

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)

[aboriginal](#)

Inhabiting or existing in a land from the earliest times or from before the arrival of colonists; indigenous.

The **aboriginal** peoples of Australia.

[basic](#)

Serving as a base or starting point.

A **basic** course in Russian.

[cardinal](#)

Serving as an essential component.

Two **cardinal** points must be borne in mind.

[central](#)

Accessible from a variety of places.

Coaches met at a **central** location.

[earliest](#)

Expected in the near future.

Verdi's **earliest** and most raucous opera.

[early](#)

Of an early stage in the development of a language or literature.

We agreed to meet at 6 am to get an **early** start.

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

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

