

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

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**The synonyms of “Primal” are: cardinal, central, fundamental, key, aboriginal, primaeval, primeval, primordial, original, initial, early, earliest, first, primitive, primary, basic, essential, elemental, vital, intrinsic, indispensable, inherent**

## Primal as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Primal" as an adjective

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

- *Having existed from the beginning; in an earliest or original stage or state.*
- *Serving as an essential component.*
- *Relating to or denoting the needs, fears, or behaviour that are postulated (especially in Freudian theory) to form the origins of emotional life.*
- *Most important; primary or fundamental.*
- *Relating to an early stage in evolutionary development; primeval.*



## Synonyms of "Primal" as an adjective (22 Words)

<a href="#"><u>aboriginal</u></a>	Inhabiting or existing in a land from the earliest times or from before the arrival of colonists; indigenous. <i>The <b>aboriginal</b> peoples of Australia.</i>
<a href="#"><u>basic</u></a>	Serving as a base or starting point. <i>A <b>basic</b> course in Russian.</i>
<a href="#"><u>cardinal</u></a>	Serving as an essential component. <i>Two <b>cardinal</b> points must be borne in mind.</i>
<a href="#"><u>central</u></a>	Accessible from a variety of places. <i>Coaches met at a <b>central</b> location.</i>
<a href="#"><u>earliest</u></a>	Expected in the near future. <i>Verdi's <b>earliest</b> and most raucous opera.</i>
<a href="#"><u>early</u></a>	Of an early stage in the development of a language or literature. <i>We agreed to meet at 6 am to get an <b>early</b> start.</i>

<b><u>elemental</u></b>	Denoting uncombined chemical elements. <i><b>Elemental</b> sulphur.</i>
<b>essential</b>	Basic and fundamental. <i>It is <b>essential</b> to keep up to date records.</i>
<b>first</b>	Preceding all others in time or space or degree. <i>The <b>first</b> meetings of the new party.</i>
<b>fundamental</b>	Far-reaching and thoroughgoing in effect especially on the nature of something. <i>The book underwent <b>fundamental</b> changes.</i>
<b><u>indispensable</u></b>	Absolutely necessary; vitally necessary. <i>The routine but <b>indispensable</b> ceremonies of state.</i>
<b><u>inherent</u></b>	(of an adjective) having the same meaning in both attributive and predicative uses. <i>The president's <b>inherent</b> foreign affairs power.</i>
<b>initial</b>	Occurring at the beginning. <i>The witness was identified simply by an <b>initial</b> letter.</i>
<b><u>intrinsic</u></b>	Belonging to a thing by its very nature. <i>Access to the arts is <b>intrinsic</b> to a high quality of life.</i>
<b>key</b>	Serving as an essential component. <i>She became a <b>key</b> figure in the suffragette movement.</i>
<b><u>original</u></b>	Present or existing from the beginning; first or earliest. <i>A subtle and <b>original</b> thinker.</i>
<b>primaeval</b>	Having existed from the beginning; in an earliest or original stage or state.
<b><u>primary</u></b>	Of primary importance. <i>A <b>primary</b> alcohol.</i>
<b>primeval</b>	Of the earliest time in history. <i>Mile after mile of <b>primeval</b> forest.</i>
<b><u>primitive</u></b>	Relating to, denoting, or preserving the character of an early stage in the evolutionary or historical development of something. <i><b>Primitive</b> mammals.</i>
<b><u>primordial</u></b>	Existing at or from the beginning of time; primeval. <i><b>Primordial</b> forms of life.</i>
<b><u>vital</u></b>	Manifesting or characteristic of life. <i>A <b>vital</b> and charismatic leader.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Primal" as an adjective

- *Rivers were the primal highways of life.*
- *Primal hunting societies.*
- *Primal eras before the appearance of life on earth.*
- *He preys on people's primal fears.*





## Associations of "Primal" (30 Words)

**antecedence** Preceding in time.

**betimes** In good time.  
*He awoke **betimes** that morning.*

**chief** The head of a tribe or clan.  
*A union **chief**.*

**early** During an early stage.  
*Look for an **early** end to the negotiations.*

**elementary** Of or pertaining to or characteristic of elementary school or elementary education.  
*An **elementary** astronomy course.*

**emergent** An emergent tree or other plant.  
*An **emergent** republic.*

<b>emerging</b>	Coming to maturity. <i>Established and <b>emerging</b> artists.</i>
<b>first</b>	The first element in a countable series. <i>The <b>first</b> meetings of the new party.</i>
<b>forefront</b>	The part in the front or nearest the viewer. <i>The issue has moved to the <b>forefront</b> of the political agenda.</i>
<b>foremost</b>	Before anything else. <i>The <b>foremost</b> compartment of the ship.</i>
<b>front</b>	Provide something with a front or facing of a particular type or material. <i>The west <b>front</b> of the Cathedral.</i>
<b>historic</b>	(of a tense) used in the narration of past events, especially Latin and Greek imperfect and pluperfect. <i><b>Historical</b> or <b>historic</b> times.</i>
<b>inchoate</b>	Just begun and so not fully formed or developed; rudimentary. <i>A vague <b>inchoate</b> idea.</i>
<b>initial</b>	Mark with one s initials. <i><b>Initial</b> consonants.</i>
<b>initially</b>	At the beginning. <i><b>Initially</b> he thought the new concept was nonsense.</i>
<b>leading</b>	The activity of leading. <i>The country s <b>leading</b> poet.</i>
<b>main</b>	Most important element. <i>The camcorder can be run directly off the <b>mains</b>.</i>
<b>major</b>	Of a premise containing the major term in a categorical syllogism. <i><b>Major</b> scales.</i>
<b>paleolithic</b>	Second part of the Stone Age beginning about 750,000 to 500,000 years BC and lasting until the end of the last ice age about 8,500 years BC. <i><b>Paleolithic</b> artifacts.</i>
<b>predate</b>	Prey on or hunt for. <i>Here parish boundaries seem clearly to <b>predate</b> Roman roads.</i>
<b>premier</b>	The person who is head of government (in several countries). <i>We <b>premiered</b> the opera of the young composer and it was a critical success.</i>
<b>premiere</b>	Perform a work for the first time. <i>His first stage play was <b>premiered</b> at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre.</i>
<b>prime</b>	A prime number. <i><b>Prime</b> cuts of meat.</i>

**primordial** (of a cell, part, or tissue) in the earliest stage of development.  
***Primordial** forms of life.*

**principal** An actor who plays a principal role.  
*He had been an outstanding **principal** in the orchestra.*

**priority** The fact or condition of being regarded or treated as more important than others.  
*National independence takes **priority** over class struggle.*

**seventh** One part in seven equal parts.

**staple** Attach or secure with a staple or staples.  
***Staple** fibers vary widely in length.*

**supreme** A dish served in a supreme sauce.  
*Our comrades who made the **supreme** sacrifice.*

**untimely** At a time that is unsuitable or premature.  
*Dave s **untimely** return.*

