

merely

[ˈmiəli] *adv*

только, просто; единственно

it is merely a coincidence [chance] - это просто совпадение [случай /случайность/]

I merely asked his name - я только /просто/ спросил, как его зовут

she is merely a child - она ещё /всего лишь/ ребёнок

merely a word - одно лишь слово

not merely ... but also ... - не только ..., но и ...

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

mere-ly [merely] *BrE* ['miəli] *NAmE* ['mɪrli] *adverb*

used meaning 'only' or 'simply' to emphasize a fact or sth that you are saying

- It is **not merely** a job, but a way of life.
- He said nothing, merely smiled and watched her.
- They agreed to go merely because they were getting paid for it.
- I'm merely stating what everybody knows anyway.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

mere-ly **S3 W2** /'miəli \$ 'mɪrli/ *BrE* *AmE* *adverb*

1. used to emphasize how small or unimportant something or someone is **SYN only**:

He's merely a boy – you can't expect him to understand.

2. used to emphasize that nothing more than what you say is involved **SYN just**:

We're merely good friends.

He merely shrugged and walked away.

3. **not merely /rather than merely** used before the less important of two ideas in a sentence to emphasize the more important idea:

It's not merely a matter of cost, but whether she's old enough to go on holiday alone.

It's important to write these goals down, rather than merely think about them.

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