

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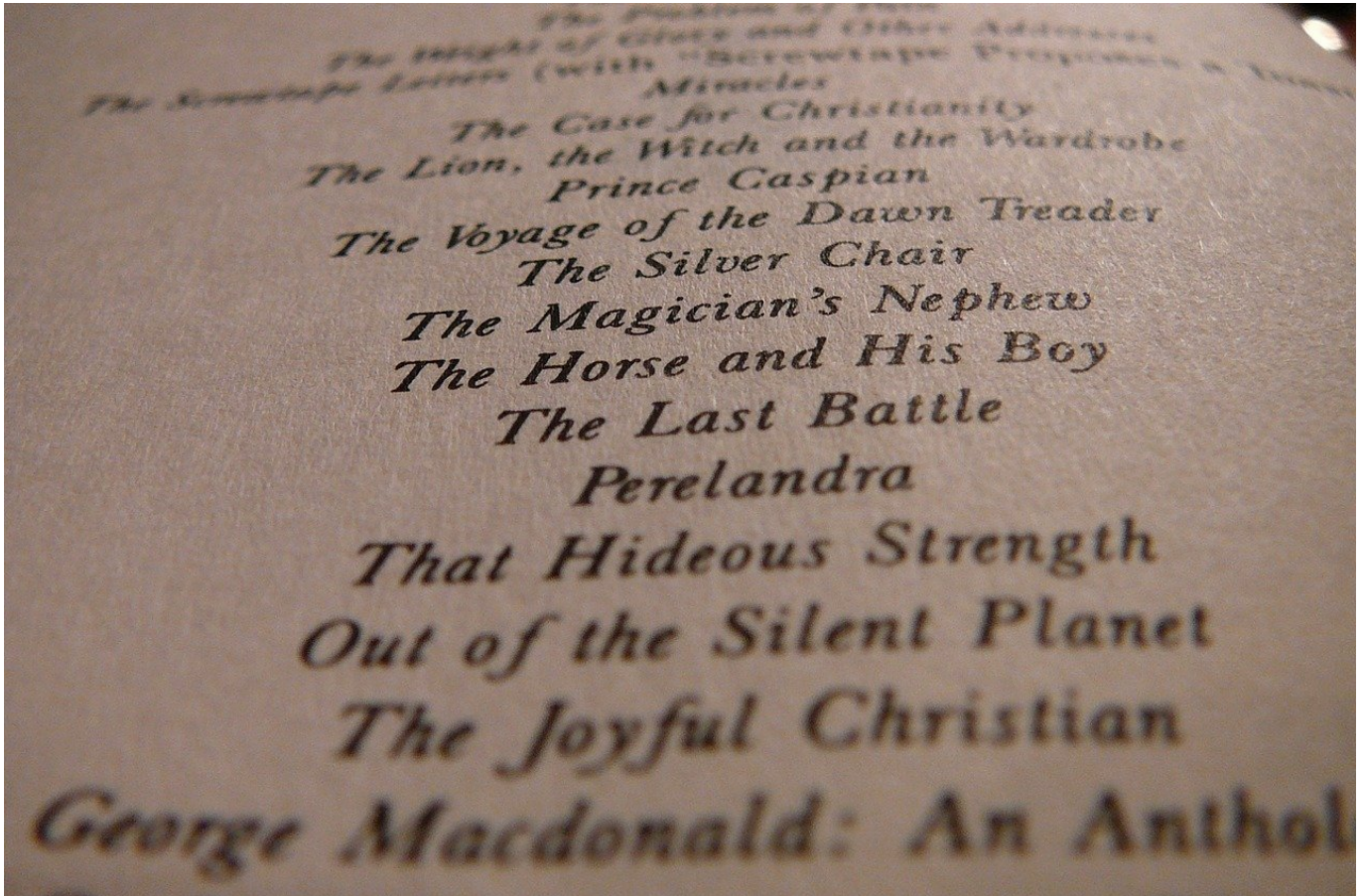
The synonyms of “Mere” are: bare, simple, trifling, meagre, trivial, paltry, basic, scant, scanty, skimpy, minimal, slender

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:

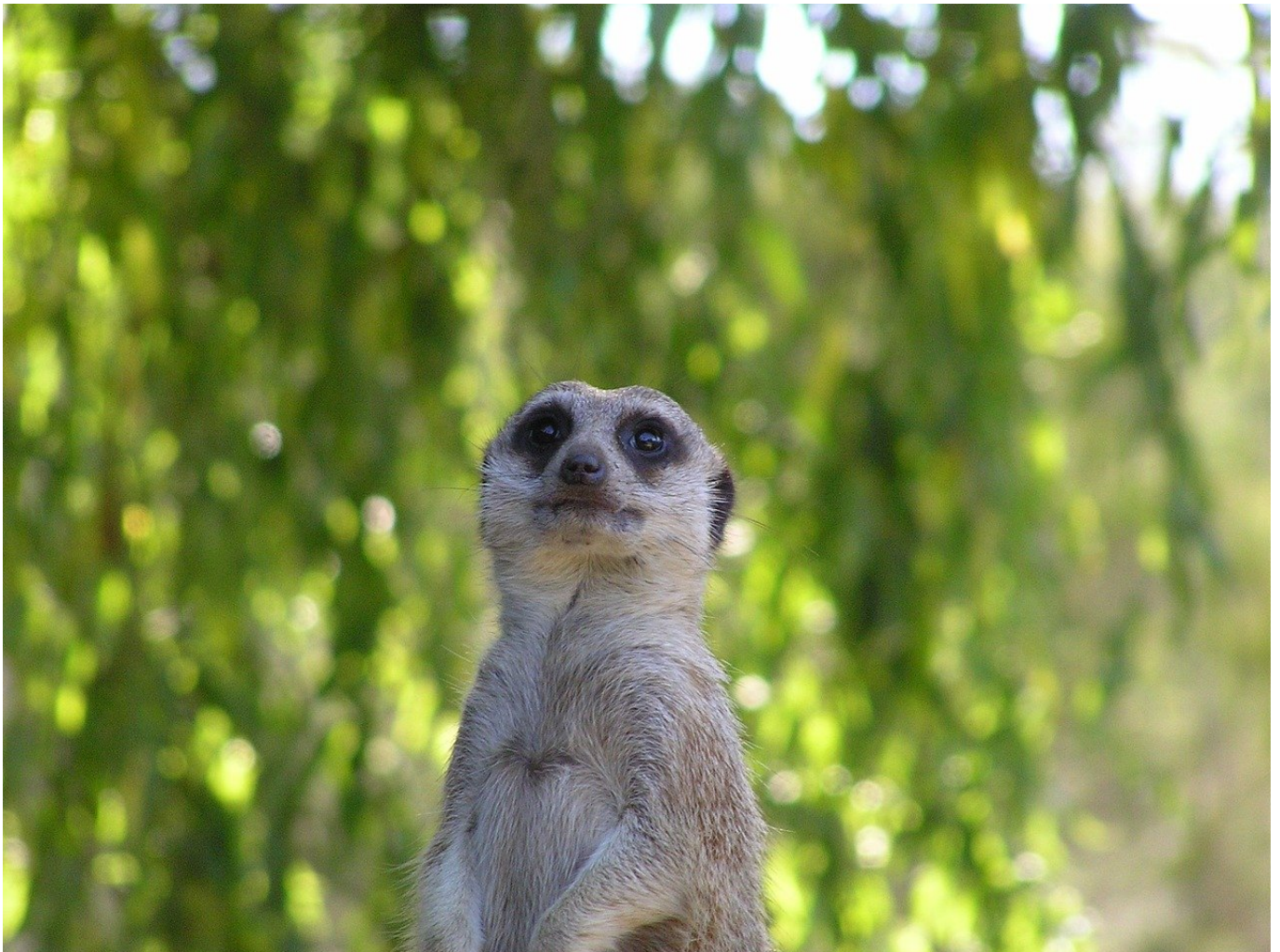
- *Used to emphasize how small or insignificant someone or something is.*
- *Being nothing more than specified.*
- *Used to emphasize that the fact of something being present in a situation is enough to influence that situation.*
- *Apart from anything else; without additions or modifications.*



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.*

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

rookie	An awkward and inexperienced youth. <i>A rookie cop.</i>
several	Separate or respective. <i>The two levels of government sort out their several responsibilities.</i>
simple	Exhibiting childlike simplicity and credulity. <i>A simple country schoolhouse.</i>
simply	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. <i>There s a slight chance it will work.</i>
smattering	A slight superficial knowledge of a language or subject. <i>Edward had only a smattering of Welsh.</i>
some	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. <i>A trifling matter.</i>
tyro	Someone new to a field or activity.

