

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 obscene material.</i>
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 featureless modern offices.</i>
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. <i>An exterior scene.</i>
external	Coming from the outside. <i>For external application only.</i>
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>

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