banal Apresyan (En-Ru)

[bə'na:l,bə'næl] a

1. банальный пошлый

banal idea - избитая мысль

2. ист. общинный; обязательный для всех подвластных феодалу

banal mill - общинная мельница (на которую все крестьяне были обязаны свозить зерно для помола)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

banal BrE [bəˈna li\* NAmE [bəˈna ] NAmE ['bein] adiective (disapproving)

very ordinary and containing nothing that is interesting or important

· a banal conversation about the weather

## Word Origin:

[banal] mid 18th cent. (originally relating to feudal service in the sense of 'compulsory'): from French, from ban 'a proclamation or call to arms'; ultimately of Germanic origin and related to ban.

## Example Bank:

- He knew how banal the question was as soon as he had asked it.
- She murmured some banal phrases of encouragement.
- They were having a banal conversation about the weather.

banal Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

ba nal /bə'na□l,bə'næl/ BrE \* AmE \* adjective

[Date: 1800-1900; Language: French; Origin: Old French ban 'military service that everyone must do, something common'] ordinary and not interesting, because of a lack of new or different ideas SYN trivial:

conversations about the most banal subjects

—banality /bə'næləti, bə'nælɪti/ noun [uncountable and countable]

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