

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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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)

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

broad	Showing or characterized by broad mindedness. <i>A broad lawn.</i>
catholic	Including a wide variety of things; all-embracing. <i>Her tastes are pretty catholic.</i>
common	Common to or shared by two or more parties. <i>Common lands are set aside for use by all members of a community.</i>
complete	Perfect and complete in every respect having all necessary qualities. <i>The house comes complete with gas central heating and double glazing.</i>
<u>composite</u>	(of a constructional material) made up of recognizable constituents. <i>This soup is one of those composite dishes which you gradually build up.</i>
comprehensive	(of motor-vehicle insurance) providing cover for most risks, including damage to the policyholder's own vehicle. <i>A comprehensive victory for Swansea.</i>
conventional	Based on or in accordance with what is generally done or believed. <i>She had strayed from the path of conventional behavior.</i>
<u>cosmopolitan</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 cosmopolitan import.</i>
customary	Commonly used or practiced; usual. <i>I put the kettle on for our customary cup of coffee.</i>
<u>diversified</u>	Having variety of character or form or components; or having increased variety. <i>Diversified farming.</i>
ecumenical	Promoting or relating to unity among the world's Christian Churches. <i>He was a member of ecumenical committees.</i>
encyclopedic	Broad in scope or content. <i>A dictionary with encyclopedic material.</i>
established	Brought about or set up or accepted especially long established. <i>The ceremony was an established event in the annual calendar.</i>
extended	Fully extended or stretched forth. <i>His extended legs reached almost across the small room.</i>
extensive	Large in spatial extent or range or scope or quantity. <i>An extensive collection of silver.</i>
<u>fuzzy</u>	Difficult to perceive; indistinct or vague. <i>A vague and fuzzy idea of the world of finance.</i>

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

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

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

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

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

