

Need another word that means the same as “ostensibly”? Find 10 synonyms and 30 related words for “ostensibly” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Ostensibly” are: apparently, seemingly, to all appearances, to all intents and purposes, outwardly, superficially, allegedly, professedly, supposedly, purportedly

Ostensibly as an Adverb

Definitions of "Ostensibly" as an adverb

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

- *As appears or is stated to be true, though not necessarily so; apparently.*
- *From appearances alone.*

Synonyms of "Ostensibly" as an adverb (10 Words)

allegedly	Used to convey that something is claimed to be the case or have taken place, although there is no proof. <i>Allegedly</i> obscene material.
apparently	Unmistakably (‘plain’ is often used informally for ‘plainly’). <i>Irrigation often produces bumper crops from apparently desert land.</i>
outwardly	On or from the outside. <i>Outwardly</i> featureless modern offices.
professedly	With pretense or intention to deceive. <i>Susan Smith was professedly guilty of the murders.</i>

purportedly	Believed or reputed to be the case. <i>A purportedly independent arbitrator.</i>
seemingly	According to the facts as one knows them; as far as one knows. <i>The child is seemingly healthy but the doctor is concerned.</i>
superficially	At or on the surface or skin. <i>Superficially they have little in common.</i>
supposedly	According to what is generally assumed or believed (often used to indicate that the speaker doubts the truth of the statement). <i>There were rumours of a rift between him and his colleagues supposedly because they were jealous of his relationship with the Duchess.</i>
to all appearances	To a complete degree or to the full or entire extent ('whole' is often used informally for 'wholly').
to all intents and purposes	To a complete degree or to the full or entire extent ('whole' is often used informally for 'wholly').

Usage Examples of "Ostensibly" as an adverb

- *The party secretary resigned, ostensibly from ill health.*
- *Had been ostensibly frank as to his purpose while really concealing it.*

Associations of "Ostensibly" (30 Words)

auricular	Pertaining to an auricle of the heart. <i>The Catholic doctrine of the necessity of private auricular confession.</i>
bark	Of a dog fox or seal give a bark. <i>She barked into the dictaphone.</i>
bombast	High-sounding language with little meaning, used to impress people. <i>The bombast of gung ho militarism.</i>
casing	A cover or shell that protects or encloses something. <i>The casings had rotted away and had to be replaced.</i>
cuticle	The outer layer of the skin covering the exterior body surface of vertebrates. <i>The body is covered with a non living cuticle of chitin.</i>
dabbler	Any of numerous shallow-water ducks that feed by upending and dabbling.
dilettante	An amateur who engages in an activity without serious intentions and who pretends to have knowledge. <i>A wealthy literary dilettante.</i>

epidermis	The surface epithelium of the skin, overlying the dermis.
exterior	(in filming) outdoor. An exterior scene.
external	Coming from the outside. For external application only.
externalize	Fail or choose not to incorporate (costs) as part of a pricing structure, especially social and environmental costs resulting from a product's manufacture and use. <i>Elements of the internal construction were externalized on to the facade.</i>
extrinsic	Not forming an essential part of a thing or arising or originating from the outside. <i>That style is something extrinsic to the subject.</i>
facing	A protective covering that protects the outside of a building. <i>Two facing pages.</i>
guise	An external form, appearance, or manner of presentation, typically concealing the true nature of something. <i>Sums paid under the guise of consultancy fees.</i>
integument	A tough outer protective layer, especially that of an animal or plant. <i>This chemical compound is found in the integument of the seed.</i>
outer	A shot that strikes the outer. <i>Spent hours adorning the outer man.</i>
outside	Leading to or from the outside. <i>We ran outside.</i>
outward	Outwards. <i>Move the needle further outward.</i>
outwardly	With respect to the outside. <i>Outwardly featureless modern offices.</i>
peripheral	A peripheral device. <i>A peripheral interest.</i>
putative	Purported; commonly put forth or accepted as true on inconclusive grounds. <i>The putative author of the book.</i>
rind	The hard outer edge of cheese or bacon. <i>Jeffries was flensing the rind free.</i>
seeming	Giving the impression of having a specified quality. <i>Ellen s seeming indifference to the woman s fate.</i>
semblance	Resemblance similarity. <i>It bears some semblance to the thing I have in mind.</i>

- shallow** Make shallow.
*A **shallow** analysis of contemporary society.*
- smatter** To talk foolishly.
*She **smatters** Russian.*
- superficial** Lacking depth of character or understanding.
*The resemblance between the breeds is **superficial**.*
- surface** Denoting ships which travel on the surface of the water as distinct from submarines.
*Three quarters of the Earth's **surface** is covered by water.*
- trappings** Accessory wearing apparel.
*I had the **trappings** of success.*