

Need another word that means the same as “essentially”? Find 7 synonyms and 30 related words for “essentially” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Essentially” are: basically, fundamentally, primarily, principally, chiefly, firstly, predominantly

Essentially as an Adverb

Definitions of "Essentially" as an adverb

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

- *In essence; at bottom or by one's (or its) very nature.*
- *Used to emphasize the basic, fundamental, or intrinsic nature of a person or thing.*

Synonyms of "Essentially" as an adverb (7 Words)

basically	In the most essential respects; fundamentally. <i>He is basically dishonest.</i>
chiefly	For the most part. <i>An audience consisting chiefly of women between the ages of 18 and 54.</i>
firstly	Used to introduce a first point or reason. <i>Firstly it is wrong and secondly it is extremely difficult to implement.</i>
fundamentally	In central or primary respects. <i>Two fundamentally different concepts of democracy.</i>
predominantly	Mainly; for the most part. <i>It is predominantly a coastal bird.</i>

- primarily** For the most part.
*Around 80 per cent of personal computers are used **primarily** for word processing.*
- principally** For the most part; chiefly.
*He was **principally** a landscape painter.*

Usage Examples of "Essentially" as an adverb

- *Essentially, they are amateurs.*
- *The argument was essentially a technical one.*

Associations of "Essentially" (30 Words)

- basal** Of primary importance.
*A **basal** reader.*
- basic** Having tastes, interests, or attitudes regarded as mainstream or conventional (typically used of a woman).
*A set of **basic** tools.*
- 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.*
- capital** Uppercase.
*The crime **capital** of Italy.*
- chiefly** Mainly.
*He is remembered **chiefly** for his organ sonatas.*
- cornerstone** A stone at the outer corner of two intersecting masonry walls.
*A national minimum wage remained the **cornerstone** of policy.*
- elemental** A supernatural entity or force thought to be physically manifested by occult means.
***Elemental** analysis.*
- elementary** Of or pertaining to or characteristic of elementary school or elementary education.
***Elementary** my dear Watson.*
- elements** Violent or severe weather viewed as caused by the action of the four elements.
*They felt the full fury of the **elements**.*

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>It is essential to keep up to date records.</i>
<u>firsthand</u>	Received directly from a source. <i>I heard this story firsthand.</i>
<u>formative</u>	A formative element. <i>His formative years.</i>
fundamental	A fundamental note tone or frequency. <i>The protection of fundamental human rights.</i>
fundamentally	Used to make an emphatic statement about the basic truth of something. <i>Fundamentally this is a matter for doctors.</i>
heyday	The period of greatest prosperity or productivity. <i>The paper has lost millions of readers since its heyday in 1964.</i>
<u>largely</u>	On a large scale. <i>These accounts are largely inactive.</i>
<u>main</u>	The open ocean. <i>The main problem is one of resources.</i>
<u>mainly</u>	For the most part. <i>The west will be mainly dry.</i>
<u>mostly</u>	Usually; generally. <i>The culprits are mostly but not exclusively male.</i>
<u>originally</u>	From or in the beginning; at first. <i>The suggestions so originally and persuasively outlined.</i>
<u>overwhelmingly</u>	To a very great degree or with a great majority. <i>The candy looked overwhelmingly desirable to the dieting man.</i>
predominantly	Much greater in number or influence. <i>It is predominantly a coastal bird.</i>
preschool	A nursery school. <i>A preschool playgroup.</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>Primary sources.</i>
principal	An actor who plays a principal role. <i>The country s principal cities.</i>

principally	For the most part; chiefly. <i>He was principally a landscape painter.</i>
<u>rudimentary</u>	Not fully developed in mature animals. <i>Rudimentary plans.</i>
seminal	Strongly influencing later developments. <i>His seminal work on chaos theory.</i>