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substantial adjective

sub·stan·tial (səb-'stan(t)-shəl ◀▶)

[Synonyms of *substantial* >](#)

- 1 **a** : consisting of or relating to [substance](#)
b : not imaginary or illusory : [REAL](#), [TRUE](#)
c : [IMPORTANT](#), [ESSENTIAL](#)
- 2 : ample to satisfy and nourish : [FULL](#)
a *substantial* meal
- 3 **a** : possessed of means : [WELL-TO-DO](#)
b : considerable in quantity : significantly great
earned a *substantial* wage
- 4 : firmly constructed : [STURDY](#)
a *substantial* house
- 5 : being largely but not wholly that which is specified
a *substantial* lie

noun(səb-'stan(t)-shē-'a-lə-tē ◀▶) **noun**(səb-'stan(t)-sh(ə-)lē ◀▶) **adverb**(səb-'stan(t)-shəl-nəs ◀▶) **noun**

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big

earth-shattering

eventful

important

material

momentous

much

tectonic

consequential

earthshaking

historic

major

meaningful

monumental

significant

weighty

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A **substantial** number of people commute to work each day.

Activities like that pose a **substantial** risk of injury.

She purchased her tickets at a **substantial** discount.

Only the buildings that were constructed of more **substantial** materials survived the earthquake.

I was hoping that they would serve us something more **substantial** than wine and cheese.

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When paired with a frame as a single joypad or used as individual, motion-sensing grips, the Joy-Con 2s are as comfortable as their predecessors were on the Switch 1—possibly a little more so, thanks to slightly larger, more **substantial** thumbsticks.

— Matt Kamen, *Wired News*, 20 Apr. 2025

Russia has repeatedly denied accusations of human rights abuses, despite **substantial** evidence and victim testimonies.

— Kylie Atwood, *CNN Money*, 19 Apr. 2025

Still, there's no denying Powell has played well over a **substantial** sample size vs. the Nuggets this year.

— Nicholas Creel, *MSNBC Newsweek*, 19 Apr. 2025

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First Known Use

14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 2](#)

Time Traveler

The first known use of **substantial** was in the 14th century

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1 a : consisting of or relating to substance : **MATERIAL****b** : not imaginary : **REAL**the *substantial* world**c** : **IMPORTANT sense 1, ESSENTIAL***substantial* differences**2** : enough to satisfy and nourisha *substantial* meal**3 a** : **PROSPEROUS sense 1**a *substantial* farmer**b** : considerable in quantity : significantly largea *substantial* increase**4** : firmly constructeda *substantial* building- ,stan-chē-'al-ət-ē ◀▶) **noun**-'stanch-(ə-)lē ◀▶) **adverb****substantial** adjective

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a *substantial* step had not been taken toward commission of the crime

— W. R. LaFave and A. W. Scott, Jr.

2 : considerable in quantity : significantly great
identification of serious and *substantial* failure to perform

— *U.S. Code*

→ compare [DE MINIMIS](#)

-,stan-chē-'a-lə-tē  **noun**

adverb

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