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sub·stan·tial *adjective* \səb-'stan(t)-shəl\

Definition of SUBSTANTIAL

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- 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>

- **substantial** *noun*
- **sub·stan·ti·al·i·ty** *noun*
- **sub·stan·tial·ly** *adverb*
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A *substantial* number of people commute to work each day.

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

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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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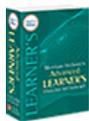


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