

Need another word that means the same as “cornerstone”? Find 23 synonyms and 30 related words for “cornerstone” in this overview.

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Cornerstone as a Noun

Definitions of "Cornerstone" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “cornerstone” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A stone at the outer corner of two intersecting masonry walls.*
- *The fundamental assumptions from which something is begun or developed or calculated or explained.*
- *A stone in the exterior of a large and important building; usually carved with a date and laid with appropriate ceremonies.*
- *A stone that forms the base of a corner of a building, joining two walls.*
- *An important quality or feature on which a particular thing depends or is based.*



Synonyms of "Cornerstone" as a noun (23 Words)

[anchor](#)

An anchorman or anchorwoman.
*Faith is his **anchor**.*

backbone

The spine of a book.
*Prickles of sweat broke out along her **backbone**.*

[base](#)

A known line used as a geometrical base for trigonometry.
*She makes the studio her **base**.*

[basis](#)

The underlying support or foundation for an idea, argument, or process.
*He worked on an interim **basis**.*

bedrock

The fundamental principles on which something is based.
*Honesty is the **bedrock** of a good relationship.*

central component

A workplace that serves as a telecommunications facility where lines from telephones can be connected together to permit communication.

centre	A place where some particular activity is concentrated. <i>A new centre party.</i>
centrepiece	An item, issue, etc. intended to be a focus of attention. <i>A domestic programme with healthcare as the centrepiece.</i>
core	The inner strand of an electric cable or rope. <i>The ball has a titanium core.</i>
crux	A small conspicuous constellation in the southern hemisphere in the Milky Way near Centaurus. <i>The crux of the matter is that attitudes have changed.</i>
focus	Special emphasis attached to something. <i>The focus of infection.</i>
foundation	The lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level. <i>This idea is the foundation of all modern economics.</i>
fundament	The fundamental assumptions from which something is begun or developed or calculated or explained.
fundamental principle	Any factor that could be considered important to the understanding of a particular business.
groundwork	Lowest support of a structure. <i>We are prepared today because of groundwork that was done ten years ago.</i>
heart	A card game similar to whist in which players attempt to avoid taking tricks containing a card of the suit of hearts. <i>You haven't got the heart for baseball.</i>
key	A lever as in a keyboard that actuates a mechanism when depressed. <i>A room key.</i>
keystone	A central stone at the summit of an arch, locking the whole together. <i>Cooperation remains the keystone of the government's security policy.</i>
<u>linchpin</u>	Pin inserted through an axle-tree to hold a wheel on. <i>He is the linchpin of this firm.</i>
main ingredient	A principal pipe in a system that distributes water or gas or electricity or that collects sewage.
mainspring	The principal spring in a watch, clock, or other mechanism. <i>Innovation is the mainspring of the new economy.</i>
<u>mainstay</u>	A person or thing on which something else is based or depends. <i>Farming is the mainstay of the rural economy.</i>

prop

A propeller that rotates to push against air.

*He looked around for a **prop** to pin the door open.*



Usage Examples of "Cornerstone" as a noun

- A national minimum wage remained the cornerstone of policy.

Associations of "Cornerstone" (30 Words)

<u>basal</u>	Of primary importance. <i>Basal placentation.</i>
<u>base</u>	Serving as or forming a base. <i>Glycerinated gelatin is used as a base for many ointments.</i>
<u>basic</u>	Pertaining to or constituting a base or basis. <i>The laying down of arms is basic to the agreement.</i>
basilar	Of or relating to or located at the base. <i>The basilar membrane of the cochlea.</i>
<u>basis</u>	The system or principles according to which an activity or process is carried on. <i>Trust is the only basis for a good working relationship.</i>
concept	An idea or invention to help sell or publicize a commodity. <i>The concept of justice.</i>
<u>elemental</u>	Concerned with chemical elements or other basic components. <i>Elemental sulphur.</i>
<u>elementary</u>	Of or pertaining to or characteristic of elementary school or elementary education. <i>An elementary astronomy course.</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>
essence	The choicest or most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience. <i>Locke's scepticism about our ability to penetrate to the real essences of things.</i>
essential	(of an amino acid or fatty acid) required for normal growth but not synthesized in the body and therefore necessary in the diet. <i>We only had the bare essentials in the way of equipment.</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>
essentialness	Basic importance.

foundation	An institution established with an endowment, for example a research body or charity. <i>The foundation of a civil service college.</i>
fundamental	A fundamental note tone or frequency. <i>Two courses cover the fundamentals of microbiology.</i>
<u>gist</u>	The central meaning or theme of a speech or literary work. <i>Damage is the gist of the action and without it the plaintiff must fail.</i>
ground	Place something on the ground or touch the ground with something. <i>Shore dumping can pollute fishing grounds.</i>
groundwork	The fundamental assumptions from which something is begun or developed or calculated or explained. <i>We are prepared today because of groundwork that was done ten years ago.</i>
hypostasis	The suppression of a gene by the effect of an unrelated gene.
<u>main</u>	(of a clause) capable of standing syntactically alone as a complete sentence. <i>The camcorder can be run directly off the mains.</i>
nether	Dwelling beneath the surface of the earth. <i>Nether garments.</i>
pedestal	Set or support on a pedestal. <i>They put him on a pedestal.</i>
<u>primary</u>	A primary coil or winding in an electrical transformer. <i>A primary alcohol.</i>
prop	A propeller that rotates to push against air. <i>He looked around for a prop to pin the door open.</i>
radically	In a radical manner. <i>You must radically change the way you do business.</i>
<u>rooted</u>	Broken or badly damaged. <i>I m usually completely rooted by the end of a trip and need heaps of physio to recover.</i>
rudiment	The elementary stages of any subject (usually plural). <i>She taught the girls the rudiments of reading and writing.</i>
<u>rudimentary</u>	Being in the earliest stages of development. <i>Rudimentary plans.</i>
<u>staple</u>	Secure or fasten with a staple or staples. <i>Staple fibers vary widely in length.</i>

underlying

Located beneath or below.

*The flu can be particularly severe for the elderly and those with **underlying** conditions.*