

Need another word that means the same as “mere”? Find 12 synonyms and 30 related words for “mere” in this overview.

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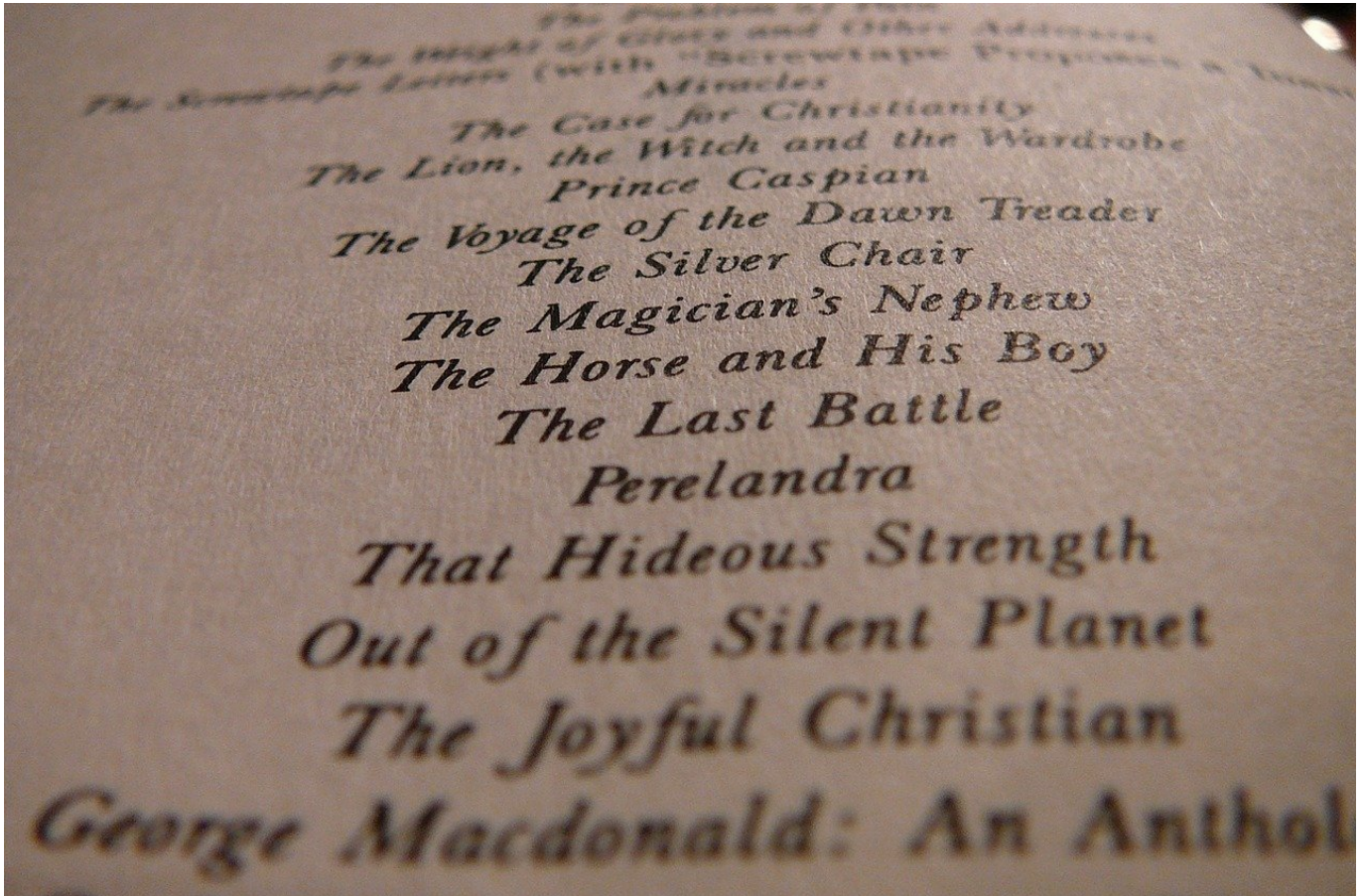
**The synonyms of “Mere” are: bare, simple, trifling, meagre, trivial, paltry, basic, scant, scanty, skimpy, minimal, slender**

## Mere as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Mere" as an adjective

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

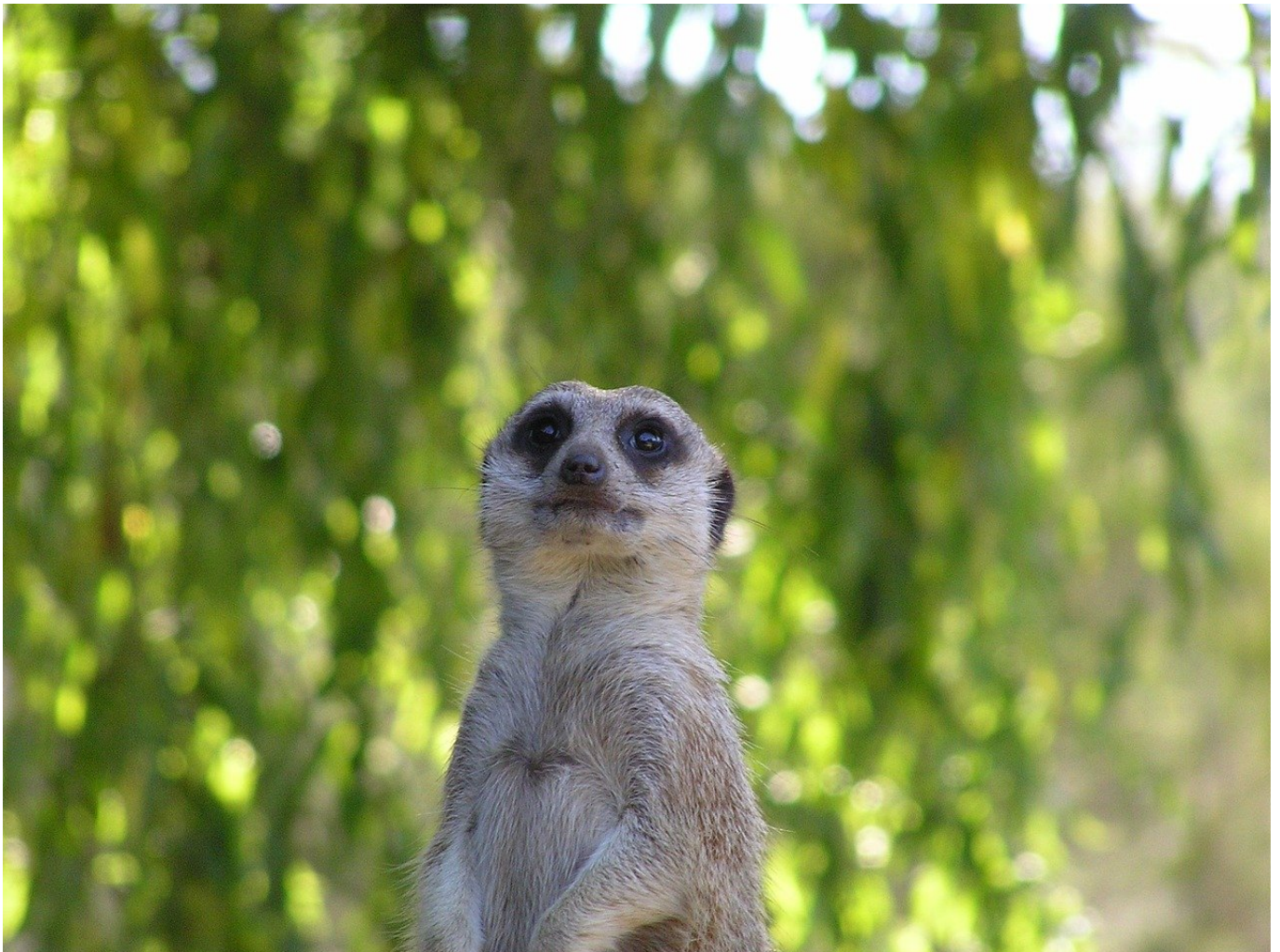
- *Used to emphasize how small or insignificant someone or something is.*
- *Being nothing more than specified.*
- *Used to emphasize that the fact of something being present in a situation is enough to influence that situation.*
- *Apart from anything else; without additions or modifications.*



## Synonyms of "Mere" as an adjective (12 Words)

- bare** Just barely adequate or within a lower limit.  
A **bare** livelihood.
- basic** Reduced to the simplest and most significant form possible without loss of generality.  
**Basic** training for raw recruits.
- meagre** (of something provided or available) lacking in quantity or quality.  
A tall **meagre** man.
- minimal** Characterized by simplicity and lack of adornment or decoration.  
Needed to enforce **minimal** standards.
- paltry** Petty; trivial.  
Naval glory struck him as **paltry**.
- scant** Barely amounting to a specified number or quantity.  
She weighed a **scant** two pounds.

- scanty** Small or insufficient in quantity or amount.  
*The women looked cold in their **scanty** bodices.*
- simple** Used to emphasize the fundamental and straightforward nature of something.  
*A **simple** game.*
- skimpy** (of clothing) revealing the body.  
*A **skimpy** allowance.*
- slender** Being of delicate or slender build Frank Norris.  
*A **slender** pole.*
- trifling** Not worth considering.  
*A **trifling** matter.*
- trivial** Concerned with trivialities.  
*A **trivial** mind.*



## Usage Examples of "Mere" as an adjective

- *His stomach rebelled at the mere thought of food.*
- *Questions that cannot be answered by mere mortals.*
- *Shocked by the mere idea.*
- *The city is a mere 20 minutes from some stunning countryside.*
- *A mere child.*



## Associations of "Mere" (30 Words)

### **almost**

Slightly short of or not quite accomplished; all but.  
*We re **almost** finished.*

<b><u>bare</u></b>	Just barely adequate or within a lower limit. <i>Bare feet.</i>
<b><u>beginner</u></b>	A person who founds or establishes some institution. <i>An absolute <b>beginner</b>.</i>
<b><u>braggadocio</u></b>	Vain and empty boasting.
<b><u>few</u></b>	The minority of people; the elect. <i>A <b>few</b> more wagons than usual.</i>
<b><u>handful</u></b>	A quantity that fills the hand. <i>The kids could be such a <b>handful</b>.</i>
<b><u>insignificant</u></b>	Not worthy of notice. <i>An <b>insignificant</b> sum of money.</i>
<b>least</b>	Used in names of very small animals and plants e.g. least shrew. <i>My best routine was the one I had practised the <b>least</b>.</i>
<b><u>less</u></b>	(comparative of 'little' usually used with mass nouns) a quantifier meaning not as great in amount or degree. <i><b>Less</b> than three years old.</i>
<b>little</b>	Informal small and of little importance. <i>I was always a <b>little</b> afraid of her.</i>
<b>mini</b>	Denoting a miniature version of something. <i>A <b>mini</b> dress.</i>
<b><u>minimal</u></b>	Characterized by the repetition and gradual alteration of short phrases. <i>A <b>minimal</b> charge for the service.</i>
<b><u>minimum</u></b>	The point on a curve where the tangent changes from negative on the left to positive on the right. <i>They checked visas with the <b>minimum</b> of fuss.</i>
<b><u>minor</u></b>	Of a key or mode based on a minor scale and tending to produce a sad or pensive effect. <i>A <b>minor</b> share of the profits.</i>
<b><u>negligible</u></b>	So small or unimportant as to be not worth considering; insignificant. <i>He said that the risks were <b>negligible</b>.</i>
<b>newbie</b>	Any new participant in some activity.
<b>novice</b>	A person new to and inexperienced in a job or situation. <i>The <b>novice</b> hurdles.</i>
<b><u>only</u></b>	Being the only one single and isolated from others. <i>He was <b>only</b> a child.</i>
<b>pittance</b>	A very small or inadequate amount of money. <i>They work all day for a mere <b>pittance</b>.</i>

<b>rookie</b>	An awkward and inexperienced youth. <i>A <b>rookie</b> cop.</i>
<b>several</b>	Separate or respective. <i>The two levels of government sort out their <b>several</b> responsibilities.</i>
<b>simple</b>	Exhibiting childlike simplicity and credulity. <i>A <b>simple</b> country schoolhouse.</i>
<b>simply</b>	Absolutely; completely (used for emphasis). <i>Quite <b>simply</b> some things have to be taught.</i>
<b>slight</b>	(of a person or their build) not sturdy; thin or slender. <i>There s a <b>slight</b> chance it will work.</i>
<b>smattering</b>	A slight superficial knowledge of a language or subject. <i>Edward had only a <b>smattering</b> of Welsh.</i>
<b>some</b>	To some extent quite a lot. <i>He was still <b>some</b> distance away.</i>
<b>soupcon</b>	A slight but appreciable amount.
<b>trifle</b>	A cold pudding made of layers of sponge cake spread with fruit or jelly; may be decorated with nuts, cream, or chocolate. <i>He had <b>trifled</b> away two months at a task which should have taken a week.</i>
<b>trifling</b>	Unimportant or trivial. <i>A <b>trifling</b> matter.</i>
<b>tyro</b>	Someone new to a field or activity.

