

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)

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

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

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

**staple**

Attach or secure with a staple or staples.

***Staple** fibers vary widely in length.*

**substantial**

Having substance or capable of being treated as fact; not imaginary.

*A row of **substantial** Victorian villas.*

**tangible**

Perceptible by touch.

*The emphasis is now on **tangible** results.*

**underlying**

Significant as a cause or basis of something but not necessarily manifest or obvious.

***Underlying** problems need to be addressed.*

**vital**

Manifesting or characteristic of life.

*Secrecy is of **vital** importance.*