

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.*

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

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

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

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

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

<b>staccato</b>	A piece or passage marked to be performed staccato. A <b>staccato</b> rhythm.
<b>sudden</b>	Suddenly. A <b>sudden</b> decision.
<b>suddenly</b>	On impulse; without premeditation. <b>Suddenly</b> she felt a sharp pain in her side.
<u><b>swift</b></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 <b>swift</b> and clear.
<b>unanticipated</b>	Not anticipated- H.W.Glidden. One of the <b>unanticipated</b> gains of the reforms has been the shift of emphasis to primary care.
<u><b>unexpected</b></u>	Not expected or regarded as likely to happen. <b>Unexpected</b> news.
<u><b>unforeseen</b></u>	Not anticipated- H.W.Glidden. <b>Unforeseen</b> circumstances.