

Need another word that means the same as “abridge”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “abridge” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Abridge” are: abbreviate, contract, cut, foreshorten, reduce, shorten, cut down, cut short, curtail, truncate, lessen, trim, crop, clip, pare down, prune

Abridge as a Verb

Definitions of "Abridge" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “abridge” as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Curtail (a right or privilege).*
- *Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements.*
- *Lessen, diminish, or curtail.*
- *Shorten (a piece of writing) without losing the sense.*

Synonyms of "Abridge" as a verb (16 Words)

abbreviate	Shorten (a word, phrase, or text). <i>Network is often abbreviated to net.</i>
clip	Fasten or be fastened with a clip or clips. <i>Clip the papers together.</i>
contract	Enter into a contractual arrangement. <i>The heart contracts about seventy times a minute.</i>
crop	Yield crops. <i>She wanted her hair cropped short.</i>

curtail	Reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on. <i>Civil liberties were further curtailed.</i>
cut	Form or shape by cutting or incising. <i>If the pump develops a fault the electrical supply is immediately cut.</i>
cut down	Cut down on make a reduction in.
cut short	Shorten as if by severing the edges or ends of. Shorten lines in a drawing so as to create an illusion of depth.
foreshorten	<i>Our experience is that it is usually a mistake to try to foreshorten the process.</i>
lessen	Decrease in size, extent, or range. <i>The years have lessened the gap in age between us.</i>
pare down	Remove the edges from and cut down to the desired size.
prune	Cultivate, tend, and cut back the growth of.
reduce	Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements. <i>The sauce should reduce to one cup.</i>
shorten	Make (a vowel or syllable) short. <i>The preceding vowels are shortened.</i>
trim	Adjust the balance of a ship or aircraft by rearranging its cargo or by means of its trim tabs. <i>The airplane trimmed.</i>
truncate	Replace (an edge or an angle) by a plane, typically so as to make equal angles with the adjacent faces. <i>The torso has been truncated just below the neck line.</i>

Usage Examples of "Abridge" as a verb

- *Even the right to free speech can be abridged.*
- *The new law might abridge our freedom of expression.*
- *The introduction is abridged from the author's afterword to the novel.*

Associations of "Abridge" (30 Words)

abbreviate	Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements. <i>I decided to abbreviate my stay in Cambridge.</i>
abbreviated	Shortened; cut short. <i>An abbreviated version of the earlier work.</i>

abbreviation	Shortening something by omitting parts of it. <i>SKU is the abbreviation for Stock Keeping Unit.</i>
bowdlerize	Edit by omitting or modifying parts considered indelicate. <i>Every edition of his letters and diaries has been bowdlerized.</i>
brief	Instruct a barrister by brief. <i>Covered the matter in a brief statement.</i>
briefly	In a concise manner; in a few words. <i>Briefly we have a problem.</i>
concisely	In a concise manner; in a few words. <i>His main objections to it can be concisely summarized.</i>
condensation	The conversion of a vapour or gas to a liquid. <i>A readable condensation of the recent literature.</i>
contraction	A shortening or tensing of a part or organ (especially of a muscle or muscle fiber). <i>Neurons control the contraction of muscles.</i>
curtail	Deprive someone of (something). <i>Curtail drinking in school.</i>
decrement	A reduction or diminution. <i>Relaxation produces a decrement in sympathetic nervous activity.</i>
diminish	Decrease in size, extent, or range. <i>The trial has aged and diminished him.</i>
elision	Omission of a sound between two words (usually a vowel and the end of one word or the beginning of the next). <i>The movie s elisions and distortions have been carefully thought out.</i>
encapsulate	Enclose (something) in or as if in a capsule. <i>The company would encapsulate the asbestos waste in concrete pellets.</i>
expurgate	Edit by omitting or modifying parts considered indelicate. <i>Editors heavily expurgated the novel before its initial publication.</i>
haircut	The style in which a person's hair is cut. <i>He s always very particular about his haircut.</i>
outline	Draw up an outline or sketch for something. <i>Her eyes were darkly outlined with kohl.</i>
precis	Make a precis of a text or speech.
profile	Represent in profile by drawing or painting. <i>A profile of a Texas tycoon.</i>
reduce	Reduce in size reduce physically. <i>Reduce the influx of foreigners.</i>

resume	Take up or begin anew. <i>The judge resumed his seat.</i>
retrench	(of an organization or individual) reduce costs or spending in response to economic difficulty. <i>If there are excess staff they should be retrenched.</i>
<u>rundown</u>	An analysis or summary of something by a knowledgeable person. <i>A rundown in the business would be a devastating blow to the local economy.</i>
short	Of a vowel categorized as short with regard to quality and length e.g in standard British English the vowel in good is short as distinct from the long vowel u in food. <i>He is short and tubby.</i>
<u>shorten</u>	Make shorter than originally intended; reduce or retrench in length or duration. <i>In winter the days shorten.</i>
<u>shrink</u>	Become withdrawn. <i>You should see a shrink.</i>
shrinkage	The amount by which something shrinks. <i>Give long curtains good hems to allow for shrinkage.</i>
<u>summarize</u>	Give a brief statement of the main points of (something). <i>To summarize there are three main categories.</i>
summary	A brief statement or account of the main points of something. <i>Summary justice.</i>
<u>synopsis</u>	An outline of the plot of a play, film, or book. <i>A synopsis of the insurance cover provided is set out below.</i>