

Need another word that means the same as “extrinsic”? Find 10 synonyms and 30 related words for “extrinsic” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Extrinsic” are: external, extraneous, exterior, outside, outward, alien, foreign, adventitious, superficial, surface**

## Extrinsic as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Extrinsic" as an adjective

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

- *(of a muscle, such as an eye muscle) having its origin some distance from the part which it moves.*
- *Not forming an essential part of a thing or arising or originating from the outside.*
- *Not part of the essential nature of someone or something; coming or operating from outside.*

### Synonyms of "Extrinsic" as an adjective (10 Words)

<b>adventitious</b>	Associated by chance and not an integral part. <i><b>Adventitious</b> similarities.</i>
<b>alien</b>	Belonging to a foreign country. <i>They found the world of further education a little <b>alien</b>.</i>
<b>exterior</b>	Coming from outside. <i>An <b>exterior</b> scene.</i>
<b>external</b>	(of hardware) not contained in the main computer; peripheral. <i>The <b>external</b> auditory canal.</i>

<b>extraneous</b>	Of external origin. <i>When the transmitter pack is turned off no <b>extraneous</b> noise is heard.</i>
<b>foreign</b>	Coming or introduced from outside. <i>A <b>foreign</b> accent.</i>
<b>outside</b>	Coming from the outside. <i>Anne put the <b>outside</b> lights on.</i>
<b>outward</b>	Relating to physical reality rather than with thoughts or the mind. <i><b>Outward</b> bound ships.</i>
<b>superficial</b>	Of, affecting, or being on or near the surface. <i>The building suffered only <b>superficial</b> damage.</i>
<b>surface</b>	Denoting ships which travel on the surface of the water as distinct from submarines. <i><b>Surface</b> layers.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Extrinsic" as an adjective

- *Extrinsic evidence.*
- *Looking for extrinsic aid.*
- *Reasons extrinsic to the music itself.*
- *A complex interplay of extrinsic and intrinsic factors.*
- *That style is something extrinsic to the subject.*
- *An extrinsic feature of the new building.*

## Associations of "Extrinsic" (30 Words)

<b>aboveground</b>	On or above the surface of the ground. <i><b>Aboveground</b> nuclear testing.</i>
<b>adventitious</b>	Coming from outside; not native. <i>The <b>adventitious</b> population.</i>
<b>away</b>	An away match or win. <i>We have had patients from as far <b>away</b> as Wales.</i>
<b>barbarian</b>	Relating to ancient barbarians. <i><b>Barbarian</b> invasions.</i>
<b>by</b>	In reserve; not for immediate use. <i>Put something <b>by</b> for her old age.</i>
<b>casing</b>	The outermost covering of a pneumatic tire. <i>The <b>casings</b> had rotted away and had to be replaced.</i>

<b>depart</b>	Be at variance with; be out of line with. <i>The train <b>departs</b> at noon.</i>
<b>epidermis</b>	The outer layer of the skin covering the exterior body surface of vertebrates.
<b>exterior</b>	A person's behaviour and demeanour, especially when at variance with their true character. <i><b>Exterior</b> grade plywood.</i>
<b>external</b>	Inessential or superficial features. <i>The <b>external</b> walls.</i>
<b>externalize</b>	Regard as objective. <i>Such neuroses are <b>externalized</b> as interpersonal conflicts.</i>
<b>facing</b>	Positioned so as to face. <i>The bricks were used as a <b>facing</b> on a concrete core.</i>
<b>forth</b>	From a particular thing or place or position forth is obsolete. <i>From that time <b>forth</b>.</i>
<b>import</b>	Great significance importance. <i>Pronouncements of world shaking <b>import</b>.</i>
<b>integument</b>	An outer protective covering such as the skin of an animal or a cuticle or seed coat or rind or shell. <i>This chemical compound is found in the <b>integument</b> of the seed.</i>
<b>internal</b>	Relating to affairs and activities within a country rather than with other countries; domestic. <i>The tube had an <b>internal</b> diameter of 1 1 mm.</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>out</b>	Outside or external. <i>This actor <b>outed</b> last year.</i>
<b>outdoor</b>	Pertaining to or concerning the outdoors or outdoor activities. <i>A huge <b>outdoor</b> concert.</i>
<b>outdoors</b>	Any area outside buildings or shelter, typically that far away from human habitation. <i>He wanted to get <b>outdoors</b> a little.</i>
<b>outer</b>	A shot that strikes the outer. <i>The <b>outer</b> layer of the skin.</i>
<b>outermost</b>	Situated at the farthest possible point from a center. <i>The <b>outermost</b> layer of the earth.</i>
<b>outrigger</b>	A projecting support similar to an outrigger in another structure or vehicle.

<b><u>outside</u></b>	Outside a building. <i>I was able to face the <b>outside</b> world again.</i>
<b>outward</b>	Outwards. <i>An <b>outward</b> journey.</i>
<b><u>outwardly</u></b>	On the surface. <i><b>Outwardly</b> featureless modern offices.</i>
<b>peripheral</b>	A peripheral device. <i>Printers and other <b>peripherals</b>.</i>
<b>rind</b>	The natural outer covering of food (usually removed before eating). <i>When the meat ran out they had to <b>rind</b> trees and chew the inner bark for nourishment.</i>
<b><u>seeming</u></b>	The outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially when considered as deceptive or as distinguished from reality. <i>That dissidence between inward reality and outward <b>seeming</b>.</i>