

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)

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

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

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

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

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