

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)

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

<b><u>primarily</u></b>	For the most part. <i>Around 80 per cent of personal computers are used <b>primarily</b> for word processing.</i>
<b>principally</b>	For the most part; chiefly. <i>He was <b>principally</b> a landscape painter.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Essentially" as an adverb

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

## Associations of "Essentially" (30 Words)

<b><u>basal</u></b>	Of primary importance. <i>A <b>basal</b> reader.</i>
<b><u>basic</u></b>	Having tastes, interests, or attitudes regarded as mainstream or conventional (typically used of a woman). <i>A set of <b>basic</b> tools.</i>
<b>basically</b>	In essence; at bottom or by one's (or its) very nature. <i>I <b>basically</b> played the same thing every night.</i>
<b>basilar</b>	Of or situated at the base of something, especially of the skull, or of the organ of Corti in the ear. <i>The <b>basilar</b> membrane of the cochlea.</i>
<b>capital</b>	Uppercase. <i>The crime <b>capital</b> of Italy.</i>
<b><u>chiefly</u></b>	Mainly. <i>He is remembered <b>chiefly</b> for his organ sonatas.</i>
<b><u>cornerstone</u></b>	A stone at the outer corner of two intersecting masonry walls. <i>A national minimum wage remained the <b>cornerstone</b> of policy.</i>
<b><u>elemental</u></b>	A supernatural entity or force thought to be physically manifested by occult means. <i><b>Elemental</b> analysis.</i>
<b><u>elementary</u></b>	Of or pertaining to or characteristic of elementary school or elementary education. <i><b>Elementary</b> my dear Watson.</i>
<b>elements</b>	Violent or severe weather viewed as caused by the action of the four elements. <i>They felt the full fury of the <b>elements</b>.</i>

<b>essential</b>	(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 <b>essential</b> to keep up to date records.</i>
<b><u>firsthand</u></b>	Received directly from a source. <i>I heard this story <b>firsthand</b>.</i>
<b><u>formative</u></b>	A formative element. <i>His <b>formative</b> years.</i>
<b>fundamental</b>	A fundamental note tone or frequency. <i>The protection of <b>fundamental</b> human rights.</i>
<b>fundamentally</b>	Used to make an emphatic statement about the basic truth of something. <i><b>Fundamentally</b> this is a matter for doctors.</i>
<b>heyday</b>	The period of greatest prosperity or productivity. <i>The paper has lost millions of readers since its <b>heyday</b> in 1964.</i>
<b><u>largely</u></b>	On a large scale. <i>These accounts are <b>largely</b> inactive.</i>
<b><u>main</u></b>	The open ocean. <i>The <b>main</b> problem is one of resources.</i>
<b><u>mainly</u></b>	For the most part. <i>The west will be <b>mainly</b> dry.</i>
<b><u>mostly</u></b>	Usually; generally. <i>The culprits are <b>mostly</b> but not exclusively male.</i>
<b><u>originally</u></b>	From or in the beginning; at first. <i>The suggestions so <b>originally</b> and persuasively outlined.</i>
<b><u>overwhelmingly</u></b>	To a very great degree or with a great majority. <i>The candy looked <b>overwhelmingly</b> desirable to the dieting man.</i>
<b>predominantly</b>	Much greater in number or influence. <i>It is <b>predominantly</b> a coastal bird.</i>
<b>preschool</b>	A nursery school. <i>A <b>preschool</b> playgroup.</i>
<b><u>primarily</u></b>	For the most part; mainly. <i>Around 80 per cent of personal computers are used <b>primarily</b> for word processing.</i>
<b><u>primary</u></b>	Of primary importance. <i><b>Primary</b> sources.</i>
<b>principal</b>	An actor who plays a principal role. <i>The country's <b>principal</b> cities.</i>

**principally**

For the most part; chiefly.

*He was **principally** a landscape painter.*

**rudimentary**

Not fully developed in mature animals.

***Rudimentary** plans.*

**seminal**

Strongly influencing later developments.

*His **seminal** work on chaos theory.*