

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

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**The synonyms of “Originally” are: earlier, in the beginning, in the first place, primitively, first, initially, in the first instance**

## Originally as an Adverb

### Definitions of "Originally" as an adverb

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

- *In an original manner.*
- *From or in the beginning; at first.*
- *Before now.*
- *With reference to the origin or beginning.*
- *In a novel and inventive way.*



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

### earlier

Earlier in time previously.  
*Came **earlier** than I expected.*

### first

Before anything else.  
***First** we must consider the garter snake.*

### in the beginning

To or toward the inside of.

### in the first instance

To or toward the inside of.

### in the first place

To or toward the inside of.

### initially

At the beginning.  
***Initially** he thought the new concept was nonsense.*

### primitively

With reference to the origin or beginning.



## Usage Examples of "Originally" as an adverb

- *The suggestions so originally and persuasively outlined.*
- *Potatoes originally came from South America.*





## Associations of "Originally" (30 Words)

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| <u>basal</u>         | Of primary importance.<br><i><b>Basal</b> epidermal cells.</i>   |
| <u>base</u>          | Serving as or forming a base.<br><i>Everything she cooked seemed to have rice as the <b>base</b>.</i>  |
| <u>basic</u>         | Of or denoting or of the nature of or containing a base.<br><i>A <b>basic</b> fact.</i>  |
| <b>basically</b>     | In essence; at bottom or by one's (or its) very nature.<br><i>He is <b>basically</b> dishonest.</i>  |
| <b>basilar</b>       | Of or relating to or located at the base.<br><i>The <b>basilar</b> membrane of the cochlea.</i>  |
| <u>chiefly</u>       | For the most part.<br><i>He is remembered <b>chiefly</b> for his organ sonatas.</i>  |
| <u>crude</u>         | Belonging to an early stage of technical development characterized by simplicity and often crudeness.<br><i>Managed to make a <b>crude</b> splint.</i> |
| <u>elementary</u>    | Of or pertaining to or characteristic of elementary school or elementary education.<br><i><b>Elementary</b> my dear Watson.</i>                        |
| <b>elements</b>      | Violent or severe weather viewed as caused by the action of the four elements.<br><i>They felt the full fury of the <b>elements</b>.</i>               |
| <b>essential</b>     | The fundamental elements or characteristics of something.<br><i>The <b>essential</b> feature.</i>  |
| <u>essentially</u>   | In essence; at bottom or by one's (or its) very nature.<br><i>The argument was <b>essentially</b> a technical one.</i>                                 |
| <u>firsthand</u>     | From the original source; directly.<br><i><b>Firsthand</b> information.</i>  |
| <b>fundamental</b>   | A fundamental note tone or frequency.<br><i>Computers are <b>fundamental</b> to modern industrial structure.</i>                                       |
| <b>fundamentally</b> | In central or primary respects.<br><i><b>Fundamentally</b> this is a matter for doctors.</i>   |
| <b>initially</b>     | At the beginning.<br><i><b>Initially</b> he thought the new concept was nonsense.</i>  |
| <u>intend</u>        | Mean or intend to express or convey.<br><i>The company <b>intends</b> to cut 400 jobs.</i>   |

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| <u><b>largely</b></u>        | On a large scale.<br><i>These accounts are <b>largely</b> inactive.</i>   |
| <u><b>main</b></u>           | (of a clause) capable of standing syntactically alone as a complete sentence.<br><i>By <b>main</b> strength.</i>                    |
| <u><b>mainly</b></u>         | For the most part.<br><i>He is <b>mainly</b> interested in butterflies.</i>   |
| <u><b>mostly</b></u>         | As regards the greater part or number.<br><i>I made some good friends but <b>mostly</b> met closed minded people.</i>               |
| <u><b>origin</b></u>         | The point of intersection of coordinate axes; where the values of the coordinates are all zero.<br><i>Vegetable <b>origins</b>.</i> |
| <u><b>overwhelmingly</b></u> | To a very great degree or with a great majority.<br><i>The reaction has been <b>overwhelmingly</b> positive.</i>                    |
| <b>predominantly</b>         | Mainly; for the most part.<br><i>The patients are <b>predominantly</b> indigenous.</i>  |
| <u><b>primarily</b></u>      | For the most part; mainly.<br><i>Around 80 per cent of personal computers are used <b>primarily</b> for word processing.</i>        |
| <u><b>primary</b></u>        | A primary feather.<br><i>The organic matter is formed by <b>primary</b> producers such as plants and plankton.</i>                  |
| <b>principal</b>             | An actor who plays a principal role.<br><i>The <b>principal</b> rivers of America.</i>  |
| <b>principally</b>           | For the most part; chiefly.<br><i>He was <b>principally</b> a landscape painter.</i>  |
| <u><b>rudimentary</b></u>    | Being in the earliest stages of development.<br><i>He received a <b>rudimentary</b> education.</i>                                  |
| <u><b>staple</b></u>         | Attach or secure with a staple or staples.<br><i><b>Staple</b> the papers together.</i>   |
| <u><b>underlying</b></u>     | Being or involving basic facts or principles.<br><i><b>Underlying</b> principles.</i>   |



