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Main Entry: **1**ba·nal [Pronunciation Guide](#)

Pronunciation: 'bān^əl; bə'nal, -əl, -əl also ba-

Function: adjective

Etymology: French, from Middle French, of compulsory feudal service, possessed in common, commonplace, from ban summoning of the king's vassals + -al -- more at BAN

1 : wanting originality, freshness, or novelty : failing to stimulate, appeal, or arrest attention : TRITE, WORN-OUT, COMMONPLACE <the poor working girl of the banal songs -- J.T.Farrell> <little books on great subjects are generally intolerably banal -- Times Literary Supplement> <the food there was banal -- Jean Stafford> <the new Custom House, a towering structure, sound in plan but banal in decoration -- Lewis Mumford>

2 medicine : COMMON, ORDINARY <banal inflammation>

synonym see INSIPID

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