

Need another word that means the same as “formative”? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for “formative” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Formative” are: plastic, shaping, developmental, developing, growing, malleable, impressionable, susceptible, determining, controlling, influential, guiding, decisive, determinative**

## Formative as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Formative" as an adjective

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

- *Forming or capable of forming or molding or fashioning.*
- *Relating to a person's development.*
- *Capable of forming new cells and tissues.*
- *Serving to form something, especially having a profound influence on a person's development.*
- *Denoting or relating to any of the smallest meaningful units that are used to form words in a language, typically combining forms and inflections.*



## Synonyms of "Formative" as an adjective (14 Words)

<b>controlling</b>	Able to control or determine policy. <i>A <b>controlling</b> interest in the firm.</i>
<b><u>decisive</u></b>	Characterized by decision and firmness. <i>She gave him a <b>decisive</b> answer.</i>
<b>determinative</b>	Having the power or quality of deciding. <i>The <b>determinative</b> or determinant battle.</i>
<b>determining</b>	Causing something to occur or be done in a particular way; serving to decide something. <i>Money may have been the <b>determining</b> factor in his decision.</i>
<b>developing</b>	Relating to societies in which capital needed to industrialize is in short supply. <i>This is a rapidly <b>developing</b> field.</i>

<b>developmental</b>	Concerned with ontogenetic development, especially embryonic development in animals. <i><b>Developmental</b> problems.</i>
<b>growing</b>	Becoming greater over a period of time; increasing. <i>The <b>growing</b> concern over ozone levels.</i>
<u><b>guiding</b></u>	Exerting control or influence. <i>A <b>guiding</b> principle.</i>
<u><b>impressionable</b></u>	Easily influenced. <i>Children are highly <b>impressionable</b> and susceptible to advertising.</i>
<u><b>influential</b></u>	Having great influence on someone or something. <i>Her work is <b>influential</b> in feminist psychology.</i>
<u><b>malleable</b></u>	Capable of being shaped or bent or drawn out. <i>A <b>malleable</b> metal can be beaten into a sheet.</i>
<u><b>plastic</b></u>	Made of plastic. <i>The <b>plastic</b> arts.</i>
<b>shaping</b>	Forming or capable of forming or molding or fashioning.
<u><b>susceptible</b></u>	Likely or liable to be influenced or harmed by a particular thing. <i><b>Susceptible</b> to colds.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Formative" as an adjective

- A *formative assessment*.
- A *formative zone in developing bone*.

- A *formative* influence.
- A *formative* experience.
- His *formative* years.



## Associations of "Formative" (30 Words)

### basal

Of or being the essential or basic part.

**Basal** placentation.

### basic

Pertaining to or constituting a base or basis.

Teachers are going back to **basics** to encourage pupils to learn English.

### central

Of the greatest importance; principal or essential.

You re in workaholic **central** here.

### **concept**

(of a car or other vehicle) produced as an experimental model to test the viability of innovative design features.

The centre has kept firmly to its original **concept**.

### constructive

Having or intended to have a useful or beneficial purpose.

A **constructive** philosophy.

### **developmental**

Concerned with the development of someone or something.

**Developmental** problems.

### **essential**

Absolutely necessary; extremely important.

Fibre is an **essential** ingredient of our diet.



<b>focal</b>	Relating to the centre or most important part. <i><b>Focal</b> infection.</i>
<b>foremost</b>	Prominently forward. <i>The <b>foremost</b> figure among marine artists.</i>
<b>fundamental</b>	A fundamental note tone or frequency. <i>A <b>fundamental</b> incompatibility between them.</i>
<b>halfway</b>	Midway between two points. <i>I woke up <b>halfway</b> through the night.</i>
<b>heyday</b>	The period of a person's or thing's greatest success, popularity, activity, or vigour. <i>The paper has lost millions of readers since its <b>heyday</b> in 1964.</i>
<b>imaginative</b>	Marked by independence and creativity in thought or action- Lewis Mumford. <i>Making <b>imaginative</b> use of computer software.</i>
<b>important</b>	Important in effect or meaning. <i>Writers as <b>important</b> as Hopkins.</i>
<b>innovative</b>	Being or producing something like nothing done or experienced or created before. <i>Stylistically <b>innovative</b> works.</i>
<b>main</b>	Capable of standing syntactically alone as a complete sentence. <i>The <b>main</b> problem is one of resources.</i>
<b>midway</b>	At half the distance; at the middle. <i>He sensationally led the tournament at the <b>midway</b> point.</i>
<b>original</b>	An original creation i.e. an audio recording from which copies can be made. <i>The <b>original</b> cast.</i>
<b>originally</b>	With reference to the origin or beginning. <i>The suggestions so <b>originally</b> and persuasively outlined.</i>
<b>primary</b>	Of primary importance. <i>His expert handling of the <b>primary</b> and secondary literature is clear on every page.</i>
<b>prime</b>	Insert a primer into a gun mine or charge preparatory to detonation or firing. <i>Our manhood s <b>prime</b> vigor.</i>
<b>principal</b>	An actor who plays a principal role. <i>The <b>principal</b> amount of your investment.</i>

<b><u>radical</u></b>	Markedly new or introducing radical change. <i>The assumption of <b>radical</b> differences between the mental attributes of literate and non literate peoples.</i>
<b>reformer</b>	A disputant who advocates reform. <i>A skilled <b>reformer</b> of government spending.</i>
<b>seminal</b>	Relating to or derived from the seed of a plant. <i>The spermatozoa are washed to separate them from the <b>seminal</b> plasma.</i>
<b>significantly</b>	In a statistically significant way. <i>Their situation is <b>significantly</b> different from ours.</i>
<b><u>stage</u></b>	Perform a play especially on a stage. <i>The Boreal <b>stage</b>.</i>
<b><u>staple</u></b>	Secure or fasten with a staple or staples. <i><b>Staple</b> fibers vary widely in length.</i>
<b>superbly</b>	Extremely well. <i>A <b>superbly</b> gifted writer.</i>
<b><u>underlying</u></b>	In the nature of something though not readily apparent. <i><b>Underlying</b> problems need to be addressed.</i>

