

Need another word that means the same as “supposedly”? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for “supposedly” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Supposedly” are: purportedly, seemingly, apparently, allegedly, reportedly, professedly, ostensibly, to all appearances, to all intents and purposes, outwardly, superficially, nominally, by its own account, by one's own account

Supposedly as an Adverb

Definitions of "Supposedly" as an adverb

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

- *According to what is generally assumed or believed (often used to indicate that the speaker doubts the truth of the statement).*
- *Believed or reputed to be the case.*

Synonyms of "Supposedly" as an adverb (14 Words)

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| allegedly | Used to convey that something is claimed to be the case or have taken place, although there is no proof. <i>Allegedly obscene material.</i> |
| apparently | Unmistakably (‘plain’ is often used informally for ‘plainly’). <i>She has apparently been living here for some time.</i> |
| by its own account | So as to pass a given point. |
| by one's own account | In reserve; not for immediate use. |

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| nominally | In name only; officially though perhaps not in reality. <i>The Republicans nominally controlled both houses of Congress but by slim margins.</i> |
| <u>ostensibly</u> | As appears or is stated to be true, though not necessarily so; apparently. <i>The party secretary resigned ostensibly from ill health.</i> |
| <u>outwardly</u> | On the surface. <i>Outwardly featureless modern offices.</i> |
| professedly | By open declaration. <i>Restrictions professedly designed to stop the use of political propaganda.</i> |
| purportedly | As appears or is stated to be true, though not necessarily so; allegedly. <i>A purportedly independent arbitrator.</i> |
| reportedly | According to what some say (used to express the speaker's belief that the information given is not necessarily true). <i>He was in El Salvador reportedly on his way to Texas.</i> |
| <u>seemingly</u> | From appearances alone. <i>A seemingly competent and well organized person.</i> |
| superficially | Not thoroughly or deeply. <i>The theory is superficially attractive.</i> |
| to all appearances | To a complete degree or to the full or entire extent ('whole' is often used informally for 'wholly'). |
| to all intents and purposes | To a complete degree or to the full or entire extent ('whole' is often used informally for 'wholly'). |

Usage Examples of "Supposedly" as an adverb

- *There were rumours of a rift between him and his colleagues, supposedly because they were jealous of his relationship with the Duchess.*

Associations of "Supposedly" (30 Words)

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| anticipation | The introduction in a composition of part of a chord which is about to follow in full. <i>Each of them had their own anticipations.</i> |
| <u>anticipatory</u> | In anticipation. <i>An anticipatory flash of excitement.</i> |

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| aspirant | A person who has ambitions to achieve something. <i>An aspirant politician.</i> |
| aspiring | Directing one's hopes or ambitions towards becoming a specified type of person. <i>An aspiring artist.</i> |
| assume | Make a pretence of. <i>This is the day when Mary was assumed into heaven.</i> |
| assuming | Arrogant or presumptuous. <i>On a subject like this it would be too assuming for me to decide.</i> |
| assumption | The feast in honour of the Assumption, celebrated on 15 August. <i>We re working on the assumption that the time of death was after midnight.</i> |
| conjecture | (in textual criticism) propose (a reading). <i>A matter for conjecture.</i> |
| expect | Consider obligatory request and expect. <i>She is expecting in March.</i> |
| expectancy | The state of thinking or hoping that something, especially something good, will happen. <i>An indicator of expectancy in development.</i> |
| expectation | The feeling that something is about to happen. <i>Reality had not lived up to expectations.</i> |
| expected | Considered likely or probable to happen or arrive. <i>Prepared for the expected attack.</i> |
| guess | Put forward of a guess in spite of possible refutation. <i>We can only guess at Alan s motives.</i> |
| guesswork | The process or results of guessing. <i>Answering this question will involve you in a certain amount of guesswork.</i> |
| imagine | Expect, believe, or suppose. <i>After Ned died everyone imagined that Mabel would move away.</i> |
| lifespan | The length of time for which a person or animal lives or a thing functions. <i>The human lifespan.</i> |
| maybe | A mere possibility or probability. <i>No ifs buts or maybes.</i> |
| preconception | A preconceived idea or prejudice. <i>He did not even try to confirm his preconceptions.</i> |

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| <u>predicate</u> | Logic what is predicated of the subject of a proposition the second term in a proposition is predicated of the first term by means of the copula. <i>The speech predicated the fitness of the candidate to be President.</i> |
| predict | Make a prediction about tell in advance. <i>He predicts that the trend will continue.</i> |
| premise | State or presuppose something as a premise. <i>I will premise generally that I hate lecturing.</i> |
| <u>presumably</u> | By reasonable assumption. <i>It was not yet ten o'clock so presumably the boys were still at the pub.</i> |
| <u>presume</u> | Take to be the case or to be true; accept without verification or proof. <i>The argument presumes that only one person can do the work.</i> |
| <u>presumption</u> | An idea that is taken to be true on the basis of probability. <i>Underlying presumptions about human nature.</i> |
| presuppose | Require as a precondition of possibility or coherence. <i>Their original prediction presupposed a universe only three billion years old.</i> |
| speculation | A hypothesis that has been formed by speculating or conjecturing (usually with little hard evidence). <i>He knew the stock was a speculation when he bought it.</i> |
| <u>suppose</u> | Take for granted or as a given suppose beforehand. <i>Suppose we leave this to the police.</i> |
| supposition | A belief held without proof or certain knowledge; an assumption or hypothesis. <i>Their outrage was based on supposition and hearsay.</i> |
| <u>surmise</u> | Suppose that something is true without having evidence to confirm it. <i>He surmised that something must be wrong.</i> |
| <u>underestimate</u> | Estimate (something) to be smaller or less important than it really is. <i>He had underestimated the new President.</i> |