

Need another word that means the same as “pillar”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “pillar” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Pillar” are: column, tower, mainstay, post, pole, support, upright, vertical, baluster, pier, pile, piling, pilaster, stanchion, standard, prop, buttress, stalwart, strength, tower of strength, bastion, rock

Pillar as a Noun

Definitions of "Pillar" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “pillar” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A fundamental principle or practice.*
- *A prominent supporter.*
- *Anything that approximates the shape of a column or tower.*
- *A person or thing regarded as reliably providing essential support for something.*
- *A solid mass of coal left to support the roof of a mine.*
- *A tall vertical structure of stone, wood, or metal, used as a support for a building, or as an ornament or monument.*
- *(architecture) a tall vertical cylindrical structure standing upright and used to support a structure.*
- *Something shaped like a pillar.*
- *A tall vertical cylindrical structure standing upright and used to support a structure.*
- *A vertical cylindrical structure standing alone and not supporting anything (such as a monument).*



Synonyms of "Pillar" as a noun (22 Words)

- baluster** Of a furniture leg or other decorative item having the form of a baluster.
***Baluster** legs in English oak.*
- bastion** A natural rock formation resembling a man made bastion.
*The last **bastion** of communism.*
- buttress** A structure of stone or brick built against a wall to strengthen or support it.
*The political police were the main **buttress** of the regime.*
- column** A vertical glass tube used in column chromatography a mixture is poured in the top and washed through a stationary substance where components of the mixture are adsorbed selectively to form colored bands.
*A **column** of tanks moved north west.*
- mainstay** A central cohesive source of support and stability.
*Farming is the **mainstay** of the rural economy.*

pier	A vertical supporting structure (as a portion of wall between two doors or windows).
pilaster	A rectangular column, especially one projecting from a wall.
pile	A nuclear reactor. <i>He s making piles of money.</i>
piling	A nuclear reactor that uses controlled nuclear fission to generate energy. <i>Wooden piling supporting a complex of waterfront buildings.</i>
pole	A long slender flexible rod of wood or fibreglass used by a competitor in pole vaulting. <i>New poles should be protected from grazing livestock.</i>
post	The system whereby messages are transmitted via the post office. <i>She was opening her post.</i>
prop	A propeller that rotates to push against air. <i>He found himself becoming the emotional prop of the marriage.</i>
rock	A large piece of rock which has become detached from a cliff or mountain a boulder. <i>The new system is heading for the rocks.</i>
stalwart	A person who is loyal to their allegiance (especially in times of revolt). <i>The stalwarts of the Labour Party.</i>
stanchion	Any vertical post or rod used as a support.
standard	The value behind the money in a monetary system. <i>Distance was marked by standards every mile.</i>
strength	Capacity to produce strong physiological or chemical effects. <i>An under strength side.</i>
support	A musical part vocal or instrumental that supports or provides background for other musical parts. <i>He leaned against the wall for support.</i>
tower	Anything that approximates the shape of a column or tower. <i>A CD tower.</i>
tower of strength	Anything that approximates the shape of a column or tower.
upright	An upright piano. <i>A first class upright that would satisfy an amateur pianist.</i>
vertical	A vertical line or plane. <i>The resort claims a vertical of 2 100 metres.</i>



Usage Examples of "Pillar" as a noun

- *He was a pillar of his local community.*
- *A thin pillar of smoke betrayed their campsite.*
- *A pillar of rock.*
- *He is a pillar of the community.*
- *Science eroded the pillars of superstition.*



Associations of "Pillar" (30 Words)

- backbone** The main chain of a polymeric molecule.
*The great Pennine range is the **backbone** of England.*
- basis** The system or principles according to which an activity or process is carried on.
*He worked on an interim **basis**.*
- behemoth** Someone or something that is abnormally large and powerful.
***Behemoths** like the brontosaurus.*
- buttress** Reinforce with a buttress.
***Buttress** your thesis.*
- carillon** A tune played on a carillon.
- column** Anything that approximates the shape of a column or tower.
*Turn to page five **column** seven.*
- corinthian** Of or relating to or characteristic of Corinth or its inhabitants.

forwarding	The advancement of some enterprise. <i>His experience in marketing resulted in the forwarding of his career.</i>
keystone	The central principle or part of a policy, system, etc., on which all else depends. <i>The keystone of campaign reform was the ban on soft money.</i>
leviathan	A very large aquatic creature, especially a whale. <i>The great leviathans of the deep.</i>
lighthouse	A tower or other structure containing a beacon light to warn or guide ships at sea.
marble	Paint or stain like marble. <i>Her shoulders were as white as marble.</i>
masonry	Freemasonry. <i>Hands roughened from carpentry and masonry.</i>
mast	A tall upright post on land, especially a flagpole or a television or radio transmitter.
obelisk	A mountain tree or other natural object resembling an obelisk in shape.
pagoda	An ornamental imitation of a Hindu or Buddhist pagoda.
prop	A propeller that rotates to push against air. <i>Before every scene he ran down his checklist of props.</i>
pylon	A tower or post marking a path for light aircraft, cars, or other vehicles, especially in racing. <i>Power pylons are a favorite target for terrorists.</i>
sand	A light yellow brown colour like that of sand. <i>Mask off the area to be painted and sand it down.</i>
sarcophagus	A stone coffin (usually bearing sculpture or inscriptions).
sculpt	Shape (a material like stone or wood) by whittling away at it. <i>She is sculpting the block of marble into an image of her husband.</i>
sculpture	Form or shape as if by sculpture especially with strong smooth curves. <i>The choir stalls were each carefully sculptured.</i>
spire	A tapering conical or pyramidal structure on the top of a building, typically a church tower. <i>Spires of delphiniums.</i>
stalactite	A cylinder of calcium carbonate hanging from the roof of a limestone cave.
stone	Remove the stone from a fruit. <i>Her face was as hard as stone.</i>
structure	Give a structure to. <i>The station is a magnificent structure and should not be demolished.</i>

support A musical part vocal or instrumental that supports or provides background for other musical parts.

*He does not **support** his natural children.*

tower Anything that approximates the shape of a column or tower.

*He seemed to **tower** over everyone else.*

trestle Sawhorses used in pairs to support a horizontal tabletop.

turret A rotating holder for tools, especially on a lathe.

*A castle with fairy tale **turrets**.*

