

Need another word that means the same as “substantive”? Find 3 synonyms and 30 related words for “substantive” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Substantive” are: substantial, essential, meaty

Substantive as an Adjective

Definitions of "Substantive" as an adjective

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

- *Defining rights and duties as opposed to giving the rules by which rights and duties are established.*
- *(of law) defining rights and duties, as opposed to giving the procedural rules by which those rights and duties are enforced.*
- *(of a dye) not needing a mordant.*
- *Being on topic and prompting thought.*
- *(of a rank or appointment) not acting or temporary; permanent.*
- *Having a firm basis in reality and so important, meaningful, or considerable.*
- *Having a separate and independent existence.*
- *Of or relating to the real nature or essential elements of something.*
- *Having a firm basis in reality and being therefore important, meaningful, or considerable.*
- *(of an enactment, motion, or resolution) made in due form as such; not amended.*

Synonyms of "Substantive" as an adjective (3 Words)

essential	Absolutely necessary; extremely important. <i>The essential feature.</i>
meaty	Full of substance or interest. <i>Lawrence has written a meaty scholarly book.</i>
substantial	Having substance or capable of being treated as fact; not imaginary. <i>A substantial argument.</i>

Usage Examples of "Substantive" as an adjective

- *Substantive law.*
- *There is no substantive evidence for the efficacy of these drugs.*
- *He earned the rank of Substantive Corporal.*

Associations of "Substantive" (30 Words)

applied	Concerned with concrete problems or data rather than with fundamental principles- Sidney Hook. <i>Technical problems in medicine engineering economics and other applied disciplines.</i>
basic	Reduced to the simplest and most significant form possible without loss of generality. <i>Basic human rights.</i>
basically	Used to indicate that a statement summarizes the most important aspects, or gives a roughly accurate account, of a more complex situation. <i>We started from a basically simple idea.</i>
central	(of a vowel) articulated in the centre of the mouth. <i>The station has a central courtyard.</i>
constitutive	Constitutional in the structure of something (especially your physical makeup). <i>The state began to exercise a new and constitutive function.</i>
crucial	Having crucial relevance. <i>Negotiations were at a crucial stage.</i>
elements	Violent or severe weather viewed as caused by the action of the four elements. <i>They felt the full fury of the elements.</i>
essential	Basic and fundamental. <i>Funds essential to the completion of the project.</i>

fundamental	A fundamental note tone or frequency. <i>The fundamental problem remains that of the housing shortage.</i>
importantly	In an important way or to an important degree. <i>More importantly Weber held that the manifold meaning attached to the event by the social scientist could alter his definition of the concrete event itself.</i>
indispensability	The quality possessed by something that you cannot possibly do without.
<u>indispensable</u>	Not to be dispensed with; essential. <i>An indispensable worker.</i>
<u>integral</u>	The result of a mathematical integration $\int f(x)$ is the integral of $f(x)$ if $dF = f(x) dx$. <i>The unit comes complete with integral pump and heater.</i>
key	Vandalize a car by scratching the sides with a key. <i>He spoke in a low key.</i>
<u>main</u>	Chief in size or importance. <i>By main strength.</i>
meaningful	Serious, important, or worthwhile. <i>Meaningful elements in a language.</i>
necessary	Unavoidably determined by prior circumstances. <i>It is not necessary for you to be here.</i>
necessity	The state of being unavoidable. <i>A good book is a necessity when travelling.</i>
<u>noticeable</u>	Undesirably noticeable. <i>A noticeable increase in staff motivation.</i>
<u>originally</u>	In a novel and inventive way. <i>Potatoes originally came from South America.</i>
<u>practical</u>	Guided by practical experience and observation rather than theory. <i>There are two obvious practical applications of the research.</i>
<u>prerequisite</u>	A thing that is required as a prior condition for something else to happen or exist. <i>Latin was a prerequisite for admission.</i>
<u>primary</u>	Of primary importance. <i>Policemen were primary targets.</i>
real	Really very. <i>A real friend.</i>
requisite	Made necessary by particular circumstances or regulations. <i>A place where the requisites of water fuel and fodder can be obtained.</i>

<u>staple</u>	Attach or secure with a staple or staples. <i>Staple fibers vary widely in length.</i>
<u>substantial</u>	Having substance or capable of being treated as fact; not imaginary. <i>A row of substantial Victorian villas.</i>
<u>tangible</u>	Perceptible by touch. <i>The emphasis is now on tangible results.</i>
<u>underlying</u>	Significant as a cause or basis of something but not necessarily manifest or obvious. <i>Underlying problems need to be addressed.</i>
<u>vital</u>	Manifesting or characteristic of life. <i>Secrecy is of vital importance.</i>