

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)

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

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

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

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

