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold.  
*She was so **emaciated** she could hardly stand.*
- frame** The framework for a pair of eyeglasses.  
*An old bicycle **frame**.*

<b>framework</b>	The underlying structure. <i>Providing a factual <b>framework</b> for future research.</i>
<b>gangly</b>	Tall and thin and having long slender limbs.
<b>gaunt</b>	(of a person) lean and haggard, especially because of suffering, hunger, or age. <i><b>Gaunt</b> tenement blocks.</i>
<b>haggard</b>	A haggard hawk. <i>Alex s <b>haggard</b> face.</i>
<b>lissom</b>	Moving and bending with ease. <i>The kind of outfit that should be left to <b>lissom</b> teenagers.</i>
<b>lithe</b>	(especially of a person's body) thin, supple, and graceful. <i>She lay gazing up at his tall <b>lithe</b> figure.</i>
<b>muscle</b>	A muscle or muscles when well developed or prominently visible under the skin. <i>He was eventually <b>muscled</b> out of the market.</i>
<b>osseous</b>	Composed of or containing bone. <i><b>Osseous</b> tissue.</i>
<b>ossify</b>	Become bony. <i>These tracheal cartilages may <b>ossify</b>.</i>
<b>silhouette</b>	Represent by a silhouette. <i>She paused to see its <b>silhouette</b> against the dimming sky.</i>
<b>sinewy</b>	Full of sinews; especially impossible to chew. <i>The language is spare and <b>sinewy</b>.</i>
<b>skeletal</b>	Very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold. <i>The <b>skeletal</b> remains of aquatic organisms.</i>
<b>skinny</b>	A pair of skinny jeans or trousers. <i>In the winter I live in <b>skinny</b> jeans and boots.</i>
<b>skull</b>	A bone framework enclosing the brain of a vertebrate; the skeleton of a person's or animal's head. <i>He broke his collar bone and fractured his <b>skull</b>.</i>
<b>slender</b>	Being of delicate or slender build Frank Norris. <i>She was <b>slender</b> as a willow shoot is <b>slender</b>.</i>
<b>slim</b>	A course or period of slimming. <i>There was just a <b>slim</b> chance of success.</i>
<b>svelte</b>	Moving and bending with ease. <i>She was <b>svelte</b> and sophisticated.</i>

<b>tendinous</b>	Consisting of or resembling tendons. <i>A band of muscular and <b>tendinous</b> fibres.</i>
<b><u>thin</u></b>	Make thin or thinner. <i>A <b>thin</b> feeble cry.</i>
<b>tiny</b>	A very young child. <i>A <b>tiny</b> hummingbird.</i>
<b>tissue</b>	Tissue paper. <i><b>Tissue</b> textiles.</i>
<b>waif</b>	A young person who is thin and looks unhealthy or uncared for. <i>A little shop presided over by a Gothic <b>waif</b> in purple eyeshadow and lipstick.</i>
<b>willowy</b>	(of a person) tall, slim, and lithe. <i><b>Willowy</b> meadow land.</i>

