

Need another word that means the same as “allusive”? Find 10 synonyms and 30 related words for “allusive” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Allusive” are: figurative, representative, illustrative, emblematic, allegorical, parabolic, denotative, connotative, suggestive, mnemonic**

## Allusive as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Allusive" as an adjective

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

- *Using or containing suggestion rather than explicit mention.*
- *Characterized by indirect references.*



## Synonyms of "Allusive" as an adjective (10 Words)

<b>allegorical</b>	Constituting or containing allegory. <i>An <b>allegorical</b> painting of Victory leading an army.</i>
<b>connotative</b>	Having the power of implying or suggesting something in addition to what is explicit.
<b>denotative</b>	In accordance with fact or the primary meaning of a term.
<b><u>emblematic</u></b>	Being or serving as an illustration of a type. <i>The free discussion that is <b>emblematic</b> of democracy.</i>
<b>figurative</b>	Not literal; using figures of speech. <i>A <b>figurative</b> expression.</i>
<b><u>illustrative</u></b>	Relating to pictorial illustration. <i>The <b>illustrative</b> arts.</i>
<b>mnemonic</b>	Relating to the power of memory. <i><b>Mnemonic</b> device.</i>

- parabolic** Having the form of a parabola.  
*A **parabolic** mirror behind a spotlight projects a parallel beam.*
- representative** Being or characteristic of government by representation in which citizens exercise power through elected officers and representatives.  
*The new government lacked a **representative** assembly.*
- suggestive** (usually followed by `of') pointing out or revealing clearly.  
*A **suggestive** nod.*



## Usage Examples of "Allusive" as an adjective

- *A highly allusive poet.*
- *Allusive references to the body.*

- *Allusive speech is characterized by allusions.*

## Associations of "Allusive" (30 Words)

<b>advert</b>	An advertisement.
<b>aforesaid</b>	Being the one previously mentioned or spoken of.
<b><u>allusion</u></b>	The practice of making allusions. <i>The use of <b>allusion</b>.</i>
<b><u>attend</u></b>	Give heed (to). <i>I rarely <b>attend</b> services at my church.</i>
<b><u>cite</u></b>	Advance evidence for. <i>He does not <b>cite</b> any source for this assertion.</i>
<b>connote</b>	(of a fact) imply as a consequence or condition. <i>Spinsterhood <b>connoted</b> failure.</i>
<b>cue</b>	Sports implement consisting of a tapering rod used to strike a cue ball in pool or billiards. <i>Expectancy is communicated both by auditory and visual <b>cues</b>.</i>
<b><u>denote</u></b>	Be a sign or indication of. <i>The level of output per firm is <b>denoted</b> by X.</i>
<b>describe</b>	Identify as in botany or biology, for example. <i>The man was <b>described</b> as tall clean shaven and with short dark hair.</i>
<b>description</b>	A statement that represents something in words. <i>The emphasis was placed on explanation rather than <b>description</b>.</i>
<b>explain</b>	Minimize the significance of an embarrassing fact or action by giving an excuse or justification. <i>They <b>explained</b> that their lives centred on the religious rituals.</i>
<b>express</b>	By express. <i>She <b>expressed</b> the letter to Florida.</i>
<b><u>foregoing</u></b>	Especially of writing or speech; going before. <i>The <b>foregoing</b> analysis of the economic class structure.</i>
<b>hint</b>	Drop a hint intimate by a hint. <i>He has given no <b>hint</b> of his views.</i>
<b><u>implicit</u></b>	Being without doubt or reserve. <i>An <b>implicit</b> agreement not to raise the subject.</i>
<b><u>imply</u></b>	Express or state indirectly. <i>Salesmen who use jargon to <b>imply</b> superior knowledge.</i>

<b>indicate</b>	Indicate a place direction person or thing either spatially or figuratively. <i>One car had <b>indicated</b> left but pulled out in front of him.</i>
<b><u>insinuate</u></b>	Introduce or insert (oneself) in a subtle manner. <i>I <b>insinuated</b> that I did not like his wife.</i>
<b>mean</b>	Mean or intend to express or convey. <i>I don t know what you <b>mean</b>.</i>
<b>mention</b>	An instance of being mentioned in dispatches. <i>Their eyes light up at a <b>mention</b> of Sartre.</i>
<b>note</b>	A banknote. <i>You need a sick <b>note</b> from your doctor.</i>
<b>overtone</b>	A subtle or subsidiary quality, implication, or connotation. <i><b>Overtones</b> of despair.</i>
<b><u>quote</u></b>	Put quote marks around. <i>He <b>quoted</b> the Bible to her.</i>
<b><u>refer</u></b>	Make reference to. <i>I always <b>refer</b> to a dictionary when I come upon a new word.</i>
<b>remark</b>	Regard with attention; notice. <i>Tom s looking peaky she <b>remarked</b>.</i>
<b>saying</b>	A word or phrase that particular people use in particular situations. <i>This is stated in the <b>sayings</b> of the Prophet.</i>
<b><u>signify</u></b>	(among black Americans) exchange boasts or insults as a game or ritual. <i>The church used this image to <b>signify</b> the Holy Trinity.</i>
<b>story</b>	A plot or storyline. <i>The <b>story</b> was on the 11 o clock news.</i>
<b>tell</b>	Narrate or give a detailed account of. <i><b>Tell</b> me what is bothering you.</i>
<b><u>unknowingly</u></b>	Without knowledge or intention. <i>Every day we are <b>unknowingly</b> exposed to a variety of pesticides.</i>