

Need another word that means the same as “frankly”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “frankly” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Frankly” are: candidly, honestly, directly, straightforwardly, straight from the shoulder, forthrightly, openly, truthfully, point-blank, unequivocally, unambiguously, categorically, plainly, explicitly, clearly, in all honesty, in all sincerity, as it happens

Frankly as an Adverb

Definitions of "Frankly" as an adverb

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

- *In an open, honest, and direct manner.*
- *(used as intensives reflecting the speaker's attitude) it is sincerely the case that.*
- *It is sincerely the case that (used as intensives reflecting the speaker's attitude.*
- *Used to emphasize the truth of a statement, however unpalatable this may be.*



Synonyms of "Frankly" as an adverb (18 Words)

as it happens

To the same degree (often followed by `as).

candidly

It is sincerely the case that (used as intensives reflecting the speaker's attitude).

*He **candidly** discussed his efforts to find employment.*

categorically

In a way that is unambiguously explicit and direct.

*The rules state **categorically** No Violence.*

clearly

Without doubt; obviously.

*I could **clearly** see myself in his situation.*

directly

Exactly in a specified position.

*They went **directly** to the restaurant.*

explicitly

In a clear and detailed manner, leaving no room for confusion or doubt.

*The essay should state **explicitly** how the facts support the thesis.*

forthrightly

Directly and without evasion; not roundabout.
*Spoke forthright or **forthrightly** and to the point.*

honestly

It is sincerely the case that used as intensives reflecting the speaker's attitude honestly adv in an honest manner.

***Honestly** that man is the absolute limit.*

in all honesty

To or toward the inside of.

in all sincerity

To or toward the inside of.

openly

In an open way.

*A lecturer who had **openly** criticized the government.*

plainly

Unmistakably plain is often used informally for plainly.

*A light was **plainly** visible.*

point-blank

In a direct and unequivocal manner.

straight from the shoulder

In a forthright manner; candidly or frankly.

straightforwardly

With firmness and conviction; without compromise.

*Dealt **straightforwardly** with all issues.*

truthfully

Used to emphasize the truthfulness or honesty of a statement.

*It is a hard question for me to answer **truthfully**.*

unambiguously

So as to be unique.

*The oldest known fossil **unambiguously** identified as a bird.*

unequivocally

In an unambiguous manner.

*She stated her intentions **unequivocally**.*



Usage Examples of "Frankly" as an adverb

- *Frankly, I was pleased to leave.*
- *Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn.*
- *She talks very frankly about herself.*

Associations of "Frankly" (30 Words)

authenticity The quality of being authentic.
*The paper should have established the **authenticity** of the documents before publishing them.*

candid Truthful and straightforward; frank.
*A **candid** interview.*

candidly It is sincerely the case that (used as intensives reflecting the speaker's attitude).
*He **candidly** discussed his efforts to find employment.*

candor	Ability to make judgments free from discrimination or dishonesty.
candour	The quality of being open and honest; frankness. <i>A man of refreshing candour.</i>
esquire	A landed proprietor or country squire. <i>J. C. Pearson Esquire.</i>
fact	A statement or assertion of verified information about something that is the case or has happened. <i>How much of the story is fact and how much fiction is hard to tell.</i>
faithfully	In a faithful manner. <i>It always came on faithfully like the radio.</i>
forthrightness	The quality of being honest and straightforward in attitude and speech.
frank	Stamp with a postmark to indicate date and time of mailing. <i>A long and frank discussion.</i>
fraternize	Associate or form a friendship with someone, especially when one is not supposed to. <i>She ignored Elisabeth's warning glare against fraternizing with the enemy.</i>
freely	In copious or generous amounts. <i>I freely confess to this failing.</i>
genuinely	Genuinely with authority. <i>They speak genuinely about how proud they are.</i>
heartily	In a hearty manner. <i>They were heartily sick of the whole subject.</i>
honestly	It is sincerely the case that used as intensives reflecting the speaker's attitude honestly adv in an honest manner. <i>Honestly darling I'm not upset.</i>
honesty	Southeastern European plant cultivated for its fragrant purplish flowers and round flat papery silver-white seedpods that are used for indoor decoration. <i>They spoke with convincing honesty about their fears.</i>
integrity	Internal consistency or lack of corruption in electronic data. <i>The structural integrity of the novel.</i>
openly	In an open way. <i>A lecturer who had openly criticized the government.</i>
practically	(degree adverb used before a noun phrase) for all practical purposes but not completely. <i>The strike lasted practically a fortnight.</i>

<u>readily</u>	In a punctual manner. <i>Transport is readily available.</i>
real	Coinciding with reality F A Olafson. <i>To the man sleeping regularly in doorways homelessness is real.</i>
redeemable	Able to be converted into ready money or the equivalent. <i>Socially redeemable ideas.</i>
<u>sincere</u>	Free from pretence or deceit; proceeding from genuine feelings. <i>Sincere friendship.</i>
sincerely	With sincerity; without pretense. <i>A sincerely held belief.</i>
<u>sincerity</u>	The quality of being open and truthful; not deceitful or hypocritical. <i>The sincerity of his beliefs is unquestionable.</i>
<u>truly</u>	In a truthful way. <i>Management does not truly understand about the residents.</i>
truth	A fact that has been verified. <i>The truth is that he didn't want to do it.</i>
<u>truthfulness</u>	The fact of being true; truth. <i>We have had to judge the truthfulness of the evidence.</i>
<u>veracity</u>	Unwillingness to tell lies. <i>Officials expressed doubts concerning the veracity of the story.</i>
verily	Truly; certainly. <i>Verily these men are mad.</i>