

Need another word that means the same as “primary”? Find 31 synonyms and 30 related words for “primary” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Primary” are: basal, elemental, elementary, chief, main, master, principal, key, prime, central, foremost, first, most important, predominant, paramount, overriding, major, ruling, dominant, supreme, cardinal, ultimate, original, earliest, initial, beginning, primary election, primary feather, primary quill, primary coil, primary winding**

## Primary as a Noun

### Definitions of "Primary" as a noun

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

- *A primary colour.*
- *The Palaeozoic era.*
- *The body orbited by a smaller satellite or companion.*
- *A preliminary election where delegates or nominees are chosen.*
- *(in the US) a preliminary election to appoint delegates to a party conference or to select the candidates for a principal, especially presidential, election.*
- *One of the main flight feathers projecting along the outer edge of a bird's wing.*
- *(astronomy) a celestial body (especially a star) relative to other objects in orbit around it.*

- *Coil forming the part of an electrical circuit such that changing current in it induces a current in a neighboring circuit.*
- *A primary feather.*
- *A primary coil or winding in an electrical transformer.*
- *A celestial body (especially a star) relative to other objects in orbit around it.*



## Synonyms of "Primary" as a noun (5 Words)

- primary coil** A celestial body (especially a star) relative to other objects in orbit around it.
- primary election** Coil forming the part of an electrical circuit such that changing current in it induces a current in a neighboring circuit.
- primary feather** A preliminary election where delegates or nominees are chosen.
- primary quill** A celestial body (especially a star) relative to other objects in orbit around it.
- primary winding** One of the main flight feathers projecting along the outer edge of a bird's wing.



## Usage Examples of "Primary" as a noun

- *Current through the primary coil induces current in the secondary coil.*
- *These two republicans should win their primaries easily.*



## Primary as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Primary" as an adjective

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

- *Denoting or relating to organisms that produce organic compounds from simple substances such as water and carbon dioxide, typically by photosynthesis.*
- *Relating to or denoting the input side of a transformer or other inductive device.*
- *Relating to or denoting education for children between the ages of about five and eleven.*
- *Earliest in time or order.*
- *Of chief importance; principal.*
- *(of an organic compound) having its functional group located on a carbon atom which is bonded to no more than one other carbon atom.*
- *Not derived from, caused by, or based on anything else; original.*
- *Denoting or relating to consumer organisms at the lowest level in a community's food chain, which eat autotrophic organisms.*
- *Of or being the essential or basic part.*
- *Most important element.*
- *Of primary importance.*
- *(chiefly of amines) derived from ammonia by replacement of one hydrogen atom by an organic group.*

- *Of first rank or importance or value; direct and immediate rather than secondary.*
- *Not derived from or reducible to something else; basic.*
- *Belonging to or directly derived from the first stage of development or growth.*



## Synonyms of "Primary" as an adjective (26 Words)

<b><u>basal</u></b>	Especially of leaves; located at the base of a plant or stem; especially arising directly from the root or rootstock or a root-like stem. A <b>basal</b> reader.
<b>beginning</b>	Serving to begin. The <b>beginning</b> canto of the poem.
<b><u>cardinal</u></b>	Being or denoting a numerical quantity but not order. A <b>cardinal</b> rule.
<b><u>central</u></b>	Of the greatest importance; principal or essential. Coaches met at a <b>central</b> location.

<b>chief</b>	Having or denoting the highest rank. <i>The <b>chief</b> reason for the spending cuts.</i>
<b>dominant</b>	Denoting the predominant species in a plant or animal community. <i>Television plays a <b>dominant</b> role in molding public opinion.</i>
<b>earliest</b>	Expected in the near future. <i>Verdi's <b>earliest</b> and most raucous opera.</i>
<b><u>elemental</u></b>	Of or being the essential or basic part. <i>A magical <b>elemental</b> desire.</i>
<b><u>elementary</u></b>	Of or pertaining to or characteristic of elementary school or elementary education. <i>The <b>elementary</b> rights of citizenship.</i>
<b>first</b>	Ranking above all others. <i>The <b>first</b> verse.</i>
<b><u>foremost</u></b>	Ranking above all others. <i>The <b>foremost</b> figure among marine artists.</i>
<b>initial</b>	Occurring at the beginning. <i><b>Initial</b> consonants.</i>
<b>key</b>	Serving as an essential component. <i>She became a <b>key</b> figure in the suffragette movement.</i>
<b><u>main</u></b>	Capable of standing syntactically alone as a complete sentence. <i>The <b>main</b> or independent clause in a complex sentence has at least a subject and a verb.</i>
<b>major</b>	Of a key based on a major scale tending to produce a bright or joyful effect. <i>He got the <b>major</b> share of the spoils.</i>
<b>master</b>	Having or showing very great skill or proficiency. <i>You don't have to be a <b>master</b> chef in order to cook meat properly.</i>
<b>most important</b>	Quantifier meaning the greatest in number.
<b><u>original</u></b>	Not derived or copied or translated from something else. <i>The <b>original</b> inhabitants of the Americas.</i>
<b>overriding</b>	Extending or moving over something, especially while remaining in close contact. <i>Oceanic lithosphere beneath an <b>overriding</b> continental plate.</i>
<b><u>paramount</u></b>	Having superior power and influence. <i>A <b>paramount</b> chief.</i>
<b>predominant</b>	Having superior power and influence. <i>The <b>predominant</b> mood among policy makers is optimism.</i>

<b>prime</b>	(of two or more numbers in relation to each other) having no common factor but unity. <i><b>Prime</b> mover.</i>
<b>principal</b>	Denoting an original sum invested or lent. <i>The country's <b>principal</b> cities.</i>
<b>ruling</b>	Currently exercising authority or influence. <i>The <b>ruling</b> coalition.</i>
<b>supreme</b>	Very good at or well known for a specified activity. <i>A <b>supreme</b> tribunal.</i>
<b>ultimate</b>	Being or happening at the end of a process; final. <i>The <b>ultimate</b> accolade.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Primary" as an adjective

- *The primary stage of their political education.*
- *A primary effect.*
- *Seed-eating birds and herbivorous insects are primary consumers.*
- *A primary teacher.*
- *A primary instinct.*
- *A primary alcohol.*
- *His expert handling of the primary and secondary literature is clear on every page.*



- *Primary goals.*
- *Policemen were primary targets.*
- *There is a risk of famine in areas with low primary production from plants.*
- *A primary interest.*
- *A primary bone tumour.*
- *Primary sources.*
- *The government's primary aim is to see significant reductions in unemployment.*
- *The organic matter is formed by primary producers such as plants and plankton.*



## Associations of "Primary" (30 Words)

<b>basal</b>	Serving as or forming a base. <i>A <b>basal</b> reader.</i>
<b>base</b>	Debased not genuine. <i>It was built on a <b>base</b> of solid rock.</i>
<b>basic</b>	Offering or constituting the minimum required without elaboration or luxury. <i>A <b>basic</b> story line.</i>
<b>basically</b>	In essence; at bottom or by one's (or its) very nature. <i>I <b>basically</b> played the same thing every night.</i>
<b>basilar</b>	Of or relating to or located at the base. <i>The <b>basilar</b> membrane of the cochlea.</i>
<b>concept</b>	An idea or invention to help sell or publicize a commodity. <i>A <b>concept</b> car for next month s Geneva motor show.</i>
<b>cornerstone</b>	A stone at the outer corner of two intersecting masonry walls. <i>A national minimum wage remained the <b>cornerstone</b> of policy.</i>
<b>elemental</b>	Denoting uncombined chemical elements. <i>A magical <b>elemental</b> desire.</i>
<b>elementary</b>	Of or pertaining to or characteristic of elementary school or elementary education. <i>The six stages take students from <b>elementary</b> to advanced level.</i>
<b>elements</b>	Violent or severe weather viewed as caused by the action of the four elements. <i>They felt the full fury of the <b>elements</b>.</i>
<b>essential</b>	Absolutely necessary; vitally necessary. <i>He was quick to grasp the <b>essentials</b> of an opponent s argument.</i>
<b>essentially</b>	In essence; at bottom or by one's (or its) very nature. <i><b>Essentially</b> they are amateurs.</i>
<b>essentialness</b>	Basic importance.
<b>fundamental</b>	A fundamental note tone or frequency. <i>Two courses cover the <b>fundamentals</b> of microbiology.</i>
<b>fundamentally</b>	In central or primary respects. <i><b>Fundamentally</b> this is a matter for doctors.</i>
<b>hypostasis</b>	Essential nature or underlying reality.
<b>indispensable</b>	Unavoidable. <i>He made himself <b>indispensable</b> to the parish priest.</i>

<b><u>main</u></b>	Capable of standing syntactically alone as a complete sentence. <i>A <b>main</b> road.</i>
<b>nursery</b>	A place where young children are cared for during the working day a nursery school. <i>Toys and <b>nursery</b> furniture.</i>
<b><u>originally</u></b>	In an original manner. <i>Potatoes <b>originally</b> came from South America.</i>
<b>preschool</b>	A nursery school. <i>A <b>preschool</b> playgroup.</i>
<b><u>primarily</u></b>	For the most part. <i>Around 80 per cent of personal computers are used <b>primarily</b> for word processing.</i>
<b>radically</b>	In a radical manner. <i>You must <b>radically</b> change the way you do business.</i>
<b>rudiment</b>	A basic pattern used by drummers, such as the roll, the flam, and the paradiddle. <i>Meckel s diverticulum is the <b>rudiment</b> of the embryonic yolk sac.</i>
<b><u>rudimentary</u></b>	Being or involving basic facts or principles. <i>These <b>rudimentary</b> truths.</i>
<b><u>schooling</u></b>	The training of a horse on the flat or over fences. <i><b>Schooling</b> fences.</i>
<b><u>staple</u></b>	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. <i>Wheat is a <b>staple</b> crop.</i>
<b><u>toddler</u></b>	A young child who is just beginning to walk.
<b><u>underlying</u></b>	Located beneath or below. <i>Guaranteeing more dollars may temporarily ease their troubles but will not alleviate the <b>underlying</b> causes of their poverty.</i>
<b><u>vital</u></b>	Full of energy; lively. <i>He felt the familiar knot contract in his <b>vitals</b>.</i>

