

Need another word that means the same as “original”? Find 39 synonyms and 30 related words for “original” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Original” are: indigenous, native, aboriginal, first, earliest, authentic, genuine, actual, real, true, bona fide, veritable, archetypal, prototypical, master, innovative, creative, imaginative, innovational, inventive, ingenious, archetype, pilot, master copy, prototype, source, paradigm, model, pattern, standard, individualist, individual, eccentric, nonconformist, free spirit, bohemian, maverick, oddity**

## Original as a Noun

### Definitions of "Original" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “original” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A book or recording that has not been previously made available in a different form.*
- *A person or place on which a character or location in a literary work is based.*
- *The language in which something was first written.*
- *The earliest form of something, from which copies may be made.*
- *A garment made to order from a design specially prepared for a fashion collection.*
- *Something that serves as a model or a basis for making copies.*
- *An eccentric or unusual person.*
- *An original creation (i.e., an audio recording) from which copies can be made.*



## Synonyms of "Original" as a noun (18 Words)

### archetype

A very typical example of a certain person or thing.  
*An instrument which was the **archetype** of the early flute.*

### bohemian

A member of a people with dark skin and hair who speak Romany and who traditionally live by seasonal work and fortunetelling; they are believed to have originated in northern India but now are living on all continents (but mostly in Eur.

*Warhol and the artists and **bohemians** he worked with in the 1960s.*

### eccentric

A disc or wheel mounted eccentrically on a revolving shaft in order to transform rotation into backward and forward motion e g a cam in an internal combustion engine.

*A friendly **eccentric**.*

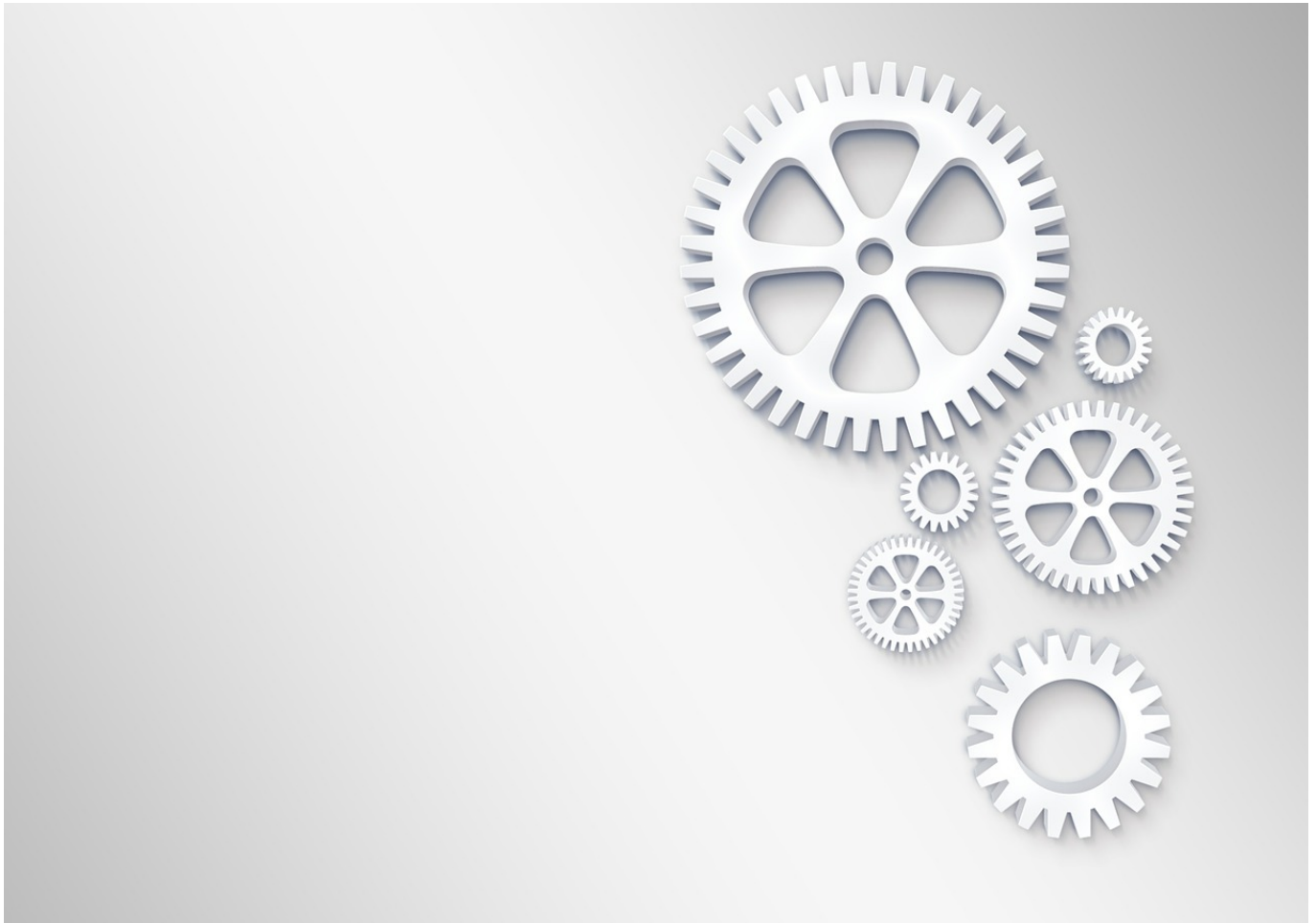
### free spirit

People who are free.

### individual

A person of a specified kind.  
*Boat trips for parties and **individuals**.*

<b>individualist</b>	A person who is independent and self-reliant. <i>Radical <b>individualists</b> committed to quality of life.</i>
<b>master</b>	Someone who holds a master s degree from academic institution. <i>He was <b>master</b> of the situation.</i>
<b>master copy</b>	Presiding officer of a school.
<b>maverick</b>	An unbranded range animal (especially a stray calf); belongs to the first person who puts a brand on it. <i>He s the <b>maverick</b> of the senate.</i>
<b>model</b>	A person who poses for a photographer or painter or sculptor. <i>Strikes have dogged the production of the <b>models</b>.</i>
<b>nonconformist</b>	A Protestant in England who is not a member of the Church of England. <i>She was a <b>nonconformist</b> an individualist.</i>
<b>oddity</b>	A strange attitude or habit. <i>She was regarded as a bit of an <b>oddity</b>.</i>
<b><u>paradigm</u></b>	The class of all items that can be substituted into the same position or slot in a grammatical sentence are in paradigmatic relation with one another. <i>The discovery of universal gravitation became the <b>paradigm</b> of successful science.</i>
<b>pattern</b>	Graphical representation (in polar or Cartesian coordinates) of the spatial distribution of radiation from an antenna as a function of angle. <i>The school is located a few kilometers away and is run on the <b>pattern</b> of other army schools.</i>
<b><u>pilot</u></b>	An inclined metal frame at the front of a locomotive to clear the track. <i>A strike by local airline <b>pilots</b>.</i>
<b>prototype</b>	A standard or typical example. <i>The construction of bandpass networks from low pass <b>prototypes</b>.</i>
<b>source</b>	Anything (a person or animal or plant or substance) in which an infectious agent normally lives and multiplies. <i>Pittsburgh is the <b>source</b> of the Ohio River.</i>
<b>standard</b>	A required or agreed level of quality or attainment. <i>They live by the <b>standards</b> of their community.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Original" as a noun

- *The study of Russian texts in the original.*
- *Paperback originals.*
- *He was one of the true originals.*
- *The portrait may be a copy of the original.*
- *The house is reputed to be the original of Mansfield Park.*
- *This painting is a copy of the original.*
- *One set of originals and four photocopies.*
- *The designer has donated one of her amazing originals, a frothy pink evening dress.*



## Original as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Original" as an adjective

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

- *Created personally by a particular artist, writer, musician, etc.; not a copy.*
- *Preceding all others in time or being as first made or performed.*
- *Being or productive of something fresh and unusual; or being as first made or thought of.*
- *Not derived or copied or translated from something else.*
- *Present or existing from the beginning; first or earliest.*
- *Not secondhand or by way of something intermediary.*
- *Not dependent on other people's ideas; inventive or novel.*
- *(of e.g. information) not secondhand or by way of something intermediary.*



## Synonyms of "Original" as an adjective (21 Words)

- aboriginal** Of or pertaining to members of the indigenous people of Australia.  
*The **aboriginal** peoples of Australia.*
- actual** Used to emphasize the important aspect of something.  
*The estimate was much less than the **actual** cost.*
- archetypal** Relating to or denoting Jungian archetypes.  
*An **archetypal** journey representing the quest for identity.*
- authentic** Of undisputed origin and not a copy; genuine.  
*The restaurant serves **authentic** Italian meals.*
- bona fide** Not counterfeit or copied.
- creative** Relating to or involving the use of the imagination or original ideas to create something.  
*Change unleashes people s **creative** energy.*

<b>earliest</b>	Very young. <i>Verdi s <b>earliest</b> and most raucous opera.</i>
<b>first</b>	Ranking above all others. <i>The <b>first</b> meetings of the new party.</i>
<b><u>genuine</u></b>	Being or reflecting the essential or genuine character of something. <b>Genuine</b> leather.
<b><u>imaginative</u></b>	(used of persons or artifacts) marked by independence and creativity in thought or action. <i>An <b>imaginative</b> use of material.</i>
<b><u>indigenous</u></b>	Originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native. <i>The Ainu are <b>indigenous</b> to the northernmost islands of Japan.</i>
<b>ingenious</b>	(of a machine or idea) cleverly and originally devised and well suited to its purpose. <i>He was <b>ingenious</b> enough to overcome the limited budget.</i>
<b>innovational</b>	Being or producing something like nothing done or experienced or created before. <i>A mind so <b>innovational</b> so original.</i>
<b>innovative</b>	Being or producing something like nothing done or experienced or created before. <i>Is British industry <b>innovative</b> enough.</i>
<b><u>inventive</u></b>	Having the ability to create or design new things or to think originally. <b>Inventive</b> ceramics.
<b>master</b>	Most important element. <i>You don t have to be a <b>master</b> chef in order to cook meat properly.</i>
<b><u>native</u></b>	Used in names of animals or plants resembling others familiar elsewhere e g native bee. <i>Some last vestige of <b>native</b> wit prompted Guy to say nothing.</i>
<b>prototypical</b>	Denoting the first, original, or typical form of something. <i>The phone emerged as the <b>prototypical</b> example of point to point communication.</i>
<b>real</b>	Coinciding with reality. <i>The tour turned out to be a <b>real</b> disaster.</i>
<b>true</b>	Of a compass bearing measured relative to true north. <i>The <b>true</b> meaning of the statement.</i>
<b><u>veritable</u></b>	Not counterfeit or copied. <i>He s a <b>veritable</b> swine.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Original" as an adjective

- *Retracted his original statement.*
- *The plasterwork is probably original.*
- *The book still has its original binding.*
- *He kept the original copy and gave her only a xerox.*
- *The original cast.*
- *Restored the house to its original condition.*
- *His work is based on only original, not secondary, sources.*
- *A subtle and original thinker.*
- *Original Rembrandts.*
- *The original performance of the opera.*
- *The translation misses much of the subtlety of the original French.*
- *With original music.*
- *The original inhabitants of the Americas.*
- *The play is original; not an adaptation.*
- *A truly original approach.*
- *An original mind.*
- *The original owner of the house.*





## Associations of "Original" (30 Words)

### archetype

(in Jungian theory) a primitive mental image inherited from the earliest human ancestors, and supposed to be present in the collective unconscious.

*An instrument which was the **archetype** of the early flute.*

### **beginning**

The background or origins of a person or organization.

*It was a dark and stormy night is a hackneyed **beginning** for a story.*

### **creative**

A person whose job involves creative work.

*Change unleashes people s **creative** energy.*

### **creatively**

In a creative manner.

*This article inspires you to think **creatively**.*

### **disinclination**

That toward which you are inclined to feel dislike.

*Lucy felt a strong **disinclination** to talk about her engagement.*

### epitome

A summary of a written work; an abstract.

*She looked the **epitome** of elegance and good taste.*

<b>example</b>	A person or thing regarded in terms of their fitness to be imitated. <i>But there is always the famous <b>example</b> of the Smiths.</i>
<b><u>exemplar</u></b>	Something to be imitated. <i>The place is an <b>exemplar</b> of multicultural Britain.</i>
<b>first</b>	The fielding position of the player on a baseball team who is stationed at first of the bases in the infield counting counterclockwise from home plate. <i>The <b>first</b> of the month.</i>
<b>germinal</b>	Providing material for future development. <i>A <b>germinal</b> idea.</i>
<b><u>groundbreaking</u></b>	Being or producing something like nothing done or experienced or created before. <i><b>Groundbreaking</b> research into fertility problems.</i>
<b><u>imaginative</u></b>	Marked by independence and creativity in thought or action- Lewis Mumford. <i>Making <b>imaginative</b> use of computer software.</i>
<b><u>inception</u></b>	The establishment or starting point of an institution or activity. <i>She has been on the board since its <b>inception</b> two years ago.</i>
<b><u>incipient</u></b>	Beginning to happen or develop. <i>We seemed more like friends than <b>incipient</b> lovers.</i>
<b>ingenious</b>	Showing inventiveness and skill. <i>He was <b>ingenious</b> enough to overcome the limited budget.</i>
<b>initial</b>	Mark or sign a document with one's initials in order to authorize or validate it. <i>Greece and the United States <b>initialled</b> a new defence cooperation agreement.</i>
<b>initially</b>	At the beginning. <i><b>Initially</b> he thought the new concept was nonsense.</i>
<b>innovative</b>	(of a person) introducing new ideas; original and creative in thinking. <i>Stylistically <b>innovative</b> works.</i>
<b><u>instance</u></b>	An item of information that is typical of a class or group. <i>Another <b>instance</b> occurred yesterday.</i>
<b><u>invention</u></b>	Something, typically a process or device, that has been invented. <i>You know my story is an <b>invention</b>.</i>
<b><u>inventive</u></b>	Showing creativity or original thought. <i>A courageous and <b>inventive</b> piece of film making.</i>
<b>manuscript</b>	The form of a literary work submitted for publication. <i>Several <b>manuscripts</b> in his own hand.</i>

<b>mythological</b>	Relating to, based on, or appearing in myths or mythology. <i>The tree of life is one of the oldest of all <b>mythological</b> symbols.</i>
<b>paradigm</b>	The class of all items that can be substituted into the same position or slot in a grammatical sentence are in paradigmatic relation with one another. <i>English determiners form a <b>paradigm</b> we can say a book or his book but not a his book.</i>
<b>precursory</b>	Warning of future misfortune. <i><b>Precursory</b> seismic activity.</i>
<b>prototype</b>	Make a prototype of a product. <i>These objects are the <b>prototypes</b> of a category of rapidly spinning neutron stars.</i>
<b>quintessence</b>	The most typical example or representative of a type. <i>We were all brought up to believe that advertising is the <b>quintessence</b> of marketing.</i>
<b>quintessential</b>	Representing the perfect example of a class or quality. <i>He was the <b>quintessential</b> tough guy strong silent and self contained.</i>
<b>root</b>	Cause a plant or cutting to grow roots. <i>This plant <b>roots</b> quickly.</i>
<b>unabridged</b>	Not shortened. <i>An <b>unabridged</b> novel.</i>

