

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)

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

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

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