

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 <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "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.



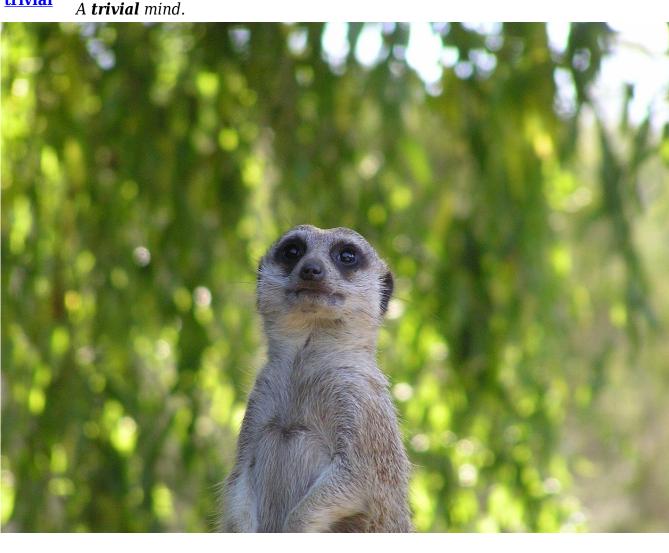
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Synonyms of "Mere" as an adjective (12 Words)

<u>bare</u>	Just barely adequate or within a lower limit. A bare livelihood.
<u>basic</u>	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.
<u>minimal</u>	Characterized by simplicity and lack of adornment or decoration. <i>Needed to enforce minimal standards.</i>
paltry	Petty; trivial. Naval glory struck him as paltry .
scant	Barely amounting to a specified number or quantity. She weighed a scant two pounds.



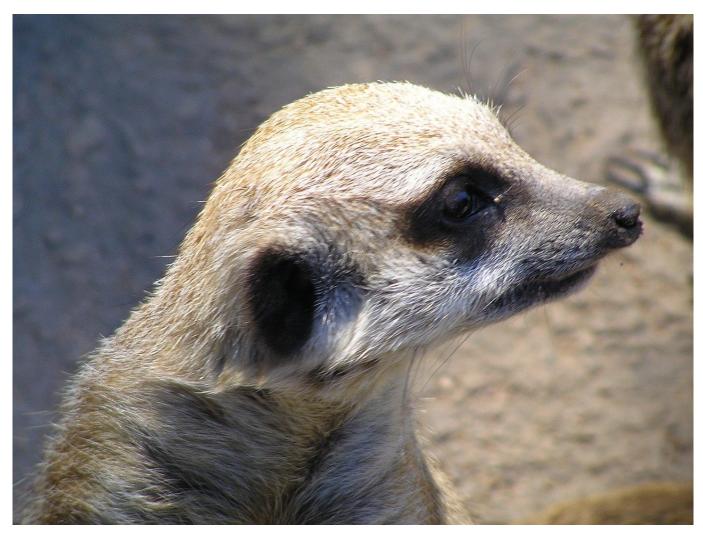
scanty	Small or insufficient in quantity or amount. The women looked cold in their scanty bodices.
simple	Used to emphasize the fundamental and straightforward nature of something. A <i>simple</i> game.
skimpy	(of clothing) revealing the body. A skimpy allowance.
<u>slender</u>	Being of delicate or slender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





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)

<u>almost</u>

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



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



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



