

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

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**The synonyms of “Underpinning” are: post, rod, pillar, column, support, foundation, piling, heart, nucleus, nub, hub, kernel, marrow, meat**

## Underpinning as a Noun

### Definitions of "Underpinning" as a noun

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

- *A solid foundation laid below ground level to support or strengthen a building.*
- *A set of ideas, motives, or devices which justify or form the basis for something.*

### Synonyms of "Underpinning" as a noun (14 Words)

<b><a href="#">column</a></b>	Anything that approximates the shape of a column or tower. <i>We walked in a <b>column</b>.</i>
<b>foundation</b>	A woman’s undergarment worn to give shape to the contours of the body. <i>Misleading accusations with no <b>foundation</b>.</i>
<b>heart</b>	A card game similar to whist in which players attempt to avoid taking tricks containing a card of the suit of hearts. <i>You haven t got the <b>heart</b> for baseball.</i>
<b><a href="#">hub</a></b>	A center of activity or interest or commerce or transportation; a focal point around which events revolve. <i>The kitchen was the <b>hub</b> of family life.</i>

<b>kernel</b>	The most basic level or core of an operating system, responsible for resource allocation, file management, and security. <i>This is the <b>kernel</b> of the argument.</i>
<b>marrow</b>	The plant of the gourd family which produces marrows. <i>Such men were the <b>marrow</b> of the organization.</i>
<b>meat</b>	A meal. <i>Cold <b>meats</b>.</i>
<b>nub</b>	A small piece. <i>The <b>nub</b> of the story.</i>
<b>nucleus</b>	A part of the cell containing DNA and RNA and responsible for growth and reproduction. <i>The <b>nucleus</b> of a British film producing industry.</i>
<b>piling</b>	A column of wood or steel or concrete that is driven into the ground to provide support for a structure. <i>Construction workers carry out their work behind the steel <b>pilings</b>.</i>
<b>pillar</b>	Something shaped like a pillar. <i>A <b>pillar</b> of rock.</i>
<b>post</b>	A goalpost. <i>In a recent <b>post</b> he cautioned investors to be wary of these predictions.</i>
<b>rod</b>	Any rod shaped bacterium. <i>Concrete walls reinforced with steel <b>rods</b>.</i>
<b>support</b>	Supporting structure that holds up or provides a foundation. <i>They developed a scheme of mutual <b>support</b>.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Underpinning" as a noun

- *The theoretical underpinning for free-market economics.*

## Associations of "Underpinning" (30 Words)

<b>aid</b>	A person or thing that is a resource that helps make something easier or possible to do. <i>Rescue party went to their <b>aid</b>.</i>
<b>assist</b>	Act as an assistant in a subordinate or supportive function. <i>The budget must have an <b>assist</b> from tax policies.</i>
<b>assistance</b>	A person or thing that is a resource that helps make something easier or possible to do. <i>The work was completed with the <b>assistance</b> of carpenters.</i>

<b><u>attest</u></b>	Authenticate, affirm to be true, genuine, or correct, as in an official capacity. <i>The deceased's solicitor <b>attested</b> that he had been about to institute divorce proceedings.</i>
<b>backing</b>	(especially in popular music) the musical or vocal accompaniment to the main singer or soloist. <i>The trio provided <b>backing</b>.</i>
<b>bolster</b>	Prop up with a pillow or bolster. <i><b>Bolster</b> morale.</i>
<b>boost</b>	Give a boost to be beneficial to. <i>Andy <b>boosted</b> him up high enough to reach the keys.</i>
<b>certification</b>	The act of certifying or bestowing a franchise on. <i>A fundamental requirement for organic <b>certification</b>.</i>
<b>confirm</b>	Administer the religious rite of confirmation to. <i>Mr Baker's assistant telephoned to <b>confirm</b> his appointment with the chairman.</i>
<b><u>consolation</u></b>	A person or thing providing consolation. <i>Second place was no <b>consolation</b> to him.</i>
<b>corrigible</b>	Capable of being corrected or set right. <i>A <b>corrigible</b> defect.</i>
<b><u>corroborate</u></b>	Support with evidence or authority or make more certain or confirm. <i>The witness had <b>corroborated</b> the boy's account of the attack.</i>
<b><u>elevate</u></b>	Raise or lift (something) to a higher position. <i>The exercise will naturally <b>elevate</b> your chest and head.</i>
<b>encouragement</b>	The action of giving someone support, confidence, or hope. <i>Thank you for all your support and <b>encouragement</b>.</i>
<b>endorsement</b>	A clause in an insurance policy detailing an exemption from or change in cover. <i>The cashier would not cash the check without an <b>endorsement</b>.</i>
<b>help</b>	The action of helping someone to do something. <i>She never <b>helps</b> around the house.</i>
<b>lift</b>	Lifting device consisting of a platform or cage that is raised and lowered mechanically in a vertical shaft in order to move people from one floor to another in a building. <i>Some actresses have more than one face <b>lift</b>.</i>
<b><u>patronage</u></b>	Granting favors or giving contracts or making appointments to office in return for political support. <i>The arts could no longer depend on private <b>patronage</b>.</i>

<b>patronize</b>	Assume sponsorship of. <i>She <b>patronizes</b> worthy causes.</i>
<b>proponent</b>	A person who pleads for a cause or propounds an idea. <i>A strong <b>proponent</b> of the free market and liberal trade policies.</i>
<b><u>refurbish</u></b>	Make brighter and prettier. <i>The premises have been completely <b>refurbished</b> in our corporate style.</i>
<b><u>reinforcement</u></b>	Information that makes more forcible or convincing. <i><b>Reinforcements</b> set in the concrete.</i>
<b><u>solace</u></b>	Give moral or emotional strength to. <i>The soundlessness of nature impressed and <b>solaced</b> her.</i>
<b>stanchion</b>	An upright bar, post, or frame forming a support or barrier.
<b><u>substantiate</u></b>	Establish or strengthen as with new evidence or facts. <i>The president's trip will <b>substantiate</b> good relations with the former enemy country.</i>
<b>support</b>	A musical part vocal or instrumental that supports or provides background for other musical parts. <i>My main concern was to <b>support</b> my family.</i>
<b>trestle</b>	A framework consisting of a horizontal beam supported by two pairs of sloping legs, used in pairs to support a flat surface such as a table top.
<b><u>upgrade</u></b>	Give a promotion to or assign to a higher position. <i>I got an <b>upgrade</b> to first class when coach class was full.</i>
<b>validate</b>	Make valid or confirm the validity of. <i>He seems to need other women's attention to <b>validate</b> him as a man.</i>
<b>verify</b>	Attach or append a legal verification to (a pleading or petition). <i>Please <b>verify</b> that the doors are closed.</i>