

Need another word that means the same as “primarily”? Find 32 synonyms and 30 related words for “primarily” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Primarily” are: in the first place, chiefly, in the main, mainly, principally, first and foremost, first, firstly, essentially, in essence, fundamentally, most importantly, predominantly, basically, above all, especially, particularly, mostly, for the most part, on the whole, largely, by and large, to a large extent, substantially, overall, in general, effectively, generally, usually, typically, commonly, as a rule

Primarily as an Adverb

Definitions of "Primarily" as an adverb

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

- *For the most part; mainly.*
- *Of primary import.*
- *For the most part.*

Synonyms of "Primarily" as an adverb (32 Words)

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| above all | At an earlier place. |
| as a rule | To the same degree (often followed by `as. |
| basically | In the most essential respects; fundamentally. <i>He is basically dishonest.</i> |
| by and large | In reserve; not for immediate use. |

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| chiefly | For the most part; mostly. <i>He is remembered chiefly for his organ sonatas.</i> |
| commonly | Under normal conditions. <i>Shift workers commonly complain of not getting enough sleep.</i> |
| effectively | Actually but not officially or explicitly. <i>Make sure that resources are used effectively.</i> |
| especially | Used to single out one person or thing over all others. <i>He despised them all especially Sylvester.</i> |
| essentially | In essence; at bottom or by one's (or its) very nature. <i>The argument was essentially a technical one.</i> |
| first | The initial time. <i>First we must consider the garter snake.</i> |
| first and foremost | Before another in time, space, or importance. |
| firstly | Used to introduce a first point or reason. <i>Firstly it is wrong and secondly it is extremely difficult to implement.</i> |
| for the most part | Used to form the superlative. |
| fundamentally | In essence; at bottom or by one's (or its) very nature. <i>Two fundamentally different concepts of democracy.</i> |
| generally | In most cases; usually. <i>A decade when France was moving generally to the left.</i> |
| in essence | To or toward the inside of. |
| in general | To or toward the inside of. |
| in the first place | To or toward the inside of. |
| in the main | To or toward the inside of. |
| largely | On a large scale. <i>These accounts are largely inactive.</i> |
| mainly | More than anything else. <i>The west will be mainly dry.</i> |
| most importantly | Used to form the superlative. |
| mostly | Usually; generally. <i>I made some good friends but mostly met closed minded people.</i> |
| on the whole | To a complete degree or to the full or entire extent ('whole' is often used informally for 'wholly'). |
| overall | Taken as a whole; in all. <i>Overall 10 000 jobs will go.</i> |

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| particularly | To a higher degree than is usual or average. <i>He was particularly fussy about spelling.</i> |
| predominantly | Mainly; for the most part. <i>Predominantly Russian areas.</i> |
| principally | For the most part; chiefly. <i>He was principally a landscape painter.</i> |
| substantially | In a strong substantial way. <i>Profits grew substantially.</i> |
| to a large extent | At a distance, wide of something (as of a mark). |
| typically | With the distinctive qualities of a particular type of person or thing. <i>A typically English village wedding.</i> |
| usually | Under normal conditions. <i>Heat resistant paints are usually black or aluminium coloured.</i> |

Usage Examples of "Primarily" as an adverb

- *This is primarily a question of economics.*
- *Around 80 per cent of personal computers are used primarily for word processing.*

Associations of "Primarily" (30 Words)

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| basal | Forming or belonging to a bottom layer or base. <i>Basal epidermal cells.</i> |
| basic | Relating to or denoting steel-making processes involving lime-rich refractories and slags. <i>A set of basic tools.</i> |
| basically | In essence; at bottom or by one's (or its) very nature. <i>I basically played the same thing every night.</i> |
| basilar | Of or relating to or located at the base. <i>The basilar membrane of the cochlea.</i> |
| capital | A book written by Karl Marx (1867) describing his economic theories. <i>Warsaw is the capital of Poland.</i> |
| chiefly | For the most part. <i>An audience consisting chiefly of women between the ages of 18 and 54.</i> |
| cornerstone | A stone at the outer corner of two intersecting masonry walls. <i>A national minimum wage remained the cornerstone of policy.</i> |

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| <u>elemental</u> | Relating to or being an element. <i>Elemental sulphur.</i> |
| <u>elementary</u> | Of or pertaining to or characteristic of elementary school or elementary education. <i>The elementary rights of citizenship.</i> |
| elements | Violent or severe weather viewed as caused by the action of the four elements. <i>They felt the full fury of the elements.</i> |
| essential | Of the greatest importance. <i>Fibre is an essential ingredient of our diet.</i> |
| <u>essentially</u> | Used to emphasize the basic, fundamental, or intrinsic nature of a person or thing. <i>The argument was essentially a technical one.</i> |
| <u>firsthand</u> | Received directly from a source. <i>Firsthand information.</i> |
| fundamental | A fundamental note tone or frequency. <i>A fundamental incompatibility between them.</i> |
| fundamentally | Used to make an emphatic statement about the basic truth of something. <i>Fundamentally this is a matter for doctors.</i> |
| heyday | The period of a person's or thing's greatest success, popularity, activity, or vigour. <i>The paper has lost millions of readers since its heyday in 1964.</i> |
| <u>largely</u> | On a large scale. <i>These accounts are largely inactive.</i> |
| <u>main</u> | Chief in size or importance. <i>The main doors were of solid glass.</i> |
| <u>mainly</u> | More than anything else. <i>He is mainly concerned with fiction.</i> |
| <u>mostly</u> | Usually; as a rule. <i>The culprits are mostly but not exclusively male.</i> |
| <u>originally</u> | From or in the beginning; at first. <i>The suggestions so originally and persuasively outlined.</i> |
| <u>overwhelmingly</u> | Incapable of being resisted. <i>The country voted overwhelmingly for independence.</i> |
| predominantly | Mainly; for the most part. <i>It is predominantly a coastal bird.</i> |

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| prima | Used primarily as eating apples. Prima ballerina. |
| <u>primary</u> | A primary feather. Primary goals. |
| principal | An actor who plays a principal role. Principals in general practice are self employed and controlled by their practice agreements. |
| principally | For the most part. He was principally a landscape painter. |
| <u>rudimentary</u> | Being in the earliest stages of development. A rudimentary stage of evolution. |
| seminal | Relating to or derived from the seed of a plant. The seminal root system. |
| <u>staple</u> | A piece of thin wire with two short right angled end pieces which are driven by a stapler through sheets of paper to fasten them together. Staple the papers together. |