

Need another word that means the same as “perfunctory”? Find 6 synonyms and 30 related words for “perfunctory” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Perfunctory” are: casual, cursory, passing, superficial, pro forma, desultory**

## Perfunctory as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Perfunctory" as an adjective

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

- *Hasty and without attention to detail; not thorough.*
- *As a formality only.*
- *(of an action) carried out without real interest, feeling, or effort.*
- *Done or produced as a formality only.*

### Synonyms of "Perfunctory" as an adjective (6 Words)

<b><u>casual</u></b>	Marked by blithe unconcern. A <b>casual</b> attitude to life.
<b>cursory</b>	Hasty and without attention to detail; not thorough. A <b>cursory</b> glance at the figures.
<b>desultory</b>	Occurring randomly or occasionally. <b>Desultory</b> passengers were appearing.
<b>passing</b>	(of a period of time) going by. A team with a good <b>passing</b> attack.
<b>pro forma</b>	In favor of (an action or proposal etc).

**superficial** Appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely.  
*The resemblance between the breeds is **superficial**.*

## Usage Examples of "Perfunctory" as an adjective

- *Perfunctory courtesy.*
- *He gave a perfunctory nod.*

## Associations of "Perfunctory" (30 Words)

<b>alert</b>	A warning serves to make you more alert to danger. <i>He <b>alerted</b> people to the dangers of smoking.</i>
<b>attention</b>	A courteous act indicating affection. <i>She tried to win his heart with her many <b>attentions</b>.</i>
<b>attentive</b>	Taking heed; giving close and thoughtful attention. <i>Ministers should be more <b>attentive</b> to the interests of taxpayers.</i>
<b>aware</b>	Having or showing knowledge or understanding or realization or perception. <i>He was <b>aware</b> that a problem existed.</i>
<b>beware</b>	Be on one's guard; be cautious or wary about; be alert to. <i>We should <b>beware</b> the incompetence of legislators.</i>
<b>careful</b>	Full of cares or anxiety. <i>Thou art <b>careful</b> and troubled about many things.</i>
<b>cautious</b>	People who are fearful and cautious. <i>Reserved and <b>cautious</b> never making swift decisions.</i>
<b>chary</b>	Characterized by great caution and wariness. <i><b>Chary</b> of the risks involved.</i>
<b>circumspect</b>	Wary and unwilling to take risks. <i>The officials were very <b>circumspect</b> in their statements.</i>
<b>compelling</b>	Not able to be refuted; inspiring conviction. <i>New and <b>compelling</b> evidence.</i>
<b>cursory</b>	Hasty and without attention to detail; not thorough. <i>A casual or <b>cursory</b> inspection failed to reveal the house's structural flaws.</i>
<b>deliberation</b>	Careful consideration. <i>He replaced the glass on the table with <b>deliberation</b>.</i>

<b>discreet</b>	Marked by prudence or modesty and wise self-restraint. <i>A <b>discreet</b> cough.</i>
<b>discreetly</b>	In an intentionally unobtrusive manner. <i>He <b>discreetly</b> inquired whether the position was still available.</i>
<b>flatly</b>	Without marked contrast of light and dark. <i>He <b>flatly</b> denied the charges.</i>
<b>forethought</b>	Judiciousness in avoiding harm or danger. <i>Jim had the <b>forethought</b> to book in advance.</i>
<b>formal</b>	A lavish dance requiring formal attire. <i>The college will be hosting their annual <b>formal</b> on February 6.</i>
<b>hasty</b>	Quick-tempered. <i><b>Hasty</b> decisions.</i>
<b>mandatory</b>	Required by law or mandate; compulsory. <i>Wearing helmets was made <b>mandatory</b> for pedal cyclists.</i>
<b>measured</b>	Having notes of fixed rhythmic value. <i>With <b>measured</b> irony.</i>
<b>mindful</b>	Inclined or willing to do something. <i>Tune in to your body and be <b>mindful</b>.</i>
<b>obligate</b>	Require or compel (someone) to undertake a legal or moral duty. <i>An <b>obligate</b> anaerobe can survive only in the absence of oxygen.</i>
<b>obligatory</b>	(of a ruling) having binding force. <i>Attendance is <b>obligatory</b>.</i>
<b>prudent</b>	Careful and sensible; marked by sound judgment. <i>More <b>prudent</b> to hide than to fight.</i>
<b>required</b>	Required by rule. <i><b>Required</b> reading.</i>
<b>thoughtful</b>	Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention. <i>A deeply <b>thoughtful</b> essay.</i>
<b>unconditionally</b>	Not subject to a condition. <i>The enemy forces surrendered <b>unconditionally</b>.</i>
<b>vigilant</b>	Carefully observant or attentive; on the lookout for possible danger. <i>The <b>vigilant</b> eye of the town watch.</i>
<b>wary</b>	Feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems. <i>Taught to be <b>wary</b> of strangers.</i>
<b>watchful</b>	Wakeful; sleepless. <i>They attended dances under the <b>watchful</b> eye of their father.</i>