

Need another word that means the same as “external”? Find 20 synonyms and 30 related words for “external” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “External” are: international, outside, extraneous, outer, outermost, outward, exterior, surface, superficial, visiting, extramural, independent, consulting, advisory, outside surface, external surface, externals, facade, front**

## External as a Noun

### Definitions of "External" as a noun

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

- *The outward features of something.*
- *Outward features.*
- *Inessential or superficial features.*



## Synonyms of "External" as a noun (6 Words)

**external surface** Outward features.

**externals** Outward features.  
*He enjoyed the solemn **externals** of religion.*

**facade** The face or front of a building.  
*The house has a half timbered **facade**.*

**front** The part of a garment covering a person's front.  
*She rolled over on to her **front**.*

**outside** The region that is outside of something.  
*Record the date on the **outside** of the file.*

**outside surface** The region that is outside of something.



## Usage Examples of "External" as a noun

- *Photographs can only show externals.*
- *The place has all the appropriate externals, such as chimneys choked with ivy.*
- *He enjoyed the solemn externals of religion.*



## External as an Adjective

### Definitions of "External" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "external" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Belonging to or forming the outer surface or structure of something.*
- *(of storage) using a disk or tape drive rather than the main memory.*
- *Relating to or denoting a medicine or similar substance for use on the outside of the body.*
- *Coming or derived from a source outside the subject affected.*
- *From or between other countries.*
- *Coming from the outside.*
- *For or concerning students registered with and taking the examinations of a university but not resident there.*

- *Purely outward or superficial- A.R.Gurney,Jr.*
- *(of hardware) not contained in the main computer; peripheral.*
- *Coming from or relating to a country or institution other than the main subject.*
- *Happening or arising or located outside or beyond some limits or especially surface.*
- *Purely outward or superficial.*



### **Synonyms of "External" as an adjective (14 Words)**

- advisory** Giving advice.  
*The EC has put forward an **advisory** maximum figure.*
- consulting** Engaged in the business of giving expert advice to people working in a professional or technical field.  
*A **consulting** engineer.*
- exterior** Forming, situated on, or relating to the outside of something.  
*An **exterior** scene.*

<b>extramural</b>	(of a course of study) arranged for people who are not full-time members of a university or other educational establishment. <i>Extramural activities.</i>
<b>extraneous</b>	Separate from the object to which it is attached. <i>Water free of <b>extraneous</b> matter.</i>
<b>independent</b>	Capable of standing syntactically alone as a complete sentence. <i>An <b>independent</b> nuclear deterrent.</i>
<b>international</b>	Used by people of many nations. <i><b>International</b> trade.</i>
<b>outer</b>	Being on the outside or further from a center. <i>The <b>outer</b> ear.</i>
<b>outermost</b>	Furthest from the centre. <i>The <b>outermost</b> layer of the earth.</i>
<b>outside</b>	Coming from the outside. <i>An <b>outside</b> chance.</i>
<b>outward</b>	Outer. <i><b>Outward</b> bound ships.</i>
<b>superficial</b>	Lacking depth of character or understanding. <i>A few <b>superficial</b> editorial changes.</i>
<b>surface</b>	On the surface. <i><b>Surface</b> layers.</i>
<b>visiting</b>	(of an academic) working for a fixed period of time at another institution. <i>A <b>visiting</b> professor.</i>



## Usage Examples of "External" as an adjective

- *For external application only.*
- *The external auditory canal.*
- *A department of external affairs.*
- *The external walls.*
- *External commerce.*
- *External composure.*
- *For many the Church was a symbol of external authority.*
- *External degrees.*
- *The child learns to form conceptions of the external world.*
- *External pressures.*
- *An external concern for reputation.*



## Associations of "External" (30 Words)

- casing** The frame round a door or window.  
*The **casings** had rotted away and had to be replaced.*
- edge** Provide with a border or edge.  
*Penn is chilling as a man pushed over the **edge** by death and destruction.*
- epidermis** The outer layer of tissue in a plant, except where it is replaced by periderm.
- exterior** The outer structure of a building.  
***Exterior** and interior walls.*
- externalize** Give external existence or form to.  
*Language **externalizes** our thoughts.*
- extrinsic** Not forming an essential part of a thing or arising or originating from the outside.  
***Extrinsic** evidence.*
- facing** An ornamental coating to a building.  
*The regiment's uniforms had orange **facings**.*



<b>integument</b>	A tough outer protective layer, especially that of an animal or plant. <i>This chemical compound is found in the <b>integument</b> of the seed.</i>
<b>internal</b>	Inside the country. <i>The nation s <b>internal</b> politics.</i>
<b>lining</b>	The act of attaching an inside lining to a garment or curtain etc. <i>Leather gloves with fur <b>linings</b>.</i>
<b>margin</b>	A profit margin. <i>These he deals forth as the notable Matters <b>margin</b>ed for better Notice.</i>
<b>marginal</b>	Minor and not important; not central. <i>A <b>marginal</b> victory.</i>
<b>marginally</b>	To only a limited extent; slightly. <i>He s <b>marginally</b> worse than he was.</i>
<b>ostensible</b>	Stated or appearing to be true, but not necessarily so. <i>The real dispute which lay behind the <b>ostensible</b> complaint.</i>
<b>outer</b>	A shot that strikes the outer. <i>Spent hours adorning the <b>outer</b> man.</i>
<b>outermost</b>	Situated at the farthest possible point from a center. <i>The <b>outermost</b> layer of the earth.</i>
<b>outside</b>	Functioning outside the boundaries or precincts of an organized unit. <i>An <b>outside</b> pitch.</i>
<b>outward</b>	Outwards. <i>An <b>outward</b> display of friendliness.</i>
<b>outwardly</b>	On the surface. <i><b>Outwardly</b> featureless modern offices.</i>
<b>peripheral</b>	A peripheral device. <i>The <b>peripheral</b> areas of Europe.</i>
<b>rind</b>	The tough outer skin of certain fruit, especially citrus fruit. <i>Pecorino Romano has a white waxy <b>rind</b>.</i>
<b>seeming</b>	Giving the impression of having a specified quality. <i>His <b>seeming</b> honesty.</i>
<b>semblance</b>	Resemblance similarity. <i>It bears some <b>semblance</b> to the thing I have in mind.</i>
<b>smatter</b>	Speak with spotty or superficial knowledge. <i>She <b>smatters</b> Russian.</i>
<b>superficial</b>	Concerned with or comprehending only what is apparent or obvious; not deep or penetrating emotionally or intellectually. <i><b>Superficial</b> similarities.</i>

**surface** Put a coat on cover the surface of furnish with a surface.  
**Surface** materials of the moon.

**trappings** (usually plural) accessory wearing apparel.  
*I had the **trappings** of success.*

**upper** Situated to the north.  
*The **upper** atmosphere.*

**veneer** Cover with veneer.  
*We have also found chests entirely **veneered** with mahogany.*

