

Need another word that means the same as “simply”? Find 20 synonyms and 30 related words for “simply” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Simply” are: plainly, just, but, merely, only, straightforwardly, directly, soberly, modestly, naturally, quietly, purely, solely, for no other reason, utterly, absolutely, completely, positively, really, totally**

## Simply as an Adverb

### Definitions of "Simply" as an adverb

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

- *(used for emphasis) absolutely.*
- *And nothing more.*
- *Absolutely.*
- *In a simple manner; without extravagance or embellishment.*
- *Absolutely; altogether; really.*
- *Used to introduce a short summary of a situation.*
- *In a straightforward or plain manner.*
- *Merely; just.*
- *Absolutely; completely (used for emphasis).*



## Synonyms of "Simply" as an adverb (20 Words)

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| <b>absolutely</b>          | Used to emphasize a strong or exaggerated statement.<br><i>She trusted him <b>absolutely</b>.</i>      |
| <b>but</b>                 | No more than; only.<br><i>He is <b>but</b> a shadow of his former self.</i>                            |
| <b>completely</b>          | So as to be complete; with everything necessary.<br><i>Was <b>completely</b> at fault.</i>             |
| <b>directly</b>            | Without delay or hesitation; with no time intervening.<br><i>The houses <b>directly</b> opposite.</i>  |
| <b>for no other reason</b> | Used to express refusal or denial or disagreement etc or especially to emphasize a negative statement. |
| <b>just</b>                | (used for emphasis) absolutely.<br><i><b>Just</b> help yourselves.</i>                                 |
| <b>merely</b>              | Just; only.<br><i>I was <b>merely</b> asking.</i>  |

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| <b>modestly</b>          | With modesty; in a modest manner.<br><i>He lived <b>modestly</b> in a small house.</i>  |
| <b>naturally</b>         | As might be expected.<br><i>A <b>naturally</b> bright pupil.</i>  |
| <b>only</b>              | And nothing more.<br><i>There are <b>only</b> a limited number of tickets available.</i>  |
| <b>plainly</b>           | Unmistakably plain is often used informally for plainly.<br><i>She was dressed <b>plainly</b>.</i>  |
| <b>positively</b>        | In a positive way, especially by expressing optimism, agreement, or acceptance.<br><i>Only three drivers tested <b>positively</b> for excess alcohol following accidents in the area.</i> |
| <b>purely</b>            | Restricted to something.<br><i>The purpose of the meeting was <b>purely</b> to give information.</i>  |
| <b>quietly</b>           | With little or no activity or no agitation quiet is a nonstandard variant for quietly.<br><i>Her hands rested <b>quietly</b> in her lap.</i>  |
| <b>really</b>            | Used as intensifiers real is sometimes used informally for really rattling is informal.<br><i>I m sorry Ruth I <b>really</b> am.</i>  |
| <b>soberly</b>           | With moderation or self-restraint; temperately.<br><i><b>Soberly</b> dressed men in black or grey.</i>  |
| <b>solely</b>            | Not involving anyone or anything else; only.<br><i>Did it <b>solely</b> for money.</i>  |
| <b>straightforwardly</b> | In a way that is uncomplicated and easy to do or understand.<br><i>Neither candidate has talked <b>straightforwardly</b> about this issue.</i>  |
| <b>totally</b>           | Used to express agreement.<br><i>They came from <b>totally</b> different backgrounds.</i>   |
| <b>utterly</b>           | Completely and without qualification; used informally as intensifiers.<br><i>He looked <b>utterly</b> ridiculous.</i>   |



## Usage Examples of "Simply" as an adverb

- *She spoke simply and from the heart.*
- *It makes Trevor simply furious.*
- *It's simply beautiful!*
- *It is simply a matter of time.*
- *Simply complete the application form.*
- *They lived very simply.*
- *Quite simply, some things have to be taught.*





## Associations of "Simply" (30 Words)

- already** Used after a word or phrase to express impatience.  
*It was **already** past four o'clock.*
- bare** Just barely adequate or within a lower limit.  
***Bare** your feelings.*
- braggadocio** Vain and empty boasting.
- but** And nothing more.  
*He is **but** a shadow of his former self.*
- despite** Contemptuous treatment or behaviour; outrage.  
*She wanted neither favor nor **despite**.*
- few** The minority of people; the elect.  
***Few** women have led troops in battle.*
- handful** A person or group that is very difficult to deal with or control.  
*A small **handful** of fresh coriander.*

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| <b>heretofore</b>           | Used in negative statement to describe a situation that has existed up to this point or up to the present time.<br><i>Diseases that <b>heretofore</b> were usually confined to rural areas.</i>                |
| <b>however</b>              | To whatever extent.<br><i>Although I m a little afraid <b>however</b> I d like to try it.</i>  |
| <b><u>insignificant</u></b> | Not worthy of notice.<br><i>The sum required was <b>insignificant</b> compared with military spending.</i>   |
| <b><u>just</u></b>          | Of an opinion or appraisal well founded justifiable.<br><i>Simon really messed things up Didn t he <b>just</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>mere</u></b>          | Used to emphasize that the fact of something being present in a situation is enough to influence that situation.<br><i>His stomach rebelled at the <b>mere</b> thought of food.</i>                            |
| <b><u>merely</u></b>        | Just; only.<br><i>Gary a silent boy <b>merely</b> nodded.</i>  |
| <b><u>nevertheless</u></b>  | Despite anything to the contrary (usually following a concession).<br><i>Statements which although literally true are <b>nevertheless</b> misleading.</i>  |
| <b><u>nonetheless</u></b>   | In spite of that; nevertheless.<br><i>The rally which the government had declared illegal was <b>nonetheless</b> attended by some 6 000.</i>   |
| <b>notwithstanding</b>      | Despite anything to the contrary (usually preceding a concession).<br><i>I didn't like it. <b>Notwithstanding</b>, I remained calm.</i>  |
| <b><u>only</u></b>          | Being the only one single and isolated from others.<br><i>Call me <b>only</b> if your cold gets worse.</i>   |
| <b>pittance</b>             | A pious bequest to a religious house or order to provide extra food and wine at particular festivals, or on the anniversary of the benefactor's death.<br><i>They work all day for a mere <b>pittance</b>.</i> |
| <b>purely</b>               | Restricted to something.<br><i>The purpose of the meeting was <b>purely</b> to give information.</i>   |
| <b><u>pushover</u></b>      | Any undertaking that is easy to do.<br><i>This is going to be a <b>pushover</b>.</i>   |
| <b><u>readily</u></b>       | Without delay or difficulty; easily.<br><i>Transport is <b>readily</b> available.</i>  |
| <b>simple</b>               | Easily understood or done; presenting no difficulty.<br><i>A quiet unassuming man with <b>simple</b> tastes.</i>   |
| <b><u>single</u></b>        | Being or characteristic of a single thing or person.<br><i>Had but a <b>single</b> thought which was to escape.</i>  |

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| <b><u>sole</u></b>     | Put a new sole on.<br><b><i>Sole</i></b> the shoes.  |
| <b>soupcon</b>         | A slight but appreciable amount.   |
| <b>suffix</b>          | Append something especially as a suffix.<br><b><i>Suffix</i></b> words.  |
| <b><u>though</u></b>   | However (indicating that a factor qualifies or imposes restrictions on what was said previously).<br><i>I was hunting for work Jobs were scarce <b>though</b>.</i> |
| <b>tyro</b>            | Someone new to a field or activity.  |
| <b><u>whatever</u></b> | One or some or every or all without specification.<br><i>We told him we d back him <b>whatever</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>yet</u></b>      | Despite anything to the contrary (usually preceding a concession).<br><i>I hope to continue for some time <b>yet</b>.</i>  |



