

Need another word that means the same as “only”? Find 28 synonyms and 30 related words for “only” in this overview.

Table Of Contents:

- [Only as an Adjective](#)
- [Definitions of "Only" as an adjective](#)
- [Synonyms of "Only" as an adjective \(12 Words\)](#)
- [Usage Examples of "Only" as an adjective](#)
- [Only as an Adverb](#)
- [Definitions of "Only" as an adverb](#)
- [Synonyms of "Only" as an adverb \(16 Words\)](#)
- [Usage Examples of "Only" as an adverb](#)
- [Associations of "Only" \(30 Words\)](#)

**The synonyms of “Only” are: alone, entirely, exclusively, solely, but, just, merely, simply, only if, only when, only just, no more than, not more than, as little as, uniquely, wholly, lone, lonesome, sole, solitary, single, one, one and only, unique, only possible, individual, exclusive**

## Only as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Only" as an adjective

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

- *Alone deserving consideration.*
- *Exclusive of anyone or anything else.*
- *Alone of its or their kind; single or solitary.*
- *Being the only one; single and isolated from others.*



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

<b>alone</b>	Isolated from others. <i>They were not <b>alone</b> in dissenting from the advice.</i>
<b><u>exclusive</u></b>	Restricted to the person, group, or area concerned. <i>Mutually <b>exclusive</b> options.</i>
<b>individual</b>	Having a striking or unusual character; original. <i>We all have <b>individual</b> cars.</i>
<b><u>lone</u></b>	Characterized by or preferring solitude. <i>The <b>lone</b> skier on the mountain.</i>
<b>lonesome</b>	Being the only one; single and isolated from others. <i><b>Lonesome</b> when her husband is away.</i>
<b>one</b>	Being a single entity made by combining separate components. <i>She s <b>one</b> girl in a million.</i>
<b>one and only</b>	Of the same kind or quality.

**only possible** Exclusive of anyone or anything else.

**single** Being or characteristic of a single thing or person.  
*Alcohol is the **single** most important cause of violence.*

**sole** Being the only one; single and isolated from others.  
*The **sole** heir.*

**solitary** (of a flower or other part) borne singly.  
*A **solitary** traveler.*

**unique** Belonging or connected to (one particular person, place, or thing).  
*A style of architecture that is **unique** to Portugal.*



## Usage Examples of "Only" as an adjective

- *He was an only child.*
- *The only medal we had ever won.*
- *It's simply the only place to be seen these days.*
- *I'll have this car and this car only.*
- *An only child.*



## Only as an Adverb

### Definitions of "Only" as an adverb

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

- *In the final outcome.*
- *Except that.*
- *Not until.*
- *As recently as.*
- *Never except when.*
- *No more than (implying that more was expected); merely.*
- *And nothing more.*
- *Without any others being included or involved.*
- *And no one or nothing more besides; solely.*
- *With nevertheless the final result.*
- *No longer ago than.*
- *In an inevitable but undesirable way.*



- *With the negative or unfortunate result that.*



## Synonyms of "Only" as an adverb (16 Words)

<b>alone</b>	Used to emphasize that only one factor out of several is being considered and that the whole is greater or more extreme. <i>The child stayed home <b>alone</b>.</i>
<b>as little as</b>	To the same degree (often followed by `as. No more than; only.
<b>but</b>	<i>Choose from a colourful array of mango starfruit and raspberries to name <b>but</b> a few.</i>
<b>entirely</b>	Without any others being included or involved. <i>The traffic seemed to consist <b>entirely</b> of black cabs.</i>
<b>exclusively</b>	To the exclusion of others; only. <i><b>Exclusively</b> female concerns.</i>

<b><u>just</u></b>	Exactly at this moment or the moment described. <i>It has <b>just</b> enough salt.</i>
<b><u>merely</u></b>	Just; only. <i>I was <b>merely</b> asking.</i>
<b>no more than</b>	Used to express refusal or denial or disagreement etc or especially to emphasize a negative statement.
<b>not more than</b>	Used to form the comparative of some adjectives and adverbs.
<b>only if</b>	With nevertheless the final result.
<b>only just</b>	Never except when.
<b>only when</b>	Never except when.
<b><u>simply</u></b>	In a straightforward or plain manner. <i><b>Simply</b> complete the application form.</i>
<b><u>solely</u></b>	Without any others being included or involved. <i>Did it <b>solely</b> for money.</i>
<b>uniquely</b>	So as to be unique. <i>A <b>uniquely</b> talented musician.</i>
<b><u>wholly</u></b>	To a complete degree or to the full or entire extent whole is often used informally for wholly. <i>She found herself given over <b>wholly</b> to sensation.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Only" as an adverb

- *A final report reached him only on January 15.*
- *She was still only in her mid thirties.*
- *Only their faith sustained them.*
- *Call me only if your cold gets worse.*
- *She turned into the car park, only to find her way blocked.*
- *He was only a child.*
- *Genes that were discovered only last year.*
- *Deaths from heart disease have only declined by 10 per cent.*
- *A privilege granted only to him.*
- *There are only a limited number of tickets available.*
- *Rebellion will only bring more unhappiness.*







## Associations of "Only" (30 Words)

<b>alone</b>	Lacking companions or companionship. <i>There were fifteen churches in the town centre <b>alone</b>.</i>
<b>but</b>	An argument against something; an objection. <i>Choose from a colourful array of mango starfruit and raspberries to name <b>but</b> a few.</i>
<b>despite</b>	Lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike. <i>The <b>despite</b> in which outsiders were held is legendary.</i>
<b>devoted</b>	Dedicated exclusively to a purpose or use. <i>There is a museum <b>devoted</b> to her work.</i>
<b>exclusive</b>	(of terms) excluding all but what is specified. <i>An <b>exclusive</b> restaurants and shops.</i>
<b>exclusively</b>	To the exclusion of others; only. <i>Paints produced <b>exclusively</b> for independent retailers.</i>
<b>few</b>	A small elite group. <i>An invalid s pleasures are <b>few</b> and far between.</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>idiosyncratic</b>	Peculiar to the individual. <i>We all have our own <b>idiosyncratic</b> gestures.</i>
<b>individual</b>	Having a striking or unusual character; original. <i>Mark the <b>individual</b> pages.</i>
<b>individualist</b>	An advocate of a social theory favouring freedom of action for individuals over collective or state control. <i>An <b>individualistic</b> way of dressing.</i>
<b>individuality</b>	Individual characteristics. <i>Clothes with real style and <b>individuality</b>.</i>
<b>indivisible</b>	Unable to be divided or separated. <i>One nation <b>indivisible</b>.</i>
<b>just</b>	Of an opinion or appraisal well founded justifiable. <i>A <b>just</b> cause.</i>
<b>lone</b>	(of a place) unfrequented and remote. <i>She is <b>alone</b> much of the time.</i>
<b>mere</b>	Apart from anything else; without additions or modifications. <i>The city is a <b>mere</b> 20 minutes from some stunning countryside.</i>

<u>merely</u>	Just; only. <i>Gary a silent boy <b>merely</b> nodded.</i>
<u>nevertheless</u>	Despite anything to the contrary (usually following a concession). <i>Statements which although literally true are <b>nevertheless</b> misleading.</i>
<u>once</u>	As soon as. <i><b>Once</b> I ran into her.</i>
<b>one</b>	Being a single entity made by combining separate components. <i>He has the <b>one</b> but will need a two and three to go with it.</i>
<b>oneness</b>	The fact or state of being one in number. <i>A strong sense of <b>oneness</b> is felt with all things.</i>
<b>purely</b>	In a pure manner. <i>Act nobly speak <b>purely</b> and think charitably.</i>
<u>simply</u>	In a straightforward or plain manner. <i>It makes Trevor <b>simply</b> furious.</i>
<u>single</u>	A single measure of spirits. <i>Sex and the <b>single</b> girl.</i>
<u>sole</u>	Put a new sole on to a shoe. <i>He wanted several pairs of boots to be <b>soled</b> and heeled.</i>
<u>solely</u>	Not involving anyone or anything else; only. <i>He is <b>solely</b> responsible for any debts the company may incur.</i>
<u>though</u>	However (indicating that a factor qualifies or imposes restrictions on what was said previously). <i>I was hunting for work Jobs were scarce <b>though</b>.</i>
<u>trinity</u>	A group of three people or things. <i>God is said to be <b>trinity</b> in unity.</i>
<b>uniquely</b>	So as to be unique. <i>A <b>uniquely</b> talented musician.</i>
<b>unshared</b>	Not shared. <i>Most of those placed in hostels would prefer <b>unshared</b> independent accommodation.</i>

