

Need another word that means the same as “chiefly”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “chiefly” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Chiefly” are: in the main, mainly, primarily, principally, predominantly, above all, mostly, for the most part, first and foremost, especially, particularly, essentially, substantially

Chiefly as an Adverb

Definitions of "Chiefly" as an adverb

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

- *Mainly.*
- *For the most part; mostly.*
- *For the most part.*

Synonyms of "Chiefly" as an adverb (13 Words)

above all	At an earlier place.
especially	To a distinctly greater extent or degree than is common. An especially or <i>especially cautious approach to the danger.</i>
<u>essentially</u>	In essence; at bottom or by one’s (or its) very nature. <i>The argument was essentially a technical one.</i>
first and foremost	Prominently forward.
for the most part	Slightly short of or not quite accomplished; all but.
in the main	To or toward the inside of.

mainly	More than anything else. <i>He is mainly concerned with fiction.</i>
mostly	As regards the greater part or number. <i>The culprits are mostly but not exclusively male.</i>
particularly	Uniquely or characteristically. <i>A particularly gruesome attack.</i>
predominantly	Much greater in number or influence. <i>Predominantly Russian areas.</i>
primarily	For the most part; mainly. <i>This is primarily a question of economics.</i>
principally	For the most part. <i>He was principally a landscape painter.</i>
substantially	For the most part; essentially. <i>Profits grew substantially.</i>

Usage Examples of "Chiefly" as an adverb

- An audience consisting chiefly of women between the ages of 18 and 54.
- He is remembered chiefly for his organ sonatas.

Associations of "Chiefly" (30 Words)

accepted	Generally approved or compelling recognition. <i>Several accepted techniques for treating the condition.</i>
always	At any time or in any event. <i>She will always be missed.</i>
basically	Used to indicate that a statement summarizes the most important aspects, or gives a roughly accurate account, of a more complex situation. <i>I basically played the same thing every night.</i>
broadly	In general and without considering minor details. <i>Broadly speaking the risks are as follows.</i>
commonly	Very often; frequently. <i>Shift workers commonly complain of not getting enough sleep.</i>
consist	Be consistent in form tenor or character be congruous. <i>The crew consists of five men.</i>

<u>essentially</u>	Used to emphasize the basic, fundamental, or intrinsic nature of a person or thing. <i>The argument was essentially a technical one.</i>
exceptionally	To a greater degree than normal; unusually. <i>The weather was exceptionally mild for the time of the year.</i>
<u>generally</u>	Usually; as a rule. <i>A decade when France was moving generally to the left.</i>
habitually	By way of habit; customarily. <i>He habitually carried a pocket knife.</i>
irresistibly	In a way that is too powerful or convincing to be resisted. <i>I am irresistibly reminded of the advice of a friend of mine.</i>
<u>largely</u>	In large part; mainly or chiefly. <i>He was soon arrested largely through the efforts of Tom Poole.</i>
<u>mainly</u>	For the most part. <i>He is mainly interested in butterflies.</i>
<u>mostly</u>	In large part; mainly or chiefly. <i>The culprits are mostly but not exclusively male.</i>
norm	Adjust something to conform to a norm. <i>Strikes were the norm.</i>
<u>normally</u>	Under normal or usual conditions; as a rule. <i>Try to breathe normally.</i>
ordinarily	Under normal conditions. <i>A person who is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom.</i>
<u>originally</u>	In an original manner. <i>Potatoes originally came from South America.</i>
<u>overwhelmingly</u>	To a very great degree or with a great majority. <i>The country voted overwhelmingly for independence.</i>
pantechnicon	A large moving van (especially one used for moving furniture).
predominantly	Much greater in number or influence. <i>The patients are predominantly indigenous.</i>
<u>primarily</u>	For the most part; mainly. <i>Around 80 per cent of personal computers are used primarily for word processing.</i>
principal	An actor who plays a principal role. <i>He had been an outstanding principal in the orchestra.</i>
principally	For the most part; chiefly. <i>He was principally a landscape painter.</i>

public	A body of people sharing some common interest. <i>Public spending.</i>
routinely	As part of a regular procedure rather than for a special reason. <i>Large scale producers routinely vaccinate their birds against the disease.</i>
typically	With the distinctive qualities of a particular type of person or thing. <i>The quality of work is typically very high.</i>
universally	By everyone; in every case. <i>Progress is not always universally welcomed.</i>
usually	Under normal conditions. <i>Heat resistant paints are usually black or aluminium coloured.</i>
wont	One's customary behaviour. <i>Constance as was her wont had paid her little attention.</i>