

Need another word that means the same as “mainly”? Find 11 synonyms and 30 related words for “mainly” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Mainly” are: chiefly, in the main, primarily, principally, mostly, for the most part, on the whole, largely, by and large, to a large extent, predominantly

Mainly as an Adverb

Definitions of "Mainly" as an adverb

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

- *More than anything else.*
- *For the most part.*

Synonyms of "Mainly" as an adverb (11 Words)

by and large	In reserve; not for immediate use.
chiefly	Mainly. <i>He is remembered chiefly for his organ sonatas.</i>
for the most part	Very.
in the main	To or toward the inside of.
largely	In large part; mainly or chiefly. <i>He was soon arrested largely through the efforts of Tom Poole.</i>
mostly	In large part; mainly or chiefly. <i>The culprits are mostly but not exclusively male.</i>

on the whole	To a complete degree or to the full or entire extent (‘whole’ is often used informally for ‘wholly’).
predominantly	Much greater in number or influence. Predominantly Russian areas.
primarily	For the most part; mainly. This is primarily a question of economics.
principally	For the most part. He was principally a landscape painter.
to a large extent	With the wind abaft the beam.

Usage Examples of "Mainly" as an adverb

- *He is mainly interested in butterflies.*
- *The west will be mainly dry.*
- *He is mainly concerned with fiction.*

Associations of "Mainly" (30 Words)

accepted	Generally believed or recognized to be valid or correct. <i>The accepted consensus within the church.</i>
always	Throughout a long period of the past. <i>The sun always rises in the east.</i>
broadly	In general and without considering minor details. <i>He interprets the law broadly.</i>
chiefly	For the most part. <i>An audience consisting chiefly of women between the ages of 18 and 54.</i>
commonly	Very often; frequently. <i>A commonly used industrial chemical.</i>
comprise	Be composed of. <i>Documents are comprised of words.</i>
consist	Be consistent with. <i>To turn an entire consist requires a wye.</i>
element	Each of more than one hundred substances that cannot be chemically interconverted or broken down into simpler substances and are primary constituents of matter Each element is distinguished by its atomic number i e the number of protons in the nuclei of its atoms. <i>He was raised in Hawaii and the sea is his natural element.</i>

<u>ever</u>	At all times all the time and on every occasion. <i>Our biggest ever range.</i>
exceptionally	To a greater degree than normal; unusually. <i>The weather was exceptionally mild for the time of the year.</i>
<u>generally</u>	Usually; as a rule. <i>A decade when France was moving generally to the left.</i>
habitually	According to habit or custom. <i>He habitually carried a pocket knife.</i>
include	Allow (someone) to share in an activity or privilege. <i>The list includes the names of many famous writers.</i>
infrequently	Not often; rarely. <i>A storage area for infrequently used items.</i>
<u>invariably</u>	Without variation or change, in every case. <i>Ranch meals are invariably big and hearty.</i>
<u>largely</u>	To a great extent; on the whole; mostly. <i>These accounts are largely inactive.</i>
<u>mostly</u>	Usually; generally. <i>The culprits are mostly but not exclusively male.</i>
<u>normally</u>	In a normal manner. <i>Normally it takes three or four years to complete the training.</i>
ordinarily	Under normal conditions. <i>An effort to behave ordinarily.</i>
<u>overwhelmingly</u>	To a very great degree or with a great majority. <i>The reaction has been overwhelmingly positive.</i>
pantehnicon	A large moving van (especially one used for moving furniture).
predominantly	Mainly; for the most part. <i>The patients are predominantly indigenous.</i>
<u>primarily</u>	For the most part. <i>This is primarily a question of economics.</i>
principally	For the most part. <i>He was principally a landscape painter.</i>
<u>routinely</u>	As part of a regular procedure rather than for a special reason. <i>Owners routinely flout local laws about restraining and picking up after their pets.</i>
<u>specially</u>	For a special purpose. <i>A new coat and hat bought specially.</i>

typically	In a way that is characteristic of a particular person or thing. <i>Typically she showed no alarm.</i>
universally	By everyone; in every case. <i>Progress is not always universally welcomed.</i>
usually	Under normal conditions; generally. <i>Heat resistant paints are usually black or aluminium coloured.</i>
wont	Make or be or become accustomed. <i>He was wont to arise at 5 30 every morning.</i>