

Need another word that means the same as “general”? Find 73 synonyms and 30 related words for “general” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “General” are: cosmopolitan, ecumenical, oecumenical, universal, world-wide, worldwide, widespread, common, extensive, wide, popular, public, mainstream, prevalent, prevailing, rife, established, well established, conventional, traditional, traditionalist, orthodox, accepted, comprehensive, overall, blanket, umbrella, mass, total, complete, wholesale, sweeping, panoramic, broad, extended, inclusive, all-inclusive, all-round, generic, outright, encyclopedic, indiscriminate, catholic, miscellaneous, mixed, assorted, variegated, diversified, composite, heterogeneous, usual, customary, habitual, normal, typical, standard, regular, imprecise, inexact, rough, loose, basic, approximate, unspecific, vague, hazy, fuzzy, woolly, ill-defined, indefinite, unfocused, full general, superior general**

## General as a Noun

### Definitions of "General" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “general” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *The head of a religious order or congregation.*
- *A fact about the whole (as opposed to particular).*
- *A commander of an army, or an army officer of very high rank.*
- *The head of a religious order organized on quasi-military lines, e.g. the Jesuits, the*

*Dominicans, or the Salvation Army.*

- *A high rank of officer in the army and in the US air force, above lieutenant general and below field marshal, general of the army, or general of the air force.*
- *The general public.*
- *A general officer of the highest rank.*



## **Synonyms of "General" as a noun (2 Words)**

**full general**      The time when the Moon is fully illuminated.

**superior general**      A character or symbol set or printed or written above and immediately to one side of another character.



## Usage Examples of "General" as a noun

- *He discussed the general but neglected the particular.*



## General as an Adjective

### Definitions of "General" as an adjective

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

- *Not specialized or limited to one class of things.*
- *Somewhat indefinite.*
- *Prevailing among and common to the general public.*
- *Of worldwide scope or applicability.*
- *(of a rule, principle, etc.) true for all or most cases.*
- *Applying to all or most members of a category or group.*
- *Not specialized or limited in range of subject, application, activity, etc.*
- *Considering or including only the main features or elements of something; not exact or detailed.*
- *Normal or usual.*
- *Affecting or concerning all or most people or things; widespread.*

- *Of worldwide scope or applicability- Christopher Morley.*
- *Affecting the entire body.*
- *Chief or principal.*



## Synonyms of "General" as an adjective (71 Words)

<b>accepted</b>	Generally believed or recognized to be valid or correct. <i>Several <b>accepted</b> techniques for treating the condition.</i>
<b>all-inclusive</b>	Broad in scope or content- T.G.Winner.
<b>all-round</b>	Many-sided.
<b><u>approximate</u></b>	Not quite exact or correct. <i>The <b>approximate</b> time of death.</i>
<b><u>assorted</u></b>	Of various sorts put together; miscellaneous. <i>An arrangement of <b>assorted</b> spring flowers.</i>
<b><u>basic</u></b>	Serving as a base or starting point. <i>The food was good if a bit <b>basic</b>.</i>
<b><u>blanket</u></b>	Covering all cases or instances; total and inclusive. <i>A <b>blanket</b> ban on tobacco advertising.</i>

<b>broad</b>	Showing or characterized by broad mindedness. <i>A <b>broad</b> lawn.</i>
<b>catholic</b>	Including a wide variety of things; all-embracing. <i>Her tastes are pretty <b>catholic</b>.</i>
<b>common</b>	Common to or shared by two or more parties. <i><b>Common</b> lands are set aside for use by all members of a community.</i>
<b>complete</b>	Perfect and complete in every respect having all necessary qualities. <i>The house comes <b>complete</b> with gas central heating and double glazing.</i>
<u><b>composite</b></u>	(of a constructional material) made up of recognizable constituents. <i>This soup is one of those <b>composite</b> dishes which you gradually build up.</i>
<b>comprehensive</b>	(of motor-vehicle insurance) providing cover for most risks, including damage to the policyholder's own vehicle. <i>A <b>comprehensive</b> victory for Swansea.</i>
<b>conventional</b>	Based on or in accordance with what is generally done or believed. <i>She had strayed from the path of <b>conventional</b> behavior.</i>
<u><b>cosmopolitan</b></u>	Composed of people from or at home in many parts of the world; especially not provincial in attitudes or interests. <i>An issue of <b>cosmopolitan</b> import.</i>
<b>customary</b>	Commonly used or practiced; usual. <i>I put the kettle on for our <b>customary</b> cup of coffee.</i>
<u><b>diversified</b></u>	Having variety of character or form or components; or having increased variety. <i><b>Diversified</b> farming.</i>
<b>ecumenical</b>	Promoting or relating to unity among the world's Christian Churches. <i>He was a member of <b>ecumenical</b> committees.</i>
<b>encyclopedic</b>	Broad in scope or content. <i>A dictionary with <b>encyclopedic</b> material.</i>
<b>established</b>	Brought about or set up or accepted especially long established. <i>The ceremony was an <b>established</b> event in the annual calendar.</i>
<b>extended</b>	Fully extended or stretched forth. <i>His <b>extended</b> legs reached almost across the small room.</i>
<b>extensive</b>	Large in spatial extent or range or scope or quantity. <i>An <b>extensive</b> collection of silver.</i>
<u><b>fuzzy</b></u>	Difficult to perceive; indistinct or vague. <i>A vague and <b>fuzzy</b> idea of the world of finance.</i>

<b>generic</b>	Relating to a genus. <i>The plot of the film isn't just <b>generic</b> it's insultingly stupid.</i>
<b>habitual</b>	Doing something constantly or regularly. <i>A <b>habitual</b> late sleeper.</i>
<u><a href="#">hazy</a></u>	Indistinct or hazy in outline. <i><b>Hazy</b> memories.</i>
<b>heterogeneous</b>	Consisting of elements that are not of the same kind or nature. <i><b>Heterogeneous</b> catalysis.</i>
<b>ill-defined</b>	Poorly stated or described.
<b>imprecise</b>	Lacking exactness and accuracy of expression or detail. <i>The terms he used were <b>imprecise</b> and emotional.</i>
<b>inclusive</b>	Containing (a specified element) as part of a whole. <i>Menus stating fully <b>inclusive</b> prices.</i>
<b>indefinite</b>	Not decided or not known. <i>In Greek the dual contrasts with the <b>indefinite</b> plural.</i>
<b>indiscriminate</b>	Not marked by fine distinctions. <i><b>Indiscriminate</b> reading habits.</i>
<b>inexact</b>	Not exact. <i>An <b>inexact</b> description.</i>
<u><a href="#">loose</a></u>	(of a garment) not fitting tightly or closely. <i>A <b>loose</b> organization of the local farmers.</i>
<u><a href="#">mainstream</a></u>	Belonging to or characteristic of the mainstream. <i><b>Mainstream</b> pop music.</i>
<u><a href="#">mass</a></u>	Formed of separate units gathered into a mass or whole. <i>A <b>mass</b> exodus of refugees.</i>
<b>miscellaneous</b>	Consisting of a haphazard assortment of different kinds. <i><b>Miscellaneous</b> accessories.</i>
<b>mixed</b>	Involving or composed of different races. <i>Beaches with <b>mixed</b> sand and shingle.</i>
<b>normal</b>	Conforming with or constituting a norm or standard or level or type or social norm not abnormal. <i>Serve wine at <b>normal</b> room temperature.</i>
<b>oecumenical</b>	Of worldwide scope or applicability.
<b>orthodox</b>	Of the ordinary or usual type; normal. <i>A relatively <b>orthodox</b> artist.</i>
<u><a href="#">outright</a></u>	Open and direct. <i>The <b>outright</b> abolition of the death penalty.</i>

<b><u>overall</u></b>	Involving only main features. <i>The <b>overall</b> cost.</i>
<b>panoramic</b>	Including all aspects of a subject; wide-ranging. <i>A <b>panoramic</b> view.</i>
<b>popular</b>	Carried on by or for the people (or citizens) at large. <i>Institutions of <b>popular</b> government.</i>
<b>prevailing</b>	Existing at a particular time; current. <i><b>Prevailing</b> winds.</i>
<b><u>prevalent</u></b>	Most frequent or common. <i>The social ills <b>prevalent</b> in society today.</i>
<b><u>public</u></b>	Of, for, or acting for a university. <i><b>Public</b> spending.</i>
<b>regular</b>	In accord with regular practice or procedure. <i>The <b>regular</b> clergy.</i>
<b>rife</b>	Most frequent or common. <i>Male chauvinism was <b>rife</b> in medicine.</i>
<b>rough</b>	(of a person or their behaviour) not gentle; violent or boisterous. <i>The nomad life is <b>rough</b> and hazardous.</i>
<b>standard</b>	Conforming to or constituting a standard of measurement or value or of the usual or regularized or accepted kind. <i>Windows of <b>standard</b> width.</i>
<b><u>sweeping</u></b>	Ignoring distinctions. <i><b>Sweeping</b> desolate moorlands.</i>
<b><u>total</u></b>	Complete; absolute. <i>A <b>total</b> eclipse.</i>
<b>traditional</b>	(of jazz) in the style of the early 20th century. <i><b>Traditional</b> morality.</i>
<b>traditionalist</b>	Advocating the upholding or maintenance of tradition. <i>A Latin prayer used by <b>traditionalist</b> Catholics.</i>
<b><u>typical</u></b>	Conforming to a type. <i>How <b>typical</b> of Iris to think of such a detail.</i>
<b><u>umbrella</u></b>	Covering or applying simultaneously to a number of similar items or elements or groups. <i><b>Umbrella</b> insurance coverage.</i>
<b><u>unfocused</u></b>	(of feelings or plans) without a specific aim or direction. <i>Diversity in our huge <b>unfocused</b> country.</i>



<b><u>universal</u></b>	Adapted to various purposes, sizes, forms, operations. <i><b>Universal</b> adult suffrage.</i>
<b>unspecific</b>	Not detailed or specific. <i>Felt an <b>unspecific</b> dread.</i>
<b><u>usual</u></b>	Occurring or encountered or experienced or observed frequently or in accordance with regular practice or procedure. <i>The <b>usual</b> greeting.</i>
<b><u>vague</u></b>	Not clearly understood or expressed-Anatole Broyard- P.A.So. <i>Their descriptions of human behavior become <b>vague</b> dull and unclear.</i>
<b>variegated</b>	(of a plant or foliage) having or consisting of leaves that are edged or patterned in a second colour, especially white as well as green. <i><b>Variegated</b> foliage.</i>
<b>well established</b>	In good health especially after having suffered illness or injury.
<b>wholesale</b>	Ignoring distinctions. <i>The <b>wholesale</b> destruction of these animals by poachers.</i>
<b><u>wide</u></b>	Having great (or a certain) extent from one side to the other. <i>Granted him <b>wide</b> powers.</i>
<b><u>widespread</u></b>	Distributed over a considerable extent. <i>There was <b>widespread</b> support for the war.</i>
<b>woolly</b>	Confused and vague; used especially of thinking. <i>The <b>woolly</b> aphid has a lanate coat resembling cotton.</i>
<b>world-wide</b>	Spanning or extending throughout the entire world.
<b><u>worldwide</u></b>	Of worldwide scope or applicability Christopher Morley. <i><b>Worldwide</b> distribution.</i>



## Usage Examples of "General" as an adjective

- *The general manager.*
- *A general introduction to the subject.*
- *Brush up on your general knowledge.*
- *General symptoms.*
- *Books of general interest.*
- *The arrangements were outlined in very general terms.*
- *A general description of the merchandise.*
- *A general anesthetic.*
- *General knowledge.*
- *General studies.*
- *The general opinion was that prices would fall.*
- *It is not general practice to confirm or deny such reports.*
- *The general public.*
- *In general terms.*
- *General assistance.*
- *Comprehensible to the general reader.*
- *The general discontent.*
- *A general rule.*
- *The Director General of the BBC.*
- *Bearing a general resemblance to the original.*



## Associations of "General" (30 Words)

<b>acceptation</b>	A particular sense or the generally recognized meaning common acceptance of a word or phrase.
<b>accepted</b>	Generally approved or compelling recognition. <i>Several <b>accepted</b> techniques for treating the condition.</i>
<b>accustomed</b>	Commonly used or practiced; usual. <i>His <b>accustomed</b> thoroughness.</i>
<b>blandness</b>	Lacking any distinctive or interesting taste property. <i>The boneless chops were underseasoned to the point of <b>blandness</b>.</i>
<b>common</b>	Common to or shared by two or more parties. <i>The two republics <b>common</b> border.</i>
<b>commonplace</b>	A notable passage in a work copied into a commonplace book. <i><b>Commonplace</b> everyday activities.</i>
<b>cosmopolitan</b>	A cosmopolitan person. <i><b>Cosmopolitan</b> in distribution.</i>
<b>countrywide</b>	Extending throughout a nation. <i>A <b>countrywide</b> tour.</i>

<b>generally</b>	Without distinction of one from others. <i><b>Generally</b> speaking things have been getting better.</i>
<b>infrequently</b>	Not often; rarely. <i>A storage area for <b>infrequently</b> used items.</i>
<b>known</b>	(of a quantity or variable) having a value that can be stated. <i>Plants little <b>known</b> to western science.</i>
<b>norm</b>	Adjust something to conform to a norm. <i>It set the <b>norm</b> for American homes.</i>
<b>normally</b>	At right angles to a given line or surface. <i>Try to breathe <b>normally</b>.</i>
<b>ordinarily</b>	Under normal conditions. <i>A person who is <b>ordinarily</b> resident in the United Kingdom.</i>
<b>ordinary</b>	With no special or distinctive features; normal. <i>It was just an <b>ordinary</b> evening.</i>
<b>overall</b>	A loose protective coverall or smock worn over ordinary clothing for dirty work. <i><b>Overall</b> 10 000 jobs will go.</i>
<b>popularly</b>	By many or most people; generally. <i>Advancing age is <b>popularly</b> associated with a declining capacity to work.</i>
<b>predominate</b>	Appear very large or occupy a commanding position. <i>Hispanics <b>predominate</b> in this neighborhood.</i>
<b>prevail</b>	Be larger in number, quantity, power, status or importance. <i>He <b>prevailed</b> upon her to visit his parents.</i>
<b>prevalent</b>	Widespread in a particular area or at a particular time. <i>The social ills <b>prevalent</b> in society today.</i>
<b>typical</b>	Representative as a symbol; symbolic. <i>The <b>typical</b> or normal American.</i>
<b>typically</b>	In most cases; usually. <i><b>Typically</b> masculine social roles.</i>
<b>ubiquitous</b>	Present, appearing, or found everywhere. <i>Cowboy hats are <b>ubiquitous</b> among the male singers.</i>
<b>ubiquity</b>	The fact of appearing everywhere or of being very common. <i>The growing <b>ubiquity</b> of advertising.</i>
<b>unexceptional</b>	Not special in any way. <i>An <b>unexceptional</b> movie.</i>
<b>universal</b>	A universal proposition. <i><b>Universal</b> chuck.</i>

- universally** Everywhere.  
*Progress is not always **universally** welcomed.*
- usually** Under normal conditions.  
***Usually** she was late.*
- widespread** Found or distributed over a large area or number of people.  
***Widespread** nuclear fallout.*
- worldwide** Of worldwide scope or applicability Christopher Morley.  
***Worldwide** distribution.*

