

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)

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

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

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

depart	Be at variance with; be out of line with. <i>The train departs at noon.</i>
epidermis	The outer layer of the skin covering the exterior body surface of vertebrates.
exterior	A person's behaviour and demeanour, especially when at variance with their true character. <i>Exterior grade plywood.</i>
external	Inessential or superficial features. <i>The external walls.</i>
externalize	Regard as objective. <i>Such neuroses are externalized as interpersonal conflicts.</i>
facing	Positioned so as to face. <i>The bricks were used as a facing on a concrete core.</i>
forth	From a particular thing or place or position forth is obsolete. <i>From that time forth.</i>
import	Great significance importance. <i>Pronouncements of world shaking import.</i>
integument	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 integument of the seed.</i>
internal	Relating to affairs and activities within a country rather than with other countries; domestic. <i>The tube had an internal diameter of 1 1 mm.</i>
ostensible	Stated or appearing to be true, but not necessarily so. <i>The real dispute which lay behind the ostensible complaint.</i>
out	Outside or external. <i>This actor outed last year.</i>
outdoor	Pertaining to or concerning the outdoors or outdoor activities. <i>A huge outdoor concert.</i>
outdoors	Any area outside buildings or shelter, typically that far away from human habitation. <i>He wanted to get outdoors a little.</i>
outer	A shot that strikes the outer. <i>The outer layer of the skin.</i>
outermost	Situated at the farthest possible point from a center. <i>The outermost layer of the earth.</i>
outrigger	A projecting support similar to an outrigger in another structure or vehicle.

<u>outside</u>	Outside a building. <i>I was able to face the outside world again.</i>
outward	Outwards. <i>An outward journey.</i>
<u>outwardly</u>	On the surface. <i>Outwardly featureless modern offices.</i>
peripheral	A peripheral device. <i>Printers and other peripherals.</i>
rind	The natural outer covering of food (usually removed before eating). <i>When the meat ran out they had to rind trees and chew the inner bark for nourishment.</i>
<u>seeming</u>	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 seeming.</i>