

Need another word that means the same as “abrupt”? Find 38 synonyms and 30 related words for “abrupt” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Abrupt” are: disconnected, precipitous, sharp, sudden, immediate, instantaneous, hurried, hasty, quick, swift, rapid, speedy, precipitate, curt, brusque, blunt, short, terse, brisk, crisp, gruff, snappish, snappy, unceremonious, offhand, cavalier, rough, harsh, jerky, uneven, irregular, discontinuous, broken, inelegant, steep, sheer, bluff, acute

Abrupt as an Adjective

Definitions of "Abrupt" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “abrupt” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Marked by sudden changes in subject and sharp transitions.*
- *(of a style of speech or writing) not flowing smoothly; disjointed.*
- *Exceedingly sudden and unexpected.*
- *Brief to the point of rudeness; curt.*
- *Steep; precipitous.*
- *Sudden and unexpected.*
- *Surprisingly and unceremoniously brusque in manner.*
- *Extremely steep.*

Synonyms of "Abrupt" as an adjective (38 Words)

[acute](#)

Denoting or designed for patients with an acute form of a disease.
*The problem is **acute** and getting worse.*

bluff	Bluntly direct and outspoken but good-natured. <i>A bluff and rugged natural leader.</i>
blunt	(of a person or remark) uncompromisingly forthright. <i>A blunt statement of fact.</i>
brisk	Showing a wish to deal with things quickly; slightly brusque. <i>Doing a brisk business.</i>
<u>broken</u>	Having been broken. <i>A horse broken to the saddle.</i>
<u>brusque</u>	Marked by rude or peremptory shortness. <i>Try to cultivate a less brusque manner.</i>
cavalier	Showing a lack of proper concern; offhand. <i>Anne was irritated by his cavalier attitude.</i>
crisp	Clearly defined. <i>65 in crisp new notes.</i>
<u>curt</u>	Rudely brief. <i>A response so curt as to be almost rude.</i>
disconnected	Music marked by or composed of disconnected parts or sounds cut short crisply. <i>I drove away feeling disconnected from the real world.</i>
discontinuous	Of a function or curve; possessing one or more discontinuities. <i>A person with a discontinuous employment record.</i>
gruff	Deep and harsh sounding as if from shouting or illness or emotion- Virgil Thomson. <i>The dog s gruff barking.</i>
harsh	Sharply disagreeable; rigorous. <i>A time of harsh military discipline.</i>
hasty	Done with excessive speed or urgency; hurried. <i>Rejected what was regarded as an overhasty plan for reconversion.</i>
hurried	Done in a hurry; rushed. <i>A hurried trip to the store.</i>
immediate	Immediately before or after as in a chain of cause and effect. <i>An immediate reply to my letter.</i>
inelegant	Having or showing a lack of physical grace, elegance, or refinement. <i>He came skidding to an inelegant halt.</i>
instantaneous	Occurring or done instantly. <i>Her reaction was almost instantaneous.</i>

<u>irregular</u>	(of a surface or shape); not level or flat or symmetrical. <i>His strong irregular features.</i>
jerky	Characterized by abrupt stops and starts. <i>The coach drew to a jerky halt.</i>
offhand	With little or no preparation or forethought. <i>She treated most men with offhand contempt.</i>
<u>precipitate</u>	Done with very great haste and without due deliberation- Shakespeare- Arthur Geddes. <i>Wondered whether they had been rather precipitate in deposing the king.</i>
precipitous	Extremely steep. <i>Precipitous intervention.</i>
quick	Moving quickly and lightly. <i>He was always quick to point out her faults.</i>
<u>rapid</u>	Happening in a short time or at a great rate. <i>They lost three wickets in rapid succession.</i>
rough	Not fully worked out or including every detail. <i>Rough ground.</i>
<u>sharp</u>	Having or emitting a high pitched and sharp tone or tones. <i>A sharp drop in the stock market.</i>
<u>sheer</u>	So thin as to transmit light. <i>Sheer white silk chiffon.</i>
short	Of a broker position in the market etc buying or based on short stocks or other securities or commodities. <i>The English vowel sounds in pat pet pit pot putt are short.</i>
snappish	(of a dog) irritable and inclined to bite. <i>She was often snappish with the children.</i>
<u>snappy</u>	Pleasantly cold and invigorating. <i>A snappy dresser.</i>
<u>speedy</u>	Accomplished rapidly and without delay. <i>A speedy recovery.</i>
<u>steep</u>	Having a sharp inclination. <i>She pushed the bike up the steep hill.</i>
sudden	Occurring or done quickly and unexpectedly or without warning. <i>A sudden decision.</i>
<u>swift</u>	Happening quickly or promptly. <i>Swift flight of an arrow.</i>

terse	Sparing in the use of words; abrupt. <i>Short and terse and easy to understand.</i>
unceremonious	Without ceremony or formality. <i>Unceremonious dismissal from office.</i>
uneven	Not regular, consistent, or equal. <i>Uneven spacing.</i>

Usage Examples of "Abrupt" as an adjective

- *You were rather abrupt with that young man.*
- *The match came to an abrupt end.*
- *The abrupt double peak.*
- *An abrupt reply.*
- *Came to an abrupt stop.*
- *An abrupt change in the weather.*
- *Abrupt prose.*
- *I was surprised by the abrupt change of subject.*
- *Abrupt, epigrammatic paragraphs.*
- *An abrupt canyon.*
- *An occasionally abrupt narrative.*

Associations of "Abrupt" (30 Words)

abruptly	Steeply; precipitously. <i>The film ends rather abruptly.</i>
cursory	Hasty and without attention to detail; not thorough. <i>A casual or cursory inspection failed to reveal the house's structural flaws.</i>
dash	A short, fast race run in one heat; a sprint. <i>The budget dashed hopes of an increase in funding.</i>
discontinuity	A break in or lack of continuity. <i>There is no significant discontinuity between modern and primitive societies.</i>
fast	Taking place at high speed; taking a short time. <i>A fast visit.</i>
fastness	The ability of a material or dye to maintain its colour without fading or washing away. <i>A remote Himalayan mountain fastness.</i>

<u>haste</u>	A condition of urgency making it necessary to hurry. <i>I write in haste.</i>
hastily	In a hurried or hasty manner. <i>Hastily he scanned the headlines.</i>
hasty	Done with excessive speed or urgency; hurried. <i>Don't be too hasty in criticizing a colleague.</i>
headlong	In a hasty and foolhardy manner. <i>He fell headlong into the tent.</i>
hurried	Moving rapidly or performed quickly or in great haste. <i>A hurried trip to the store.</i>
hurriedly	In a quick or rushed manner. <i>The way they buried him so hurriedly was disgraceful.</i>
hurry	A condition of urgency making it necessary to hurry. <i>In my hurry to leave I knocked over a pile of books.</i>
<u>impetuous</u>	Acting or done quickly and without thought or care. <i>An impetuous but controlled flow of water.</i>
overhasty	Done with very great haste and without due deliberation. <i>Rejected what was regarded as an overhasty plan for reconversion.</i>
precipitant	Done with very great haste and without due deliberation- Shakespeare- Arthur Geddes. <i>A protein precipitant.</i>
quick	At a fast rate quickly. <i>A quick mind.</i>
rapidly	With speed. <i>The problem is rapidly worsening.</i>
rashly	In a hasty and foolhardy manner. <i>Rashly Theresa accepts a second date with Tony.</i>
rush	Cause to move fast or to rush or race. <i>He rushed three fraternities.</i>
rushed	(of a person) short of time; hurrying. <i>I'm too rushed to do it.</i>
scramble	Order (a fighter aircraft or its pilot) to take off immediately in an emergency or for action. <i>Firms scrambled to win public sector contracts.</i>
spasmodic	Occurring or done in brief, irregular bursts. <i>His body made a spasmodic jerk.</i>

staccato	A piece or passage marked to be performed staccato. A staccato rhythm.
sudden	Suddenly. A sudden decision.
suddenly	On impulse; without premeditation. Suddenly she felt a sharp pain in her side.
<u>swift</u>	A swift flying insectivorous bird with long slender wings and a superficial resemblance to a swallow spending most of its life on the wing. Streams that ran swift and clear.
unanticipated	Not anticipated- H.W.Glidden. One of the unanticipated gains of the reforms has been the shift of emphasis to primary care.
<u>unexpected</u>	Not expected or regarded as likely to happen. Unexpected news.
<u>unforeseen</u>	Not anticipated- H.W.Glidden. Unforeseen circumstances.