

Need another word that means the same as “sheer”? Find 56 synonyms and 30 related words for “sheer” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Sheer” are: plain, unmingled, unmixed, bluff, bold, absolute, downright, out-and-out, rank, right-down, cobwebby, diaphanous, filmy, gauze-like, gauzy, gossamer, see-through, transparent, vaporous, vapourous, utter, complete, total, pure, perfect, thorough, thoroughgoing, through and through, consummate, patent, surpassing, veritable, unqualified, unmitigated, unalloyed, unadulterated, precipitous, very steep, perpendicular, vertical, abrupt, sharp, vertiginous, floaty, very thin, translucent, insubstantial, fine, curve, cut, slew, slue, swerve, trend, veer, perpendicularly**

## Sheer as a Verb

### Definitions of "Sheer" as a verb

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

- *Turn sharply; change direction abruptly.*
- *Cause to sheer.*



## Synonyms of "Sheer" as a verb (7 Words)

- curve** Extend in curves and turns.  
*The road **curved** sharply.*
- cut** Function as a cutting instrument.  
***Cut** a hole.*
- slew** Of an electronic device undergo slewing.  
*The Renault **slewed** from side to side in the snow.*
- slue** Turn sharply; change direction abruptly.
- swerve** Turn sharply; change direction abruptly.  
*O Hara **swerved** the motorcycle round the corner.*
- trend** (especially of a geographical feature) bend or turn away in a specified direction.  
*I've just taken a quick look at what's **trending** on Twitter right now.*

**veer** Turn sharply; change direction abruptly.  
*The wind **veered** a point.*



### Usage Examples of "Sheer" as a verb

- *She sheered her car around the obstacle.*



## Sheer as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Sheer" as an adjective

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

- *Complete and without restriction or qualification; sometimes used informally as intensifiers.*
- *Not mixed with extraneous elements.*
- *So thin as to transmit light.*
- *(of a fabric) very thin; diaphanous.*
- *(especially of a cliff or wall) perpendicular or nearly so.*
- *Very steep; having a prominent and almost vertical front.*
- *Nothing other than; unmitigated (used for emphasis).*



## Synonyms of "Sheer" as an adjective (48 Words)

<a href="#">abrupt</a>	Exceedingly sudden and unexpected. <i>The <b>abrupt</b> double peak.</i>
<a href="#">absolute</a>	Not limited by law. <i>An <b>absolute</b> guarantee to respect the nation s authority.</i>
<b>bluff</b>	Very steep; having a prominent and almost vertical front. <i>A <b>bluff</b> but pleasant manner.</i>
<b>bold</b>	(especially of a child) naughty; badly behaved. <i><b>Bold</b> settlers on some foreign shore.</i>
<b>cobwebby</b>	Covered with cobwebs.
<b>complete</b>	Perfect and complete in every respect having all necessary qualities. <i>A <b>complete</b> coward.</i>
<b>consummate</b>	Showing great skill and flair. <i><b>Consummate</b> skill.</i>
<b>diaphanous</b>	So thin as to transmit light. <i>A <b>diaphanous</b> dress of pale gold.</i>
<b>downright</b>	Characterized by plain blunt honesty. <i>It s a <b>downright</b> disgrace.</i>
<b>filmy</b>	So thin as to transmit light. <i><b>Filmy</b> wings of a moth.</i>
<b>fine</b>	Characterized by elegance or refinement or accomplishment. <i>Covered with a <b>fine</b> film of dust.</i>
<b>floaty</b>	(especially of a woman's garment or a fabric) light and flimsy. <i>A <b>floaty</b> scarf.</i>
<b>gauze-like</b>	So thin as to transmit light.
<b>gauzy</b>	Resembling gauze; thin and translucent. <i>A <b>gauzy</b> dress.</i>
<b>gossamer</b>	So thin as to transmit light. <i><b>Gossamer</b> shading through his playing.</i>
<b>insubstantial</b>	Lacking in nutritive value. <i>As <b>insubstantial</b> as a dream.</i>
<b>out-and-out</b>	Directed outward or serving to direct something outward.
<a href="#">patent</a>	Made and marketed under a patent proprietary. <i><b>Patent</b> ductus arteriosus.</i>

<b>perfect</b>	Of a tense denoting a completed action or a state or habitual action which began in the past The perfect tense is formed in English with have or has and the past participle as in they have eaten and they have been eating present perfect they had eaten past perfect and they will have eaten future perfect. <i>A <b>perfect</b> circle.</i>
<b>perpendicular</b>	So steep as to be almost vertical. <i>The axes are <b>perpendicular</b> to each other.</i>
<b>plain</b>	Denoting or relating to a type of knitting stitch produced by putting the needle through the front of each stitch from left to right. <i><b>Plain</b> water.</i>
<b>precipitous</b>	Done with very great haste and without due deliberation- Shakespeare- Arthur Geddes. <i>A <b>precipitous</b> slide in the government s popularity.</i>
<b><u>pure</u></b>	Of color being chromatically pure not diluted with white or grey or black. <i>The romantic notion of <b>pure</b> art devoid of social responsibility.</i>
<b>rank</b>	Very fertile; producing profuse growth. <i>A <b>rank</b> outsider.</i>
<b>right-down</b>	Complete and without restriction or qualification; sometimes used informally as intensifiers.
<b>see-through</b>	So thin as to transmit light.
<b><u>sharp</u></b>	Keenly and painfully felt as if caused by a sharp edge or point. <i>A <b>sharp</b> photographic image.</i>
<b>surpassing</b>	Exceeding or surpassing usual limits especially in excellence. <i>A picture of <b>surpassing</b> beauty.</i>
<b><u>thorough</u></b>	Complete with regard to every detail; not superficial or partial. <i>Made a <b>thorough</b> search.</i>
<b>thoroughgoing</b>	Performed comprehensively and completely. <i>A <b>thoroughgoing</b> villain.</i>
<b>through and through</b>	Having finished or arrived at completion.
<b><u>total</u></b>	Constituting the full quantity or extent; complete. <i>A <b>total</b> stranger.</i>
<b>translucent</b>	(of a substance) allowing light, but not detailed shapes, to pass through; semi-transparent. <i><b>Translucent</b> amber.</i>
<b><u>transparent</u></b>	Easily understood or seen through (because of a lack of subtlety). <i><b>Transparent</b> crystal.</i>

<b><u>unadulterated</u></b>	Not mixed with impurities. <i>Pure <b>unadulterated</b> jealousy.</i>
<b>unalloyed</b>	Free from admixture. <i><b>Unalloyed</b> pleasure.</i>
<b>unmingled</b>	Not mixed with extraneous elements.
<b><u>unmitigated</u></b>	Absolute; unqualified. <i>The tour had been an <b>unmitigated</b> disaster.</i>
<b>unmixed</b>	Not mixed with extraneous elements. <i>Not an <b>unmixed</b> blessing.</i>
<b>unqualified</b>	Not limited or restricted. <i>No company would permit an <b>unqualified</b> accountant to audit its books.</i>
<b><u>utter</u></b>	Complete; absolute. <i>Charlotte stared at her in <b>utter</b> amazement.</i>
<b>vaporous</b>	Resembling or characteristic of vapor. <i><b>Vaporous</b> silks.</i>
<b>vapourous</b>	Filled with vapor.
<b><u>veritable</u></b>	Not counterfeit or copied. <i>Photographs taken in a <b>veritable</b> bull ring.</i>
<b>vertical</b>	At right angles to the plane of the horizon or a base line. <i>The monument consists of two <b>vertical</b> pillars supporting a horizontal slab.</i>
<b>vertiginous</b>	Relating to or affected by vertigo. <i><b>Vertiginous</b> drops to the valleys below.</i>
<b>very steep</b>	Precisely as stated.
<b>very thin</b>	Precisely as stated.





## Usage Examples of "Sheer" as an adjective

- *Sheer silk stockings.*
- *She giggled with sheer delight.*
- *Sheer stupidity.*
- *Got the job through sheer persistence.*
- *Sheer wine.*
- *Sheer white silk chiffon.*
- *It's been sheer hard work.*
- *The sheer ice walls.*
- *A sheer descent of rock.*



## Sheer as an Adverb

### Definitions of "Sheer" as an adverb

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

- *Directly.*
- *Completely; right.*
- *Straight up or down without a break.*
- *Perpendicularly.*



## **Synonyms of "Sheer" as an adverb (1 Word)**

**perpendicularly** Straight up or down without a break.



## Usage Examples of "Sheer" as an adverb

- *The ridge fell sheer, in steep crags.*
- *She went sheer forward when the door was open.*



## Associations of "Sheer" (30 Words)

- altogether** To a complete degree or to the full or entire extent (‘whole’ is often used informally for ‘wholly’).  
*It was not **altogether** her fault.*
- artless** Characterized by an inability to mask your feelings; not devious.  
*Her awkward **artless** prose.*
- bliss** Perfect happiness; great joy.  
***Blissed** out hippies.*
- bumpkin** A person who is not very intelligent or interested in culture.  
*She thought Tom a bit of a country **bumpkin**.*
- candid** (of a photograph of a person) taken informally, especially without the subject’s knowledge.  
*A **candid** photograph.*

<b>downright</b>	So direct in manner as to be blunt. <i>It s a <b>downright</b> disgrace.</i>
<b>guileless</b>	Devoid of guile; innocent and without deception. <i>His face once so open and <b>guileless</b>.</i>
<b>honest</b>	Without dissimulation; frank. <i>Gave <b>honest</b> answers.</i>
<b>indescribable</b>	Too unusual, extreme, or indefinite to be adequately described. <i>Most prisoners suffered <b>indescribable</b> hardship.</i>
<b>ineffable</b>	Too sacred to be uttered. <i>The <b>ineffable</b> mysteries of the soul.</i>
<b>inexpressible</b>	Defying expression. <i>A mood of <b>inexpressible</b> longing.</i>
<b>ingenuous</b>	Lacking in sophistication or worldliness. <i>An <b>ingenuous</b> admission of responsibility.</i>
<b>innocence</b>	A person's virginity. <i>The healthy bloom in her cheeks gave her an aura of <b>innocence</b>.</i>
<b>innocent</b>	Completely wanting or lacking. <i>An <b>innocent</b> prank.</i>
<b>misapprehend</b>	Interpret in the wrong way. <i>They seemed not to mind that their more profound utterances were <b>misapprehended</b> as self help maxims.</i>
<b>misconceive</b>	Judge or plan badly, typically on the basis of faulty understanding. <i>Criticism of the trade surplus in Washington is <b>misconceived</b>.</i>
<b>misconception</b>	An incorrect conception. <i>Public <b>misconceptions</b> about antibiotic use.</i>
<b>misconstrue</b>	Interpret (a person's words or actions) wrongly. <i>My advice was deliberately <b>misconstrued</b>.</i>
<b>misinterpret</b>	Interpret wrongly. <i>Don t <b>misinterpret</b> my comments as criticism.</i>
<b>misread</b>	Read or interpret wrongly. <i>I <b>misread</b> Hamlet all my life.</i>
<b>misunderstand</b>	Fail to interpret or understand (something) correctly. <i>Don t <b>misunderstand</b> me I m not implying she should be working.</i>
<b>naive</b>	Of or created by one without formal training simple or naive in style. <i>This <b>naive</b> simple creature with wide friendly eyes so eager to believe appearances.</i>

<b>obstinacy</b>	Resolute adherence to your own ideas or desires. <i>His reputation for <b>obstinacy</b>.</i>
<b>out-and-out</b>	Not allowed to continue to bat or run.
<b><u>pure</u></b>	Being chromatically pure not diluted with white or grey or black. <i>80 <b>pure</b> bred stallions were on parade.</i>
<b><u>unmitigated</u></b>	Absolute; unqualified. <i>An <b>unmitigated</b> lie.</i>
<b>unmixed</b>	Not constituting a compound. <i>Not an <b>unmixed</b> blessing.</i>
<b><u>unspeakable</u></b>	Defying expression or description. <i>An <b>unspeakable</b> odor came sweeping into the room.</i>
<b>unutterable</b>	Too great or awful to describe. <i><b>Unutterable</b> contempt.</i>
<b>venality</b>	Prostitution of talents or offices or services for reward.

