

Need another word that means the same as “merely”? Find 7 synonyms and 30 related words for “merely” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Merely” are: but, just, only, simply, purely, solely, entirely**

## **Merely as an Adverb**

### **Definitions of "Merely" as an adverb**

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

- *And nothing more.*
- *Just; only.*



## Synonyms of "Merely" as an adverb (7 Words)

- but** No more than; only.  
*He was a nice bloke **but**.*
- entirely** Solely.  
*A school devoted **entirely** to the needs of problem children.*
- just** By a little.  
***Just** a bad day in the office.*
- only** Without any others being included or involved.  
*There are **only** a limited number of tickets available.*
- purely** In a pure manner.  
*The purpose of the meeting was **purely** to give information.*
- simply** (used for emphasis) absolutely.  
*Quite **simply** some things have to be taught.*
- solely** Without any others being included or involved.  
*Did it **solely** for money.*



## Usage Examples of "Merely" as an adverb

- *Gary, a silent boy, merely nodded.*
- *I was merely asking.*



## Associations of "Merely" (30 Words)

- already** Before or by now or the time in question.  
*Anna has suffered a great deal **already**.*
- bare** Just barely adequate or within a lower limit.  
*A **bare** cell with just a mattress.*
- braggadocio** Vain and empty boasting.

<b>but</b>	And nothing more. <i>As with all these proposals ifs and <b>but</b>s abound.</i>
<b>coincidentally</b>	At the same time. <i>The three are <b>coincidentally</b> reunited when captured by the enemy.</i>
<b>despite</b>	Contemptuous treatment or behaviour; outrage. <i>The <b>despite</b> done by him to the holy relics.</i>
<b>handful</b>	A person or group that is very difficult to deal with or control. <i>Only a <b>handful</b> of responses were received.</i>
<b>heretofore</b>	Before now. <i>Diseases that <b>heretofore</b> were usually confined to rural areas.</i>
<b>hitherto</b>	Until now or until the point in time under discussion. <i><b>Hitherto</b> part of French West Africa Benin achieved independence in 1960.</i>
<b>however</b>	To whatever degree or extent. <i>Although I m a little afraid <b>however</b> I d like to try it.</i>
<b>just</b>	Of an opinion or appraisal well founded justifiable. <i>A <b>just</b> and lasting peace.</i>
<b>mere</b>	Used to emphasize that the fact of something being present in a situation is enough to influence that situation. <i>Shocked by the <b>mere</b> idea.</i>
<b>nevertheless</b>	Despite anything to the contrary (usually following a concession). <i>Statements which although literally true are <b>nevertheless</b> misleading.</i>
<b>nonetheless</b>	Despite anything to the contrary (usually following a concession). <i>The rally which the government had declared illegal was <b>nonetheless</b> attended by some 6 000.</i>
<b>notwithstanding</b>	Nevertheless; in spite of this. <i>I didn't like it. <b>Notwithstanding</b>, I remained calm.</i>
<b>only</b>	Being the only one single and isolated from others. <i>Rebellion will <b>only</b> bring more unhappiness.</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>preliminary</b>	A preliminary action or event. <i>The discussions were seen as <b>preliminary</b> to the policy paper.</i>
<b>purely</b>	Entirely; exclusively. <i>The purpose of the meeting was <b>purely</b> to give information.</i>
<b>pushover</b>	A thing that is very easily done. <i>This is going to be a <b>pushover</b>.</i>

<b><u>readily</u></b>	Without much difficulty. <i>He <b>readily</b> admits that the new car surpasses its predecessors.</i>
<b><u>simply</u></b>	Absolutely; altogether; really. <i>It is <b>simply</b> a matter of time.</i>
<b><u>single</u></b>	Cause a run to be scored by hitting a single. <i><b>Single</b> parenthood.</i>
<b>soupcorn</b>	A slight but appreciable amount.
<b>suffix</b>	Append something especially as a suffix. <i><b>Suffix</b> words.</i>
<b><u>though</u></b>	However. <i>I was hunting for work Jobs were scarce <b>though</b>.</i>
<b>tyro</b>	A beginner or novice.
<b>unformed</b>	Not having form or shape. <i>She packed the <b>unformed</b> butter into the mould.</i>
<b><u>whatever</u></b>	One or some or every or all without specification. <i>They received no help <b>whatever</b>.</i>
<b><u>yet</u></b>	Within an indefinite time or at an unspecified future time. <i>He longed for the flowers that were <b>yet</b> to show themselves.</i>

