

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

Table Of Contents:

- [Primary as a Noun](#)
- [Definitions of "Primary" as a noun](#)
- [Synonyms of "Primary" as a noun \(5 Words\)](#)
- [Usage Examples of "Primary" as a noun](#)
- [Primary as an Adjective](#)
- [Definitions of "Primary" as an adjective](#)
- [Synonyms of "Primary" as an adjective \(26 Words\)](#)
- [Usage Examples of "Primary" as an adjective](#)
- [Associations of "Primary" \(30 Words\)](#)

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)

<u>basal</u>	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. <i>A basal reader.</i>
beginning	Serving to begin. <i>The beginning canto of the poem.</i>
<u>cardinal</u>	Being or denoting a numerical quantity but not order. <i>A cardinal rule.</i>
<u>central</u>	Of the greatest importance; principal or essential. <i>Coaches met at a central location.</i>

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

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

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

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

