

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)

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

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

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

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

