

Need another word that means the same as “brief”? Find 49 synonyms and 30 related words for “brief” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Brief” are: abbreviated, short, flying, fleeting, hasty, hurried, quick, cursory, perfunctory, concise, succinct, pithy, incisive, short and sweet, crisp, abridged, condensed, compressed, compact, compendious, potted, skimpy, scanty, revealing, instructions, directions, directives, briefing, summary of the facts, case, argument, contention, lawyer, solicitor, barrister, counsel, queen's counsel, inform of, tell about, bring up to date on, update on, notify of, advise of, acquaint with, apprise of, give information about, employ, authorize to act for one, give information to

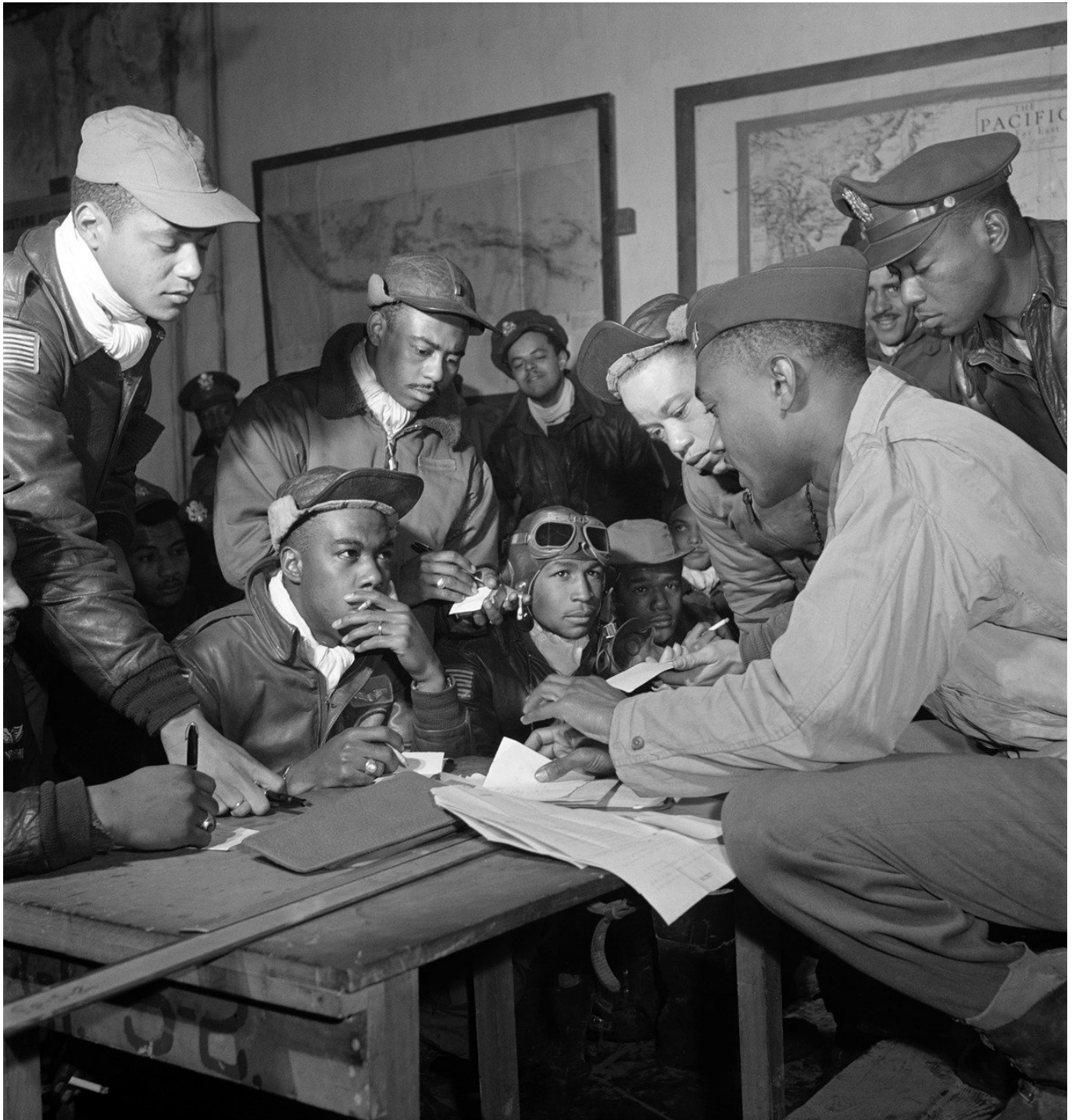
Brief as a Noun

Definitions of "Brief" as a noun

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

- *A condensed written summary or abstract.*
- *A solicitor or barrister.*

- *A document stating the facts and points of law of a client's case.*
- *A letter from the Pope to a person or community on a matter of discipline.*
- *A summary of the facts and legal points in a case given to a barrister to argue in court.*
- *A set of instructions given to a person about a job or task.*
- *A written statement of the facts and legal points supporting one side of a case, for presentation to a court.*
- *A piece of work for a barrister.*



Synonyms of "Brief" as a noun (13 Words)

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| <u>argument</u> | An independent variable associated with a function or proposition and determining its value For example in the expression $y = F(x)$ the arguments of the function F are x and the value is y . <i>I've had an argument with my father.</i> |
| barrister | A person called to the bar and entitled to practise as an advocate, particularly in the higher courts. |
| briefing | The action of informing or instructing someone. <i>Today's briefing of Nato allies.</i> |
| case | A set of facts or arguments supporting one side in a legal case. <i>The clock has a walnut case.</i> |
| <u>contention</u> | Heated disagreement. <i>The captured territory was the main area of contention between the two countries.</i> |
| <u>counsel</u> | Something that provides direction or advice as to a decision or course of action. <i>For the public simple counsels of more patience are not enough.</i> |
| directions | The act of managing something. |
| directives | A pronouncement encouraging or banning some activity. <i>The boss loves to send us directives.</i> |
| instructions | A manual usually accompanying a technical device and explaining how to install or operate it. |
| <u>lawyer</u> | A professional person authorized to practice law; conducts lawsuits or gives legal advice. |
| queen's counsel | Something that provides direction or advice as to a decision or course of action. |
| solicitor | A member of the legal profession qualified to deal with conveyancing the drawing up of wills and other legal matters A solicitor may also instruct barristers and represent clients in some courts. <i>She had been a telephone solicitor for a Chicago newspaper.</i> |
| summary of the facts | A brief statement that presents the main points in a concise form. |



Usage Examples of "Brief" as a noun

- *His brief is to turn round the county's fortunes.*
- *It was only his brief's eloquence that had saved him from prison.*
- *He cannot be too highly recommended, if he is free and will take the brief.*



What's next.....?

Brief as a Verb

Definitions of "Brief" as a verb

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

- *Instruct (a barrister) by brief.*
- *Instruct or inform (someone) thoroughly, especially in preparation for a task.*
- *Give essential information to someone.*



Synonyms of "Brief" as a verb (12 Words)

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| acquaint with | Inform. |
| advise of | Give advice to. |
| apprise of | Inform (somebody) of something. |
| authorize to act for one | Grant authorization or clearance for. |
| bring up to date on | Be accompanied by. |
| <u>employ</u> | Put into service make work or employ for a particular purpose or for its inherent or natural purpose. <i>How many people has she employed.</i> |
| give information about | Afford access to. |
| give information to | Afford access to. |
| inform of | Act as an informer. |
| notify of | Inform (somebody) of something. |
| tell about | Discern or comprehend. |
| update on | Modernize or bring up to date. |



Usage Examples of "Brief" as a verb

- *The reporters were briefed about the President's plan to invade.*
- *She briefed him on last week's decisions.*



Brief as an Adjective

Definitions of "Brief" as an adjective

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

- *(of a piece of clothing) not covering much of the body; scanty.*
- *Concise and succinct.*
- *Of short duration; not lasting for long.*
- *Very short.*
- *Of short duration or distance.*
- *(of clothing) very short.*
- *Concise in expression; using few words.*



Synonyms of "Brief" as an adjective (24 Words)

abbreviated Cut short in duration.
An *abbreviated* swimsuit.

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| abridged | (used of texts) shortened by condensing or rewriting. <i>An abridged version.</i> |
| <u>compact</u> | Having a short and solid form or stature. <i>This compact car has plenty of boot space.</i> |
| compendious | Briefly giving the gist of something. <i>A compendious study.</i> |
| compressed | Having a narrow shape as if flattened, especially sideways. <i>Compressed earth blocks.</i> |
| <u>concise</u> | Giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words; brief but comprehensive. <i>A concise account of the country's history.</i> |
| condensed | Made denser or more concise; compressed or concentrated. <i>A condensed version of the report.</i> |
| crisp | (of the weather) cool, fresh, and invigorating. <i>Crisp potato chips.</i> |
| cursory | Hasty and without attention to detail; not thorough. <i>A cursory glance at the figures.</i> |
| <u>fleeting</u> | Lasting for a markedly brief time. <i>A fleeting glance.</i> |
| <u>flying</u> | Used in names of animals that can glide by using winglike membranes or other structures e.g flying squirrel. <i>Fast flying planes.</i> |
| hasty | Acting with excessive speed or insufficient consideration. <i>Rejected what was regarded as an overhasty plan for reconversion.</i> |
| hurried | Done in a hurry; rushed. <i>The hurried life of a city.</i> |
| incisive | (of an action) quick and direct. <i>As sharp and incisive as the stroke of a fang.</i> |
| <u>perfunctory</u> | As a formality only. <i>He gave a perfunctory nod.</i> |
| <u>pithy</u> | Concise and full of meaning- Hervey Allen. <i>Welcomed her pithy comments.</i> |
| potted | (of a plant) planted or grown in a flowerpot and usually kept indoors. <i>Potted shrimp.</i> |
| quick | Moving quickly and lightly. <i>A quick mind.</i> |

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| revealing | Disclosing unintentionally. <i>A revealing glance.</i> |
| scanty | Lacking in magnitude or quantity. <i>Her dress was scanty and revealing.</i> |
| short | Of a vowel categorized as short with regard to quality and length e.g. in standard British English the vowel in good is short as distinct from the long vowel u in food. <i>He is short and tubby.</i> |
| short and sweet | Marked by rude or peremptory shortness. |
| skimpy | Containing little excess. <i>My knowledge of music is extremely skimpy.</i> |
| succinct | (especially of something written or spoken) briefly and clearly expressed. <i>Succinct comparisons.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Brief" as an adjective

- *Covered the matter in a brief statement.*
- *A pair of extremely brief black shorts.*
- *Be brief and don't talk for longer than is necessary.*
- *The president made a brief working visit to Moscow.*
- *Introductions were brief and polite.*

- A *brief stay in the country*.
- A *brief bikini*.



Associations of "Brief" (30 Words)

- abbreviate** Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements.
*Network is often **abbreviated** to net.*
- abbreviated** (of clothing) very short.
*The **abbreviated** speech.*
- abbreviation** The process of abbreviating something.
*Nursing records must be written without **abbreviation**.*
- abridge** Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements.
*The introduction is **abridged** from the author's afterword to the novel.*
- brevity** The use of brief expressions.
*The staff will edit manuscripts with a view to **brevity** and clarity.*

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| clarity | The quality of being easy to see or hear; sharpness of image or sound. <i>When she awoke the clarity was back in her eyes.</i> |
| compendious | Briefly giving the gist of something. <i>A short and compendious book.</i> |
| concise | Giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words; brief but comprehensive. <i>A concise explanation.</i> |
| conciseness | Terseness and economy in writing and speaking achieved by expressing a great deal in just a few words. |
| encapsulate | Provide an interface for (a piece of software or hardware) to allow or simplify access for the user. <i>Data requested is encapsulated and can be manipulated.</i> |
| ephemeral | An ephemeral plant. <i>The ephemeral joys of childhood.</i> |
| fleeting | Lasting for a very short time. <i>For a fleeting moment I saw the face of a boy.</i> |
| glance | Throw a glance at take a brief look at. <i>I glanced through your personnel file last night.</i> |
| glimpse | Catch a glimpse of or see briefly. <i>He glimpsed a figure standing in the shade.</i> |
| overview | A general summary of a subject. <i>The report overviews the needs of the community.</i> |
| pithiness | Terseness and economy in writing and speaking achieved by expressing a great deal in just a few words. |
| pithy | Concise and full of meaning- Hervey Allen. <i>His characteristically pithy comments.</i> |
| provisional | A provisional stamp. <i>Provisional bookings.</i> |
| sententious | Concise and full of meaning. <i>He tried to encourage his men with sententious rhetoric.</i> |
| short | A short film as opposed to a feature film. <i>He uses his opportunities to attack every short ball.</i> |
| shorten | Edit by omitting or modifying parts considered indelicate. <i>The manuscript must be shortened.</i> |
| succinct | Briefly giving the gist of something. <i>Succinct comparisons.</i> |

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| succinctness | Terseness and economy in writing and speaking achieved by expressing a great deal in just a few words. |
| <u>summarize</u> | Be a summary of. <i>To summarize there are three main categories.</i> |
| summary | A brief statement that presents the main points in a concise form. <i>Summary arrest.</i> |
| <u>terse</u> | Sparing in the use of words; abrupt. <i>A terse statement.</i> |
| transience | The state or fact of lasting only for a short time; transitoriness. <i>The transience of life and happiness.</i> |
| <u>transient</u> | A momentary variation in current, voltage, or frequency. <i>A transient cold spell.</i> |
| transitory | Not permanent. <i>Love is transitory but it is eternal.</i> |
| truncate | Shorten the duration or extent of. <i>Truncated volcanic mountains.</i> |

