

Need another word that means the same as “shallow”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “shallow” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Shallow” are: superficial, facile, glib, simplistic, oversimplified, schematic, slight, flimsy, insubstantial, lightweight, empty, trivial, trifling, shoal

Shallow as a Noun

Definitions of "Shallow" as a noun

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

- *An area of the sea, a lake, or a river where the water is not very deep.*
- *A stretch of shallow water.*



Synonyms of "Shallow" as a noun (1 Word)

shoal A stretch of shallow water.
Shoals of people were coming up the drive.



Shallow as a Verb

Definitions of "Shallow" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "shallow" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Make shallow.*
- *Become shallow.*
- *(of the sea, a lake, or a river) become less deep over time or in a particular place.*



Synonyms of "Shallow" as a verb (1 Word)

shoal Of fish form shoals.
*These fish can safely be released to **shoal** with most adult species.*



Usage Examples of "Shallow" as a verb

- *The lake shallowed over time.*
- *The silt shallowed the canal.*
- *The boat ground to a halt where the water shallowed.*



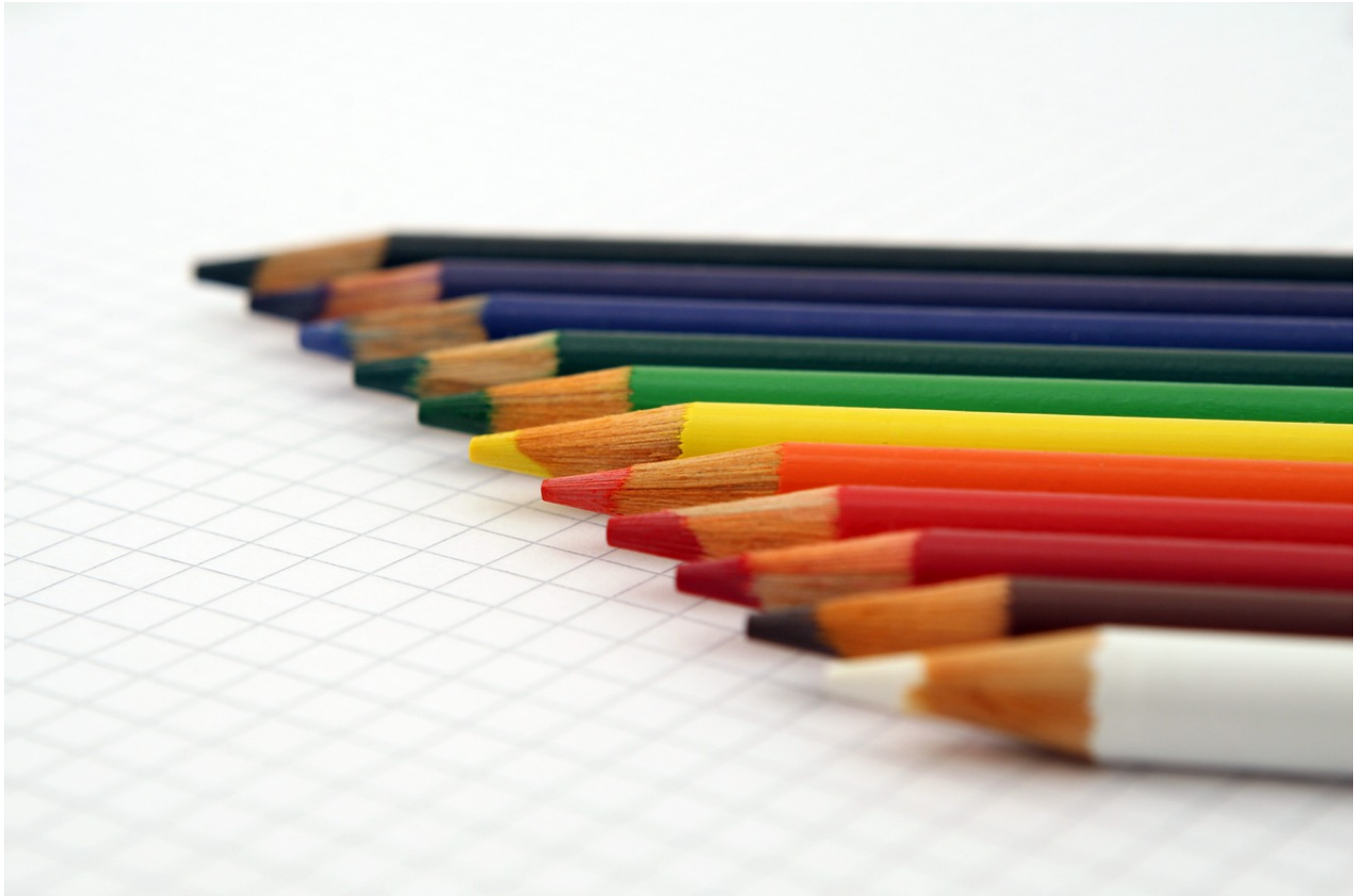
Shallow as an Adjective

Definitions of "Shallow" as an adjective

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

- *Varying only slightly from a specified or understood line or direction, especially the horizontal.*
- *Not exhibiting, requiring, or capable of serious thought.*
- *Lacking depth of intellect or knowledge; concerned only with what is obvious.*
- *Of little depth.*
- *Not deep or strong; not affecting one deeply.*

- *(of breathing) taking in little air.*
- *Situated at no great depth.*
- *Lacking physical depth; having little spatial extension downward or inward from an outer surface or backward or outward from a center.*



Synonyms of "Shallow" as an adjective (13 Words)

- empty** Having no value or purpose.
Empty hours.
- facile** Ignoring the true complexities of an issue; superficial.
*A man of **facile** and shallow intellect.*
- flimsy** (of a pretext or account) weak and unconvincing.
*A **flimsy** table.*
- glib** Marked by lack of intellectual depth.
***Glib** generalizations.*

- insubstantial** Lacking solidity or strength.
*Vinyl siding has become the standard bearer for cheap **insubstantial** construction.*
- lightweight** Of thin material or build and weighing less than average.
*A **lightweight** intellect.*
- oversimplified** Simplified to such an extent that a distorted impression is given.
*An **oversimplified** view of human personality.*
- schematic** (of thought, ideas, etc.) simplistic or formulaic in character.
*This concept is shown in **schematic** form in Figure 1.*
- simplistic** Characterized by extreme and often misleading simplicity.
*A **simplistic** theory of the universe.*
- slight** Small in degree; inconsiderable.
*The chance of success is very **slight**.*
- superficial** Not thorough, deep, or complete; cursory.
*His thinking was **superficial** and fuzzy.*
- trifling** Not worth considering.
*A **trifling** sum.*
- trivial** Concerned with trivialities.
*Huge fines were imposed for **trivial** offences.*



Usage Examples of "Shallow" as an adjective

- *Shallow breathing.*
- *A shallow roof.*
- *His arguments seemed shallow and tedious.*
- *Hit the ball to shallow left field.*
- *A shallow dish.*
- *Established a shallow beachhead.*
- *Shallow people.*
- *A shallow closet.*
- *A shallow cut.*
- *Being fairly shallow, the water was warm.*
- *A shallow analysis of contemporary society.*
- *In a shallow trance.*
- *Serve the noodles in a shallow bowl.*
- *A night of shallow fretful sleep.*
- *The shallow bed of the North Sea.*
- *Shallow water.*



Associations of "Shallow" (30 Words)

alluvial	Of or relating to alluvium. <i>Rich alluvial soils.</i>
aquifer	A body of permeable rock which can contain or transmit groundwater.
auricular	Of or relating to near the ear. <i>The Catholic doctrine of the necessity of private auricular confession.</i>
bombast	Pompous or pretentious talk or writing. <i>The bombast of gung ho militarism.</i>
constricted	Drawn together or squeezed physically or by extension psychologically. <i>A constricted view of life.</i>
crossing	The action of crossing something. <i>The crossing of the Pennines.</i>
crosswalk	A path (often marked) where something (as a street or railroad) can be crossed to get from one side to the other.

dabbler	An amateur who engages in an activity without serious intentions and who pretends to have knowledge.
depth	Extensive and detailed study or knowledge. <i>The government failed to understand the depth of the problems.</i>
dilettante	A person who cultivates an area of interest, such as the arts, without real commitment or knowledge. <i>A wealthy literary dilettante.</i>
<u>external</u>	Coming or derived from a source outside the subject affected. <i>The external auditory canal.</i>
externalize	Regard as objective. <i>Elements of the internal construction were externalized on to the facade.</i>
ford	A shallow area in a stream that can be forded.
fordable	Shallow enough to be crossed by walking or riding on an animal or in a vehicle. <i>The stream was fordable.</i>
integument	A tough outer protective layer, especially that of an animal or plant. <i>This chemical compound is found in the integument of the seed.</i>
<u>layer</u>	Make or form a layer. <i>We layered the hair to give her lots of styling alternatives.</i>
narrowed	Made narrow; limited in breadth. <i>Narrowed arteries impair blood circulation.</i>
<u>ostensible</u>	Appearing as such but not necessarily so. <i>His ostensible purpose was charity his real goal popularity.</i>
outer	An outer garment or part of one. <i>Outer reality.</i>
outward	Outwards. <i>The outward physical body.</i>
<u>packed</u>	Extremely crowded or filled to capacity. <i>Packed snow.</i>
<u>river</u>	A large natural stream of water flowing in a channel to the sea a lake or another river. <i>Great rivers of molten lava.</i>
<u>seeming</u>	Appearing to be real or true, but not necessarily being so; apparent. <i>Ellen s seeming indifference to the woman s fate.</i>
shoal	Of fish form shoals. <i>These fish can safely be released to shoal with most adult species.</i>

- smatter** To talk foolishly.
*She **smatters** Russian.*
- stratify** Of seeds be germinated by stratifying.
***Stratifying** patients into well defined risk groups.*
- stream** The act of flowing or streaming continuous progression.
*The raft floated down**stream** on the current.*
- superficial** Hasty and without attention to detail; not thorough.
*The **superficial** muscle groups.*
- surface** On the surface.
*A brush small enough to clean every dental **surface**.*
- underground** A member of an underground political group or movement.
***Underground** caverns.*

