

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)

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

modestly

With modesty; in a modest manner.
*He lived **modestly** in a small house.*

naturally

As might be expected.
*A **naturally** bright pupil.*

only

And nothing more.
*There are **only** a limited number of tickets available.*

plainly

Unmistakably plain is often used informally for plainly.
*She was dressed **plainly**.*

positively

In a positive way, especially by expressing optimism, agreement, or acceptance.
*Only three drivers tested **positively** for excess alcohol following accidents in the area.*

purely

Restricted to something.
*The purpose of the meeting was **purely** to give information.*

quietly

With little or no activity or no agitation quiet is a nonstandard variant for quietly.
*Her hands rested **quietly** in her lap.*

really

Used as intensifiers real is sometimes used informally for really rattling is informal.
*I m sorry Ruth I **really** am.*

soberly

With moderation or self-restraint; temperately.
***Soberly** dressed men in black or grey.*

solely

Not involving anyone or anything else; only.
*Did it **solely** for money.*

straightforwardly

In a way that is uncomplicated and easy to do or understand.
*Neither candidate has talked **straightforwardly** about this issue.*

totally

Used to express agreement.
*They came from **totally** different backgrounds.*

utterly

Completely and without qualification; used informally as intensifiers.
*He looked **utterly** ridiculous.*



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.*

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

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

