

Need another word that means the same as “abstract”? Find 94 synonyms and 30 related words for “abstract” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Abstract” are: abstractionist, nonfigurative, nonobjective, theoretical, conceptual, notional, intellectual, metaphysical, philosophical, academic, abstruse, obscure, arcane, recherché, rarefied, recondite, difficult, hard, puzzling, perplexing, enigmatic, inscrutable, cryptic, delphic, symbolic, impressionistic, cabbage, filch, hook, lift, nobble, pilfer, pinch, purloin, snarf, sneak, swipe, extract, pump, draw, draw off, tap, suck, withdraw, remove, take away, take out, thief, take, take for oneself, help oneself to, loot, abscond with, run off with, appropriate, carry off, shoplift, leave, go, go away, go off, take one's leave, take oneself off, absent oneself, say one's goodbyes, quit, make an exit, exit, break camp, decamp, retreat, beat a retreat, retire, summarize, write a summary of, precis, abridge, condense, compress, shorten, cut down, abbreviate, synopsise, outline, synopsis, abstraction, summary, résumé, recapitulation, abridgement, condensation, digest, summation**

## **Abstract as a Noun**

## Definitions of "Abstract" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "abstract" as a noun can have the following definitions:

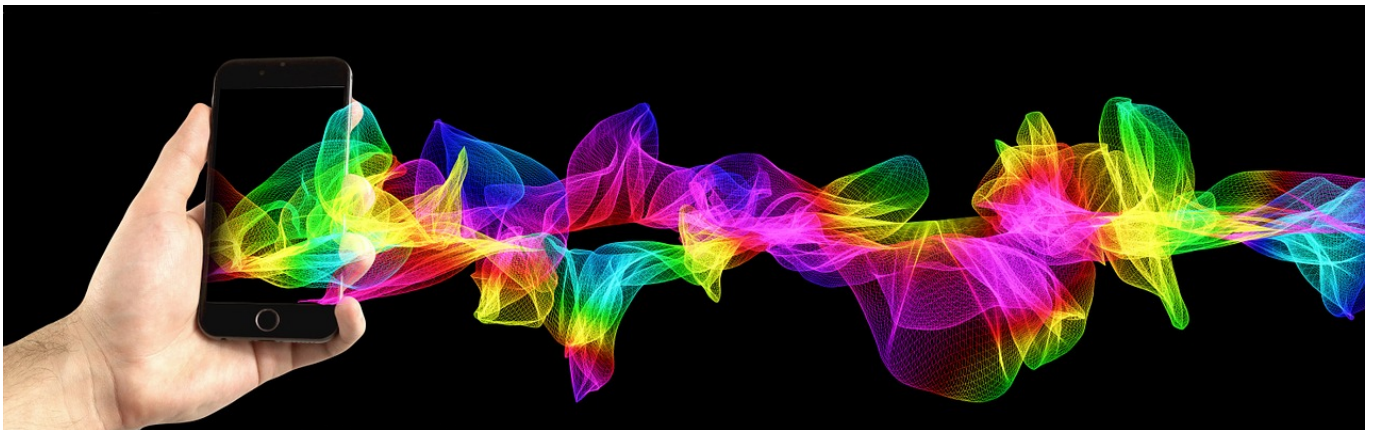
- *A summary of the contents of a book, article, or speech.*
- *A sketchy summary of the main points of an argument or theory.*
- *A concept or idea not associated with any specific instance.*
- *An abstract work of art.*



## Synonyms of "Abstract" as a noun (11 Words)

- abridgement** Curtailment of rights.  
*An **abridgement** of Shakespeare's Henry VI.*
- abstraction** The act of withdrawing or removing something.  
*The **abstraction** of water from springs and wells.*

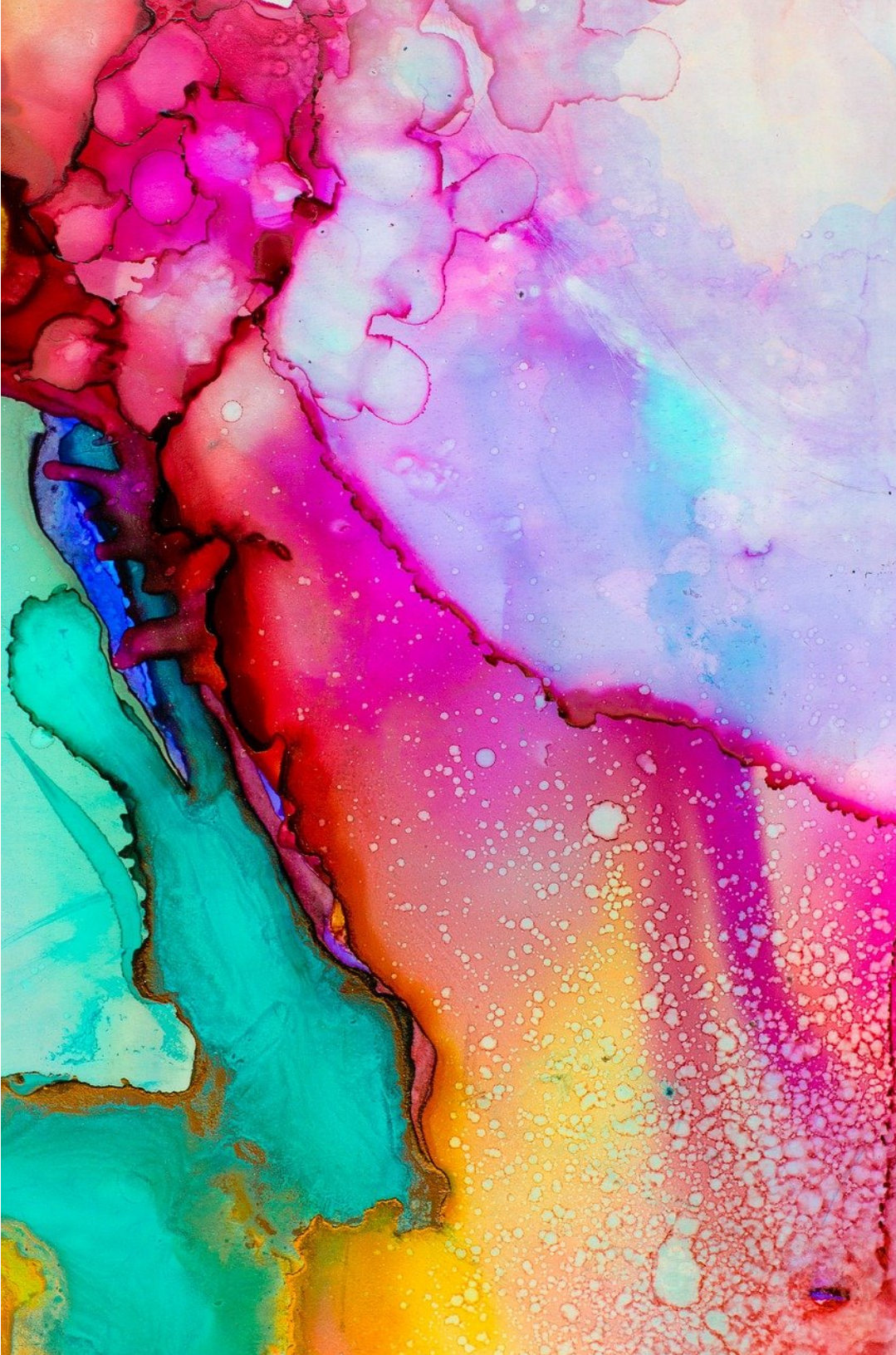
<b>condensation</b>	A reaction in which two molecules combine to form a larger molecule, producing a small molecule such as H <sub>2</sub> O as a by-product. <i>The inside of the cab steamed up with <b>condensation</b>.</i>
<b>digest</b>	A substance or mixture obtained by digestion. <i>A <b>digest</b> of their findings.</i>
<b>outline</b>	A line or set of lines enclosing or indicating the shape of an object in a sketch or diagram. <i>The chalked <b>outline</b> of a human body.</i>
<b>precis</b>	A sketchy summary of the main points of an argument or theory.
<b>recapitulation</b>	A part of a movement (especially one in sonata form) in which themes from the exposition are restated. <i>His <b>recapitulation</b> of the argument.</i>
<b>résumé</b>	Short descriptive summary (of events).
<b>summary</b>	A brief statement that presents the main points in a concise form. <i>He gave a <b>summary</b> of the conclusions.</i>
<b>summation</b>	A summary. <i>These will need <b>summation</b> in a single document.</i>
<b>synopsis</b>	A brief summary or general survey of something. <i>A <b>synopsis</b> of the insurance cover provided is set out below.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Abstract" as a noun

- *A big unframed abstract.*
- *An abstract of her speech.*
- *He loved her only in the abstract-not in person.*





# Abstract as a Verb

## Definitions of "Abstract" as a verb

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

- *Extract or remove (something).*
- *Make off with belongings of others.*
- *Withdraw.*
- *Give an abstract (of).*
- *Consider apart from a particular case or instance.*
- *Make a written summary of (an article or book).*
- *Used euphemistically to indicate that someone has stolen something.*
- *Consider something theoretically or separately from (something else).*
- *Consider a concept without thinking of a specific example; consider abstractly or theoretically.*





## Synonyms of "Abstract" as a verb (57 Words)

<b>abbreviate</b>	Shorten (a word, phrase, or text). <i>I decided to <b>abbreviate</b> my stay in Cambridge.</i>
<b>abridge</b>	Curtail (a right or privilege). <i>The introduction is <b>abridged</b> from the author's afterword to the novel.</i>
<b>abscond with</b>	Run away; usually includes taking something or somebody along.
<b>absent oneself</b>	Go away or leave.
<b>appropriate</b>	Devote (money or assets) to a special purpose. <i>The accused had <b>appropriated</b> the property.</i>
<b>beat a retreat</b>	Beat through cleverness and wit.
<b>break camp</b>	Force out or release suddenly and often violently something pent up.
<b>cabbage</b>	Make off with belongings of others.
<b>carry off</b>	Continue or extend.

<b><u>compress</u></b>	Reduce the dynamic range of (a sound signal). <i>The skirt can be folded and <b>compressed</b> into a relatively small bag.</i>
<b><u>condense</u></b>	Remove water from. <b>Condense</b> the contents of a book into a summary.
<b>cut down</b>	Cut down on make a reduction in.
<b>decamp</b>	Leave a camp. <i>The armies of both chiefs had <b>decamped</b>.</i>
<b>draw</b>	Obtain or withdraw money from a bank or other source. <i>A pot of tea is allowed to <b>draw</b>.</i>
<b>draw off</b>	Give a description of.
<b><u>exit</u></b>	Used as a stage direction in a play to indicate that an actor leaves the stage. <i>He <b>exited</b> from the changing rooms.</i>
<b>extract</b>	Extract by the process of distillation. <i>Early computers had an instruction to <b>extract</b> a square root.</i>
<b>filch</b>	Pilfer or steal (something, especially an item of small value) in a casual way. <i>They <b>filched</b> milk off morning doorsteps.</i>
<b>go</b>	Go through in search of something search through someone s belongings in an unauthorized way. <i>The speech has to <b>go</b> through several more drafts.</i>
<b>go away</b>	Change location; move, travel, or proceed, also metaphorically.
<b>go off</b>	Blend or harmonize.
<b>help oneself to</b>	Take or use.
<b>hook</b>	Catch with a hook. <i>McKenzie switched his attack downstairs <b>hooking</b> to the ribs.</i>
<b>leave</b>	Leave or give by will after one s death. <b>Leave</b> your child in the nurse s care.
<b>lift</b>	Perform cosmetic surgery on someone's face. <b>Lift</b> his ego.
<b><u>loot</u></b>	Steal goods from (a place), typically during a war or riot. <i>A gang <b>looted</b> Rs 1 5 lakh from a passenger.</i>
<b>make an exit</b>	Develop into.
<b>noble</b>	Take away to an undisclosed location against their will and usually in order to extract a ransom. <i>A doping ring <b>nobbled</b> three of the trainer s horses in 1990.</i>

<b>pilfer</b>	Make off with belongings of others. <i>She produced the handful of coins she had managed to <b>pilfer</b>.</i>
<b>pinch</b>	Make ridges into by pinching together. <i>She <b>pinched</b> his cheek.</i>
<b>precis</b>	Make a precis of a text or speech.
<b><u>pump</u></b>	Move in spurts as though driven by a pump. <i>My veins had been <b>pumped</b> full of glucose.</i>
<b>purloin</b>	Steal (something). <i>He must have managed to <b>purloin</b> a copy of the key.</i>
<b>quit</b>	Resign from (a job). <i><b>Quit</b> yourselves like men and fight.</i>
<b>remove</b>	Remove from a position or an office. <i><b>Remove</b> a threat.</i>
<b>retire</b>	Go into retirement stop performing one's work or withdraw from one's position. <i>The director was <b>retired</b> after the scandal.</i>
<b>retreat</b>	Make a retreat from an earlier commitment or activity. <i>The ice <b>retreated</b> during warmer periods called interglacials.</i>
<b>run off with</b>	Set animals loose to graze.
<b>say one's goodbyes</b>	Recite or repeat a fixed text.
<b>shoplift</b>	Steal goods from a shop while pretending to be a customer. <i>She was caught <b>shoplifting</b> a pair of shoes.</i>
<b><u>shorten</u></b>	(with reference to gambling odds) make or become shorter; decrease. <i>The odds had <b>shortened</b> to 14 1.</i>
<b>snarf</b>	Eat or drink quickly or greedily. <i>They <b>snarfed</b> up frozen yogurt.</i>
<b><u>sneak</u></b>	(especially in children's use) inform an adult or person in authority of a companion's misdeeds; tell tales. <i><b>Sneak</b> a cigarette.</i>
<b><u>summarize</u></b>	Be a summary of. <i>These results can be <b>summarized</b> in the following table.</i>
<b><u>swipe</u></b>	Pass a swipe card through an electronic device designed to read and process the information encoded on it. <i><b>Swipe</b> to the left on the main navigation page and you'll see a user login menu.</i>



<b>synthesize</b>	Give a brief summary or general survey of (something). <i>Your r sum should <b>synthesize</b> your experience.</i>
<b>take</b>	Take something or somebody with oneself somewhere. <i>Billie was very <b>taken</b> with him.</i>
<b>take away</b>	Be seized or affected in a specified way.
<b>take for oneself</b>	Experience or feel or submit to.
<b>take one's leave</b>	Require as useful, just, or proper.
<b>take oneself off</b>	Receive willingly something given or offered.
<b>take out</b>	Point or cause to go (blows, weapons, or objects such as photographic equipment) towards.
<b>tap</b>	Make light repeated taps on a surface. <i>These magazines have <b>tapped</b> into a target market of consumers.</i>
<b>thieve</b>	Take by theft. <i>The students have been <b>thieving</b> my favourite art books.</i>
<b>withdraw</b>	Withdraw from active participation. <i>Normally you can <b>withdraw</b> up to 50 in cash.</i>
<b>write a summary of</b>	Communicate or express by writing.



## Usage Examples of "Abstract" as a verb

- *Let's abstract away from this particular example.*
- *His pockets contained all he had been able to abstract from the flat.*
- *Staff who abstract material for an online database.*
- *Applications to abstract more water from streams.*
- *As our relationship deepened you seemed to abstract yourself.*
- *To abstract science and religion from their historical context can lead to anachronism.*





## Abstract as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Abstract" as an adjective

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

- *Existing only in the mind; separated from embodiment.*
- *Existing in thought or as an idea but not having a physical or concrete existence.*
- *Not representing or imitating external reality or the objects of nature.*
- *Dealing with a subject in the abstract without practical purpose or intention.*
- *Relating to or denoting art that does not attempt to represent external reality, but rather seeks to achieve its effect using shapes, colours, and textures.*
- *(of a noun) denoting an idea, quality, or state rather than a concrete object.*
- *Dealing with ideas rather than events.*
- *Not based on a particular instance; theoretical.*







## Synonyms of "Abstract" as an adjective (26 Words)

<b>abstractionist</b>	Not representing or imitating external reality or the objects of nature.
<b>abstruse</b>	Difficult to penetrate; incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding or knowledge. <i>An <b>abstruse</b> philosophical inquiry.</i>
<b>academic</b>	Hypothetical or theoretical and not expected to produce an immediate or practical result. <i>The debate has been largely <b>academic</b>.</i>
<b><u>arcane</u></b>	Requiring secret or mysterious knowledge. <i>The <b>arcane</b> science of dowsing.</i>
<b><u>conceptual</u></b>	Relating to or based on mental concepts. <i>Philosophy deals with <b>conceptual</b> difficulties.</i>
<b><u>cryptic</u></b>	Of an obscure nature- Rachel. <i>The new insurance policy is written without <b>cryptic</b> or mysterious terms.</i>
<b>delphic</b>	Obscurely prophetic.
<b>difficult</b>	Hard to control. <i>The questions are too <b>difficult</b> for the children.</i>
<b>enigmatic</b>	Not clear to the understanding. <i>Prophetic texts so <b>enigmatic</b> that their meaning has been disputed for centuries.</i>
<b>hard</b>	Unfortunate or hard to bear. <i>A <b>hard</b> whack.</i>
<b>impressionistic</b>	Of or relating to or based on an impression rather than on facts or reasoning. <i>A personal and <b>impressionistic</b> view of the war.</i>
<b>inscrutable</b>	Of an obscure nature. <i>Guy looked blankly <b>inscrutable</b>.</i>
<b><u>intellectual</u></b>	Of or associated with or requiring the use of the mind. <i>Coldly <b>intellectual</b>.</i>
<b><u>metaphysical</u></b>	Of or characteristic of the metaphysical poets. <i><b>Metaphysical</b> forces.</i>
<b>nonfigurative</b>	Not representing or imitating external reality or the objects of nature.
<b>nonobjective</b>	Not representing or imitating external reality or the objects of nature.
<b>notional</b>	Not based on fact or investigation. <i>To improve <b>notional</b> comprehension.</i>

<b><u>obscure</u></b>	Remote and separate physically or socially- W.H.Hudson. <i>An <b>obscure</b> village.</i>
<b>perplexing</b>	Completely baffling; very puzzling. <i><b>Perplexing</b> to someone who knew nothing about it.</i>
<b>philosophical</b>	Of or relating to philosophy or philosophers. <i>He was <b>philosophical</b> about losing the contract.</i>
<b><u>puzzling</u></b>	Lacking clarity of meaning; causing confusion or perplexity. <i>A <b>puzzling</b> statement.</i>
<b>rarefied</b>	(of air, especially that at high altitudes) of lower pressure than usual; thin. <i><b>Rarefied</b> scholarly pursuits.</i>
<b>recherché</b>	Lavishly elegant and refined.
<b>recondite</b>	(of a subject or knowledge) little known; abstruse. <i>Some <b>recondite</b> problem in historiography.</i>
<b><u>symbolic</u></b>	Involving the use of symbols or symbolism. <i><b>Symbolic</b> thinking.</i>
<b><u>theoretical</u></b>	Concerned primarily with theories or hypotheses rather than practical considerations. <i>The training is practical rather than <b>theoretical</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Abstract" as an adjective

- *Abstract pictures.*
- *Abstract science.*
- *We have been discussing the problem in a very abstract manner.*
- *Abstract concepts such as love or beauty.*
- *Abstract words like `truth' and `justice'.*
- *Abstract reasoning.*
- *A large abstract painting.*
- *The novel was too abstract and esoteric to sustain much attention.*





## Associations of "Abstract" (30 Words)

**abridgment** A shortened version of a written work.

**applied** Concerned with concrete problems or data rather than with fundamental principles.

*Applied physics.*

**compendious** Containing or presenting the essential facts of something in a comprehensive but concise way.

*A compendious study.*

**compendium** A collection of concise but detailed information about a particular subject, especially in a book or other publication.

*An invaluable compendium of useful information about language.*

**concept** An abstract idea.

*A concept car for next month's Geneva motor show.*

<b>concordance</b>	Make a concordance of a text. <i>A <b>concordance</b> to the Bible.</i>
<b>condensation</b>	The conversion of a vapour or gas to a liquid. <i>The cloud is caused by <b>condensation</b> in the air.</i>
<b>eclecticism</b>	The practice of deriving ideas, style, or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources. <i>We ve demonstrated an appetite for musical <b>eclecticism</b>.</i>
<b>hypothesis</b>	A proposal intended to explain certain facts or observations. <i>His steady state <b>hypothesis</b> of the origin of the universe.</i>
<b>hypothetical</b>	A hypothetical possibility circumstance statement proposal situation etc. <i>The <b>hypothetical</b> tenth planet.</i>
<b>idea</b>	A mental impression. <i>A rough <b>idea</b> how long it would take.</i>
<b>ideational</b>	Relating to the formation of ideas or concepts. <i>Policy has been shaped by both material and <b>ideational</b> factors.</i>
<b><u>immaterial</u></b>	Lacking importance; not mattering one way or the other. <i>The difference in our ages is <b>immaterial</b>.</i>
<b>impalpable</b>	Not perceptible to the touch. <i>An <b>impalpable</b> pulse.</i>
<b><u>innuendo</u></b>	An indirect (and usually malicious) implication. <i>A constant torrent of <b>innuendo</b> gossip lies and half truths.</i>
<b>intangibility</b>	The quality of being intangible and not perceptible by touch.
<b><u>intangible</u></b>	An intangible thing. <i>That <b>intangible</b> thing the soul.</i>
<b><u>metaphysical</u></b>	Of or characteristic of the metaphysical poets. <i>The essentially <b>metaphysical</b> question of the nature of mind.</i>
<b>minutes</b>	A written account of what transpired at a meeting.
<b>outline</b>	Draw up an outline or sketch for something. <i>She <b>outlined</b> the case briefly.</i>
<b><u>parse</u></b>	Resolve (a sentence) into its component parts and describe their syntactic roles. <i>I asked a couple of students to <b>parse</b> these sentences for me.</i>
<b><u>plot</u></b>	A small area of ground covered by specific vegetation. <i>A cooling curve is <b>plotted</b> and the freezing point determined.</i>
<b>precis</b>	Make a precis of a text or speech.
<b>speculative</b>	Not financially safe or secure. <i><b>Speculative</b> business enterprises.</i>

<b><u>subtle</u></b>	Difficult to detect or grasp by the mind or analyze. <b><i>Subtle</i></b> lighting.
<b><u>succinct</u></b>	(especially of something written or spoken) briefly and clearly expressed. <b><i>Succinct</i></b> comparisons.
<b><u>summary</u></b>	Briefly giving the gist of something. <b><i>Summary</i></b> financial statements.
<b><u>synopsis</u></b>	A sketchy summary of the main points of an argument or theory. A <b><i>synopsis</i></b> of the insurance cover provided is set out below.
<b><u>syntax</u></b>	A set of rules for or an analysis of the syntax of a language. The <b><i>syntax</i></b> of English.
<b><u>theoretical</u></b>	Concerned primarily with theories or hypotheses rather than practical considerations. <b><i>Theoretical</i></b> science.



