

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)

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

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

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