

Need another word that means the same as “surface”? Find 49 synonyms and 30 related words for “surface” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Surface” are: open, earth's surface, aerofoil, airfoil, control surface, outside, exterior, work surface, top, counter, table, stand, horizontal surface, facade, at first glance, externally, superficial, external, outward, seeming, ostensible, apparent, cosmetic, coat, come on, come out, show up, turn up, come up, rise, rise up, come to the surface, come to the top, emerge, arise, appear, come to light, come into sight, come into view, crop up, materialize, become visible, spring up, loom, get up, get out of bed, wake, awaken**

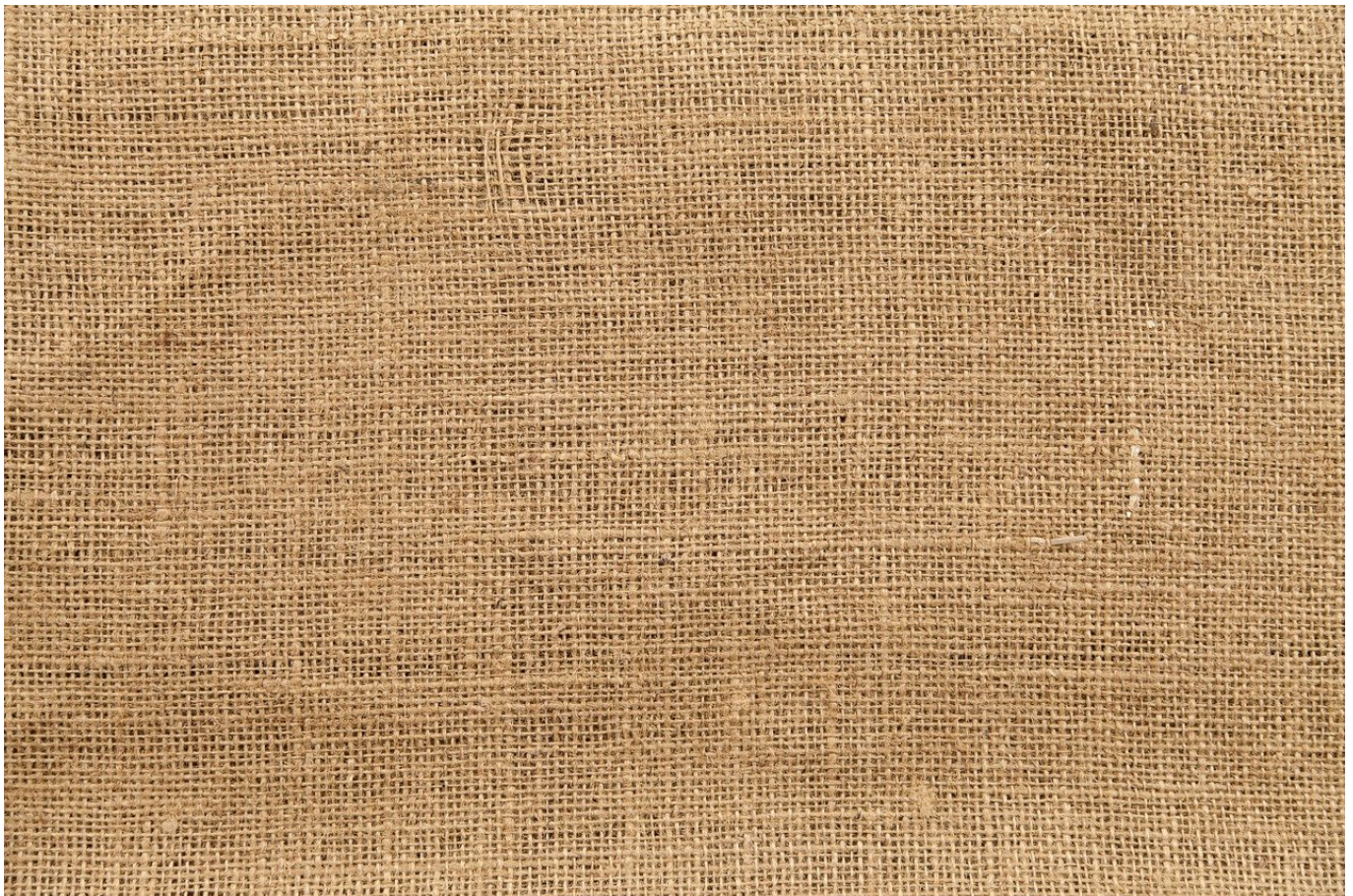
## Surface as a Noun

### Definitions of "Surface" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “surface” as a noun can have the following definitions:

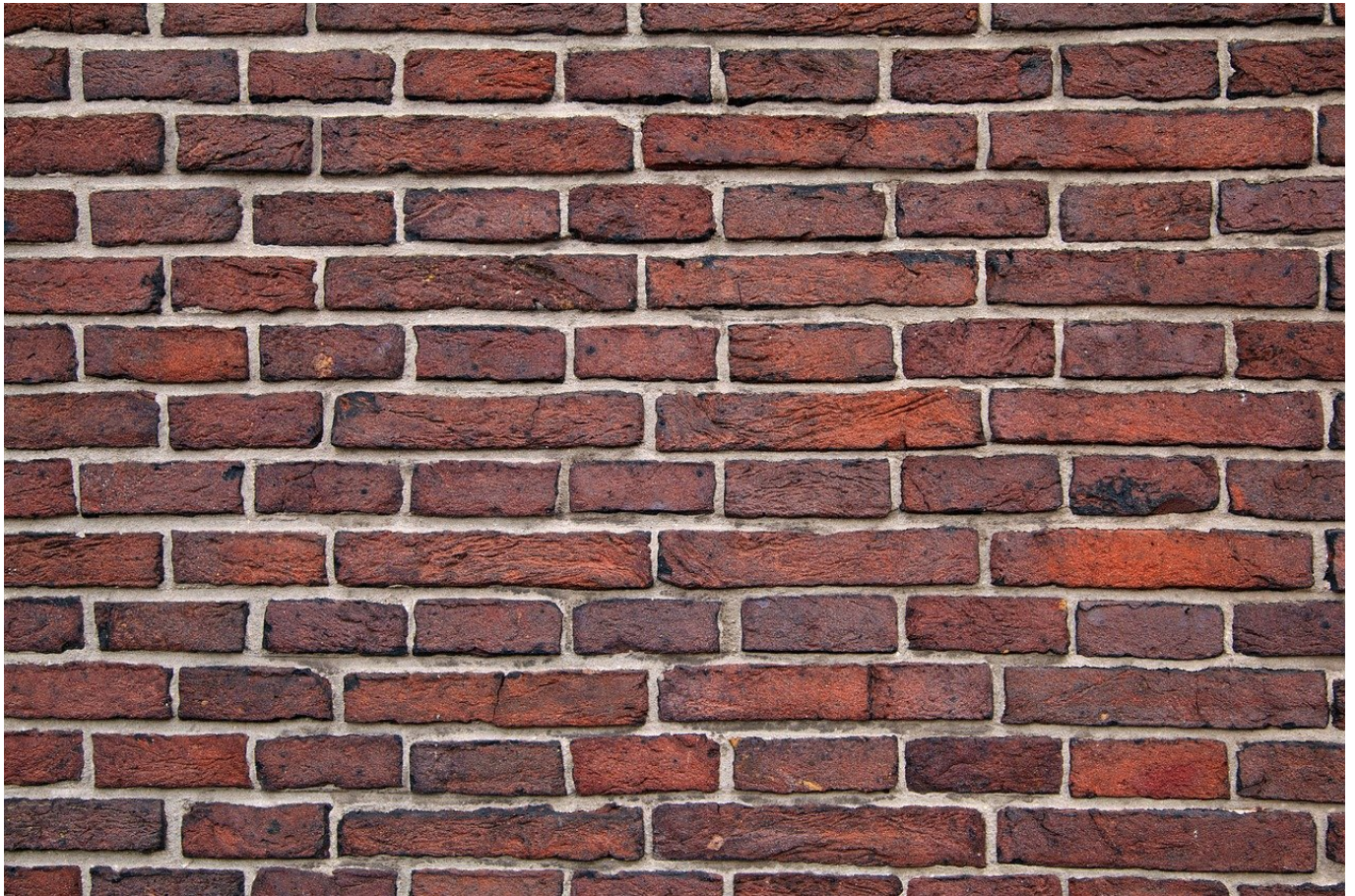
- *A superficial aspect as opposed to the real nature of something.*
- *The outward appearance of someone or something, especially as distinct from less obvious aspects.*

- *Information that has become public.*
- *The level top of something.*
- *The outermost level of the land or sea.*
- *A continuous set of points that has length and breadth but no thickness.*
- *The outside part or uppermost layer of something.*
- *A device that provides reactive force when in motion relative to the surrounding air; can lift or control a plane in flight.*
- *The extended two-dimensional outer boundary of a three-dimensional object.*
- *The outer boundary of an artifact or a material layer constituting or resembling such a boundary.*
- *The upper limit of a body of liquid.*
- *The area of an outer part or uppermost layer of something.*



## **Synonyms of "Surface" as a noun (16 Words)**

<b>aerofoil</b>	A structure with curved surfaces designed to give the most favourable ratio of lift to drag in flight, used as the basic form of the wings, fins, and tailplanes of most aircraft.
<b>airfoil</b>	A device that provides reactive force when in motion relative to the surrounding air; can lift or control a plane in flight.
<b>at first glance</b>	A highly unstable radioactive element (the heaviest of the halogen series); a decay product of uranium and thorium.
<b>control surface</b>	The economic policy of controlling or limiting or curbing prices or wages etc.
<b><u>counter</u></b>	A device used for counting. <i>The <b>counter</b> tells you how many pictures you have taken.</i>
<b>earth's surface</b>	The extended two-dimensional outer boundary of a three-dimensional object.
<b><u>exterior</u></b>	(in filming) an outdoor scene. <i>A jar with floral designs on the <b>exterior</b>.</i>
<b>externally</b>	Outward features.
<b><u>facade</u></b>	A deceptive outward appearance. <i>Her flawless public <b>facade</b> masked private despair.</i>
<b>horizontal surface</b>	Something that is oriented horizontally.
<b>open</b>	A clear or unobstructed space or expanse of land or water. <i>Guests were sitting in the <b>open</b> on the terrace.</i>
<b><u>outside</u></b>	The region that is outside of something. <i>Was he as straight as he appeared on the <b>outside</b>.</i>
<b>stand</b>	The position where a thing or person stands. <i>They cut down a <b>stand</b> of trees.</i>
<b>table</b>	A group seated at table for a meal. <i>The whole <b>table</b> was in gales of laughter.</i>
<b>top</b>	Covering for a hole especially a hole in the top of a container. <i>The bus shelter at the <b>top</b> of the road.</i>
<b>work surface</b>	A manifestation of energy; the transfer of energy from one physical system to another expressed as the product of a force and the distance through which it moves a body in the direction of that force.



## Usage Examples of "Surface" as a noun

- *Roll out the dough on a floured surface.*
- *The cloth had a pattern of red dots on a white surface.*
- *It was not what it appeared to be on the surface.*
- *Surface appearances.*
- *Three quarters of the Earth's surface is covered by water.*
- *Poor road surfaces.*
- *A brush small enough to clean every dental surface.*
- *The sun has no distinct surface.*
- *The facts had been brought to the surface.*
- *Fish floating on the surface of the water.*
- *They skimmed over the surface of the water.*
- *Tom was a womanizer, but on the surface he remained respectable.*
- *The surface area of a cube.*
- *There is a special cleaner for these surfaces.*

- *The earth's surface.*
- *Earthquakes originate far below the surface.*



## Surface as a Verb

### Definitions of "Surface" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "surface" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Appear or become visible; make a showing.*
- *Put a coat on; cover the surface of; furnish with a surface.*
- *Come to people's attention; become apparent.*
- *Provide (something, especially a road) with a particular surface.*
- *Come to the surface.*
- *Rise or come up to the surface of the water or the ground.*
- *(of a person) appear after having been asleep.*



## Synonyms of "Surface" as a verb (25 Words)

### appear

Come into being or existence or appear on the scene.  
*It **appears** unlikely that interest rates will fall.*

<b>arise</b>	Get up and out of bed. <i>New difficulties had <b>arisen</b>.</i>
<b>awaken</b>	Rouse (a feeling). <i>Anna was <b>awakened</b> by the telephone.</i>
<b>become visible</b>	Undergo a change or development.
<b>coat</b>	Form a coat over. <i>Her right leg was <b>coated</b> in plaster.</i>
<b>come into sight</b>	Come from; be connected by a relationship of blood, for example.
<b>come into view</b>	Move toward, travel toward something or somebody or approach something or somebody.
<b>come on</b>	Come to one's mind; suggest itself.
<b>come out</b>	Happen as a result.
<b>come to light</b>	Add up in number or quantity.
<b>come to the surface</b>	Come to pass; arrive, as in due course.
<b>come to the top</b>	Happen as a result.
<b>come up</b>	Add up in number or quantity.
<b>crop up</b>	Feed as in a meadow or pasture.
<b>emerge</b>	(of facts) become known. <i>Some nice results <b>emerged</b> from the study.</i>
<b>get out of bed</b>	Purchase.
<b>get up</b>	Apprehend and reproduce accurately.
<b>loom</b>	Weave on a loom. <i>Large shadows <b>loomed</b> on the canyon wall.</i>
<b>materialize</b>	Become actual fact; happen. <i>A medium she was reputed to <b>materialize</b> substances.</i>
<b>rise</b>	Rise up. <i>The dead are to <b>uprise</b>.</i>
<b>rise up</b>	Rise up.
<b>show up</b>	Give an exhibition of to an interested audience.
<b>spring up</b>	Develop suddenly.
<b>turn up</b>	Let (something) fall or spill from a container.
<b>wake</b>	Be awake be alert be there. <i>We <b>waked</b> Jim last night.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Surface" as a verb

- *A small path surfaced with terracotta tiles.*
- *He surfaced from his dive.*
- *It was almost 11.30 before Anthony surfaced.*
- *I hope the lost key is going to surface again.*
- *The row first surfaced two years ago.*





## Surface as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Surface" as an adjective

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

- *On the surface.*
- *Denoting ships which travel on the surface of the water as distinct from submarines.*
- *Relating to or found on the surface of something.*
- *Carried by or denoting transportation by sea or overland rather than by air.*



## Synonyms of "Surface" as an adjective (8 Words)

- apparent**     Appearing as such but not necessarily so.  
*For no **apparent** reason she laughed.*
- cosmetic**     Serving an esthetic rather than a useful purpose.  
*The reform package was merely a **cosmetic** exercise.*
- exterior**     Forming, situated on, or relating to the outside of something.  
***Exterior** paints.*
- external**     Relating to or denoting a medicine or similar substance for use on the outside of the body.  
*The **external** walls.*
- ostensible**     Represented or appearing as such; pretended.  
*His **ostensible** purpose was charity his real goal popularity.*
- outward**     Outer.  
***Outward** bound ships.*

**seeming** Giving the impression of having a specified quality.  
*His **seeming** honesty.*

**superficial** Denoting a quantity of a material expressed in terms of area covered rather than linear dimension or volume.  
*The **superficial** report didn't give the true picture.*



### Usage Examples of "Surface" as an adjective

- *Surface materials of the moon.*
- *The surface fleet.*
- *Surface mail.*
- *Surface layers.*



## Associations of "Surface" (30 Words)

**appearance** Pretending that something is the case in order to make a good impression.  
*He is well known for his television **appearances**.*

**bare** Just barely adequate or within a lower limit.  
***Bare** floorboards.*

**casing** The frame round a door or window.  
*A waterproof **casing**.*

**cuticle** The outer cellular layer of a hair.  
*You've been gnawing at your **cuticles**.*

**denudation** The removal of covering.

<b>denude</b>	Strip (something) of its covering, possessions, or assets. <i><b>Denude</b> a forest.</i>
<b>epidermis</b>	The surface epithelium of the skin, overlying the dermis.
<u><b>expose</b></u>	Expose while ridiculing especially of pretentious or false claims and ideas. <i>The situation <b>exposed</b> a conflict within the government.</i>
<u><b>exterior</b></u>	Forming, situated on, or relating to the outside of something. <i>Beneath that assured <b>exterior</b> she s vulnerable.</i>
<u><b>external</b></u>	(of hardware) not contained in the main computer; peripheral. <i>An <b>external</b> concern for reputation.</i>
<b>externalize</b>	Express (a thought or feeling) in words or actions. <i>Elements of the internal construction were <b>externalized</b> on to the facade.</i>
<b>integument</b>	A tough outer protective layer, especially that of an animal or plant. <i>This chemical compound is found in the <b>integument</b> of the seed.</i>
<u><b>ostensible</b></u>	Appearing as such but not necessarily so. <i>The <b>ostensible</b> truth of their theories.</i>
<b>outdoors</b>	In or into the open air; outside a building or shelter. <i>He wanted to get <b>outdoors</b> a little.</i>
<b>outer</b>	A shot that strikes the outer. <i>Boots with stiff leather <b>outers</b>.</i>
<b>outermost</b>	Situated at the farthest possible point from a center. <i>The <b>outermost</b> layer of the earth.</i>
<u><b>outside</b></u>	On the outside. <i>Record the date on the <b>outside</b> of the file.</i>
<b>outward</b>	Outwards. <i>The <b>outward</b> voyage.</i>
<u><b>outwardly</b></u>	On the surface. <i><b>Outwardly</b> featureless modern offices.</i>
<b>peripheral</b>	A peripheral device. <i>The <b>peripheral</b> areas of Europe.</i>
<b>putative</b>	Purported; commonly put forth or accepted as true on inconclusive grounds. <i>The <b>putative</b> author of the book.</i>
<b>quasi</b>	Having some resemblance. <i>A <b>quasi</b> success.</i>
<b>sapwood</b>	The soft outer layers of recently formed wood between the heartwood and the bark, containing the functioning vascular tissue.
<u><b>seeming</b></u>	Appearing to be real or true, but not necessarily being so; apparent. <i>An angry <b>seeming</b> man.</i>

**semblance** Resemblance similarity.  
*It bears some **semblance** to the thing I have in mind.*

**smatter** Speak with spotty or superficial knowledge.  
*She **smatters** Russian.*

**superficial** Appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely.  
*In his paper he showed a very **superficial** understanding of psychoanalytic theory.*

