

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)

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

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

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

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

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

