

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.*





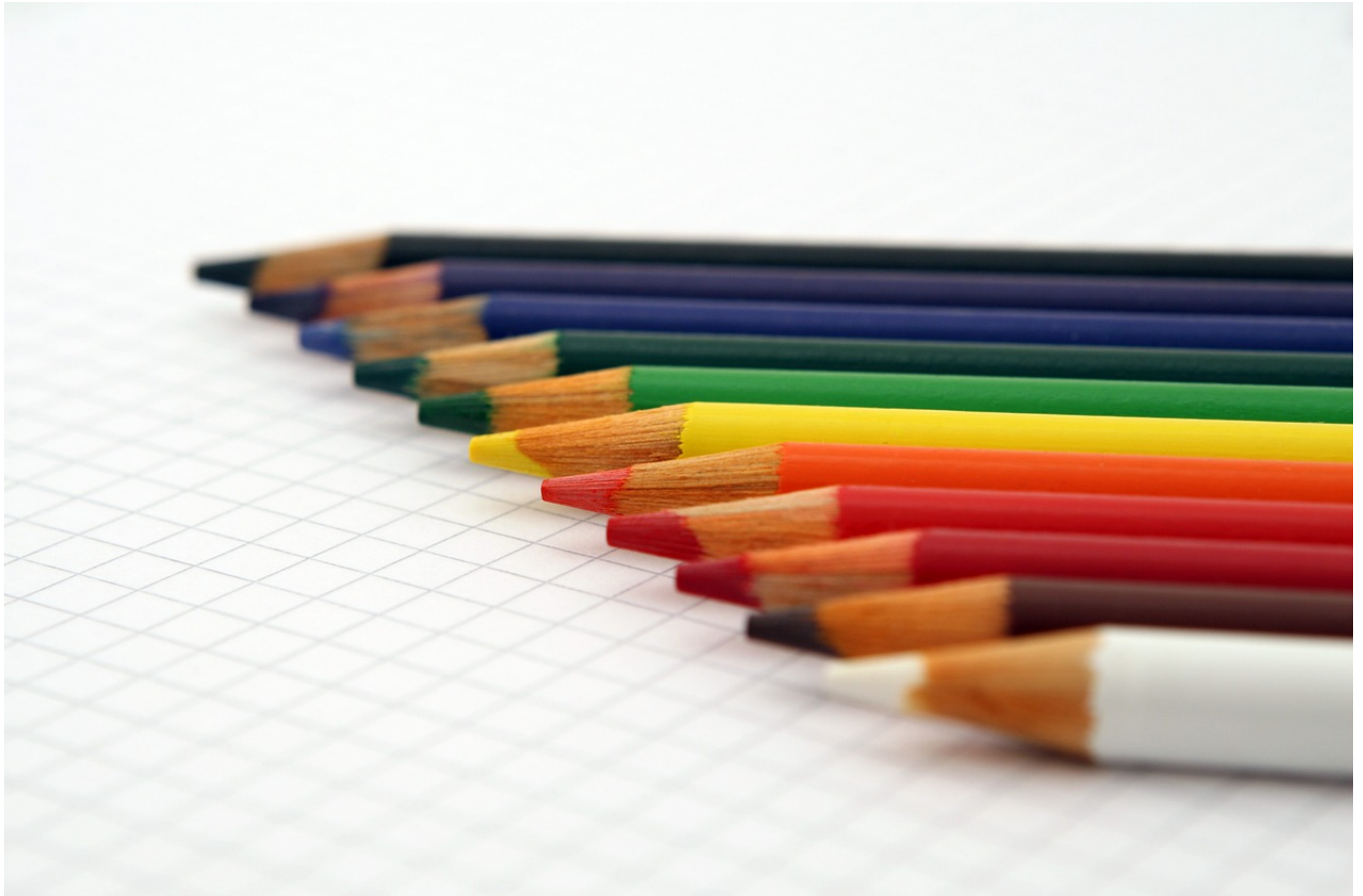
## Shallow as an Adjective

### 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)

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



- 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)

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

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

