

Need another word that means the same as “rather”? Find 24 synonyms and 30 related words for “rather” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Rather” are: preferably, sooner, kinda, quite, instead, by preference, by choice, more willingly, more readily, a little, fairly, slightly, somewhat, relatively, to some degree, to some extent, comparatively, moderately, more precisely, strictly speaking, correctly speaking, more, more truly, quite the opposite**

## Rather as an Adverb

### Definitions of "Rather" as an adverb

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

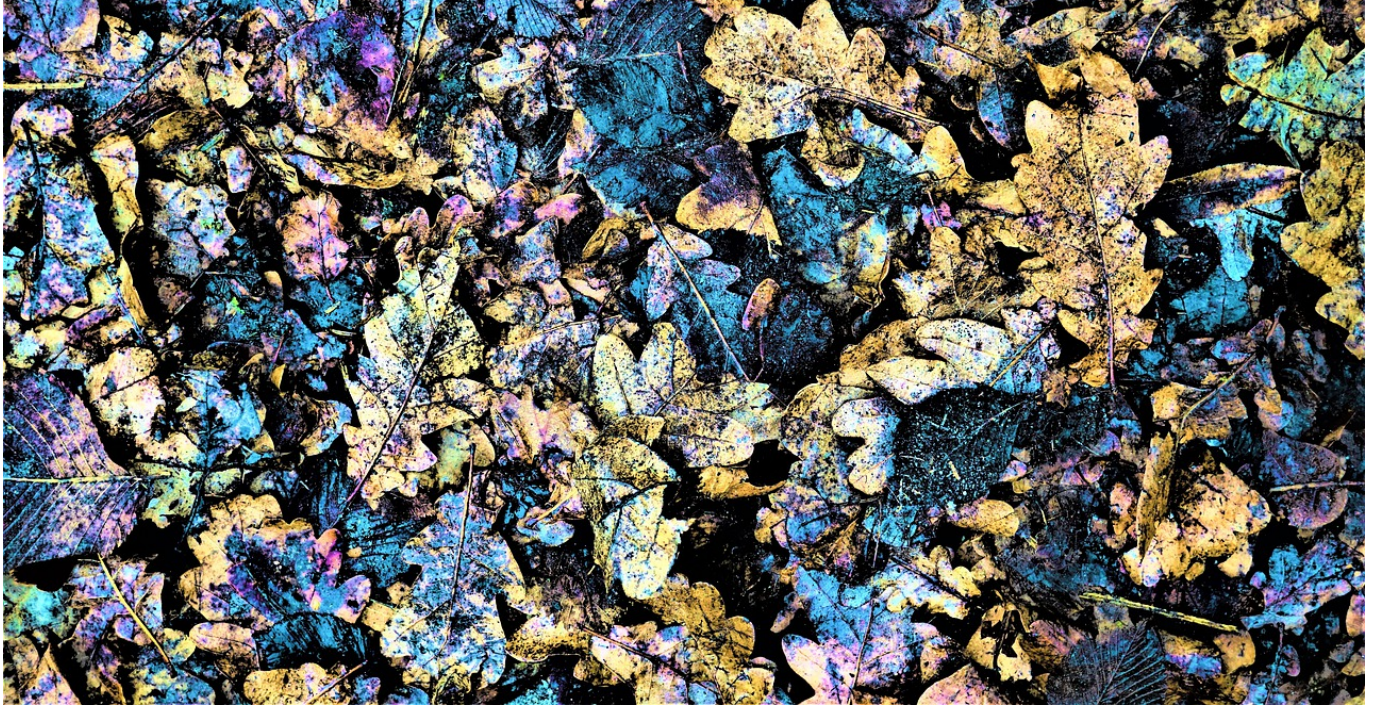
- *To a degree (not used with a negative).*
- *Used to express a recommended alternative, but without a than clause and used with verbs other than would; instead.*
- *Used to suggest that the opposite of a previous statement is the case; on the contrary.*
- *To some (great or small) extent.*
- *More readily or willingly.*
- *Used before verbs so as to make the expression of a feeling or opinion less assertive.*
- *Used to indicate one's preference in a particular matter.*
- *More precisely.*
- *On the contrary.*
- *To a certain or significant extent or degree.*
- *Instead of; as opposed to.*



## Synonyms of "Rather" as an adverb (24 Words)

<b>a little</b>	Not much.
<b>by choice</b>	So as to pass a given point.
<b>by preference</b>	In reserve; not for immediate use.
<b><u>comparatively</u></b>	In a relative manner; by comparison to something else. <i>Inflation was <b>comparatively</b> low.</i>
<b>correctly speaking</b>	In an accurate manner.
<b><u>fairly</u></b>	Actually (used to emphasize something surprising or extreme). <i>I was <b>fairly</b> certain she had nothing to do with the affair.</i>
<b>instead</b>	On the contrary. <i>Walk to work <b>instead</b> of going by car.</i>
<b>kinda</b>	To some (great or small) extent.
<b><u>moderately</u></b>	To a moderately sufficient extent or degree. <i>Both hotels are <b>moderately</b> priced.</i>

<b>more</b>	Moreover. <i>I like chicken <b>more</b> than turkey.</i>
<b>more precisely</b>	Used to form the comparative of some adjectives and adverbs.
<b>more readily</b>	Comparative of much; to a greater degree or extent.
<b>more truly</b>	Used to form the comparative of some adjectives and adverbs.
<b>more willingly</b>	Comparative of much; to a greater degree or extent.
<b>preferably</b>	Ideally; if possible. <i>Clean it well <b>preferably</b> with warm water.</i>
<b>quite</b>	To a degree (not used with a negative). <i>He s <b>quite</b> an attractive man.</i>
<b>quite the opposite</b>	To the greatest extent; completely.
<b>relatively</b>	In a relative manner; by comparison to something else. <i>The situation is <b>relatively</b> calm now.</i>
<b>slightly</b>	To a small degree; not considerably. <i>The children argued because one slice of cake was <b>slightly</b> larger than the other.</i>
<b>somewhat</b>	To a moderate extent or by a moderate amount; rather. <i>Matters have improved <b>somewhat</b> since then.</i>
<b>sooner</b>	Comparatives of `soon' or `early'. <i>I d <b>sooner</b> die than give up.</i>
<b>strictly speaking</b>	Restricted to something.
<b>to some degree</b>	Imprecise but fairly close to correct.
<b>to some extent</b>	Imprecise but fairly close to correct.



## Usage Examples of "Rather" as an adverb

- *He's rather an unpleasant man.*
- *Would you like some wine or would you rather stick to sherry?*
- *This opens up a whole can of worms that should rather be left shut.*
- *She'd rather die than cause a scene.*
- *He's rather good at playing the cello.*
- *I'd rather be in Philadelphia.*
- *I walked, or rather limped, the two miles home.*
- *I rather regret that I cannot attend.*
- *Rather than disappoint the children, he did two quick tricks before he left.*
- *The party was rather nice.*
- *She seemed indifferent rather than angry.*
- *The knife is rather dull.*
- *He didn't call; rather (or instead), he wrote her a letter.*
- *I rather think he wants me to marry him.*
- *There is no shortage of basic skills in the workplace. Rather, the problem is poor management.*
- *We were rather hoping you might do that for us.*
- *It was rather cold.*
- *Prospective buyers should meet the seller in person rather.*

- *I'd rather you didn't tell him.*
- *She's been behaving rather strangely.*



## Associations of "Rather" (30 Words)

<b>about</b>	(of quantities) imprecise but fairly close to correct. <i><b>About</b> face.</i>
<b>almost</b>	Not quite; very nearly. <i>The baby was <b>almost</b> asleep when the alarm sounded.</i>
<b>appreciably</b>	To an appreciable extent; considerably. <i>Profits have grown <b>appreciably</b> over the last four years.</i>
<b>approximately</b>	Imprecise but fairly close to correct. <i>Lasted <b>approximately</b> an hour.</i>
<b>around</b>	All around or on all sides. <i>Maize has been <b>around</b> for a long time.</i>
<b>bit</b>	The cutting part of a drill usually pointed and threaded and is replaceable in a brace or bitstock or drill press. <i>A <b>bit</b> of rock caught him in the eye.</i>

<b><u>comparatively</u></b>	To a moderate degree as compared to something else; relatively. <i>Inflation was <b>comparatively</b> low.</i>
<b>equidistant</b>	At equal distances. <i>The line joins together all points which are <b>equidistant</b> from the two axes.</i>
<b><u>fairly</u></b>	With justice. <i>He is <b>fairly</b> clever with computers.</i>
<b><u>few</u></b>	A quantifier that can be used with count nouns and is often preceded by `a'; a small but indefinite number. <i>A <b>few</b> more wagons than usual.</i>
<b>instead</b>	As a substitute or alternative to; in place of. <i>She never married preferring <b>instead</b> to remain single.</i>
<b>least</b>	Used in names of very small animals and plants e g least shrew. <i>Didn't care the <b>least</b> bit.</i>
<b><u>less</u></b>	(usually preceded by `no') lower in quality. <i>No <b>less</b> than 50 people attended.</i>
<b>little</b>	Used in names of animals and plants that are smaller than related kinds e g little grebe. <i>What a nasty <b>little</b> situation.</i>
<b><u>moderately</u></b>	To a moderately sufficient extent or degree. <i>Both hotels are <b>moderately</b> priced.</i>
<b>much</b>	To a great extent; a great deal. <i>They did not mind <b>much</b> to my surprise.</i>
<b><u>nearly</u></b>	Very close to; almost. <i>He <b>nearly</b> fainted.</i>
<b><u>partially</u></b>	To some extent; in some degree; not wholly. <i>The work <b>partially</b> fulfills the function of a historical memoir.</i>
<b>perceptibly</b>	In a noticeable manner.
<b><u>possibly</u></b>	By chance. <i>Could you <b>possibly</b> pour me another cup of tea.</i>
<b>preferably</b>	Ideally; if possible. <i>Clean it well <b>preferably</b> with warm water.</i>
<b><u>pretty</u></b>	Make pretty or attractive. <i>A <b>pretty</b> mess.</i>
<b><u>quite</u></b>	Of an unusually noticeable or exceptional or remarkable kind (not used with a negative). <i>Dresses <b>quite</b> from Port of Spain.</i>

<b><u>ravishing</u></b>	Stunningly beautiful. <i>A <b>ravishing</b> blonde.</i>
<b>reasonably</b>	Inexpensively. <i>Ski wear which looks good and is <b>reasonably</b> priced.</i>
<b><u>roughly</u></b>	With roughness or violence rough is an informal variant for roughly. <i>This is a walk of <b>roughly</b> 13 miles.</i>
<b><u>several</u></b>	Of an indefinite number more than 2 or 3 but not many. <i>The two levels of government sort out their <b>several</b> responsibilities.</i>
<b><u>slightly</u></b>	To a small degree or extent. <i><b>Slightly</b> built.</i>
<b><u>some</u></b>	To some extent quite a lot. <i>We talked for <b>some</b> time.</i>
<b><u>somewhat</u></b>	To certain extent or degree. <i>His arguments were <b>somewhat</b> self contradictory.</i>

