

Need another word that means the same as “brittle”? Find 27 synonyms and 30 related words for “brittle” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Brittle” are: brickle, brickly, unannealed, breakable, splintery, fragile, frail, delicate, frangible, harsh, hard, sharp, strident, grating, rasping, edgy, nervous, unstable, anxious, tense, excitable, jumpy, skittish, neurotic, hysterical, toffee, toffy

Brittle as a Noun

Definitions of "Brittle" as a noun

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

- *Caramelized sugar cooled in thin sheets.*
- *A brittle sweet made from nuts and set melted sugar.*



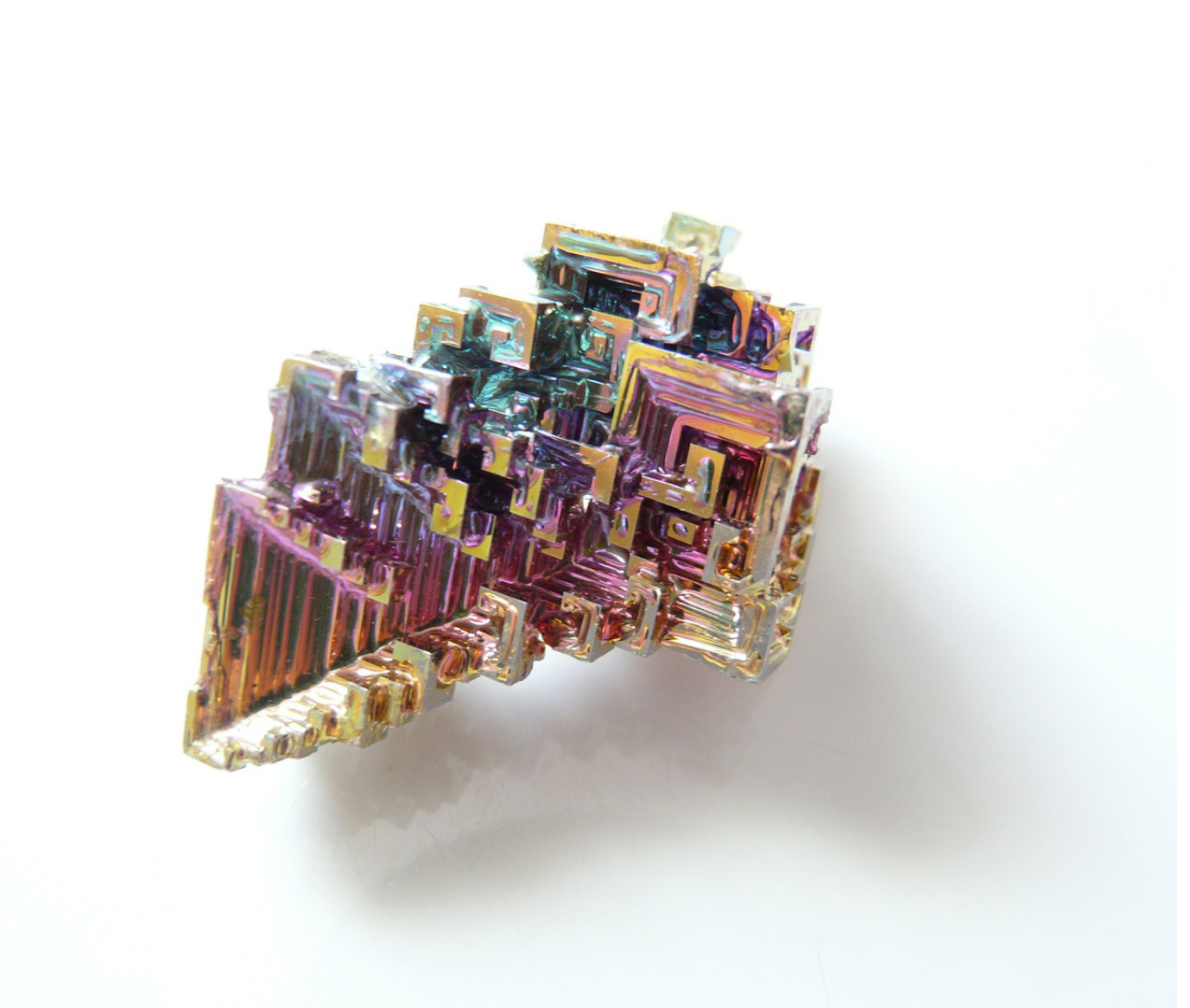
Synonyms of "Brittle" as a noun (2 Words)

- toffee** A small shaped piece of toffee.
*Please don't expect me to fall for this load of old **toffee**.*
- toffy** Caramelized sugar cooled in thin sheets.



Usage Examples of "Brittle" as a noun

- *Peanut brittle.*



Brittle as an Adjective

Definitions of "Brittle" as an adjective

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

- *Hard but liable to break easily.*
- *Having little elasticity; hence easily cracked or fractured or snapped.*
- *(of a person's voice) unpleasantly hard and sharp and showing signs of instability or nervousness.*
- *Not annealed and consequently easily cracked or fractured.*
- *Lacking warmth and generosity of spirit.*

- *Appearing decisive or cheerful but unstable or nervous within.*
- *(of metal or glass) not annealed and consequently easily cracked or fractured.*



Synonyms of "Brittle" as an adjective (25 Words)

- anxious** Eagerly desirous.
*She was extremely **anxious** about her exams.*
- breakable** Capable of breaking or being broken easily.
*Earthenware pottery is **breakable**.*
- brickle** Having little elasticity; hence easily cracked or fractured or snapped.
***Brickle** and *brickly* are dialectal.*
- brickly** Having little elasticity; hence easily cracked or fractured or snapped.
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- delicate** (of a state or condition) easily upset or affected.
*A **delicate** sweet flavour.*

edgy	Tense, nervous, or irritable. <i>Tremendously edgy brass playing.</i>
excitable	(of tissue or a cell) responsive to stimulation. <i>These alkaloids act on nerve cells to make them more excitable.</i>
fragile	(of a person) not strong or sturdy; delicate and vulnerable. <i>Fragile porcelain plates.</i>
frail	Easily broken or damaged or destroyed. <i>The balcony is frail.</i>
frangible	Capable of being broken. <i>Frangible bullets.</i>
grating	Unpleasantly harsh or grating in sound. <i>The continual praise of the good old days can become grating.</i>
hard	Unfortunate or hard to bear. <i>Had hard luck.</i>
harsh	Severe. <i>Drenched in a harsh white neon light.</i>
hysterical	Relating to or suffering from hysteria. <i>Hysterical amnesia.</i>
jumpy	(of a person) anxious and uneasy. <i>He was tired and jumpy.</i>
nervous	Of or relating to the nervous system. <i>A nervous thoroughbred.</i>
neurotic	Characteristic of or affected by neurosis. <i>He seemed a neurotic self obsessed character.</i>
rasping	Harsh-sounding and unpleasant; grating. <i>His cracked rasping voice narrates the story.</i>
sharp	Keenly and painfully felt as if caused by a sharp edge or point. <i>A sharp knife.</i>
skittish	(of a person) playfully frivolous or unpredictable. <i>A skittish chestnut mare.</i>
splintery	Resembling or consisting of or embedded with long slender fragments of (especially) wood having sharp points. <i>A rough splintery floor of old pine boards.</i>
strident	Unpleasantly loud and harsh. <i>Strident demands.</i>
tense	Pronounced with relatively tense tongue muscles e.g. the vowel sound in beat. <i>She tried to relax her tense muscles.</i>

unannealed (of metal or glass) not annealed and consequently easily cracked or fractured.

unstable Suffering from severe mental illness.
An **unstable** government.



Usage Examples of "Brittle" as an adjective

- *A brittle and calculating woman.*
- *Her manner was artificially bright and brittle.*
- *A brittle laugh.*
- *Glass is brittle.*
- *Her bones became fragile and brittle.*
- *Brittle bones.*



Associations of "Brittle" (30 Words)

<u>ailing</u>	In poor health. <i>My poor ailing grandmother.</i>
breakable	Things which are fragile and easily broken. <i>Breakable articles should be packed carefully.</i>
<u>caustic</u>	A caustic substance. <i>Caustic jokes about political assassination talk show hosts and medical ethics.</i>
corrosive	A corrosive substance. <i>Corrosive criticism.</i>
delicacy	Tact and consideration. <i>The delicacy of the situation.</i>
delicate	A delicate fabric or garment. <i>Delicate pastel shades.</i>
destabilize	Upset the stability of (a region or system); cause unrest or instability in. <i>The economy destabilized rapidly.</i>
effeminacy	The trait of being effeminate (derogatory of a man). <i>The students associated science with masculinity and arts with effeminacy.</i>
<u>emaciated</u>	Very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold. <i>She was so emaciated she could hardly stand.</i>
emaciation	The state of being abnormally thin or weak. <i>Thin to the point of emaciation.</i>
exhausted	Drained of energy or effectiveness extremely tired completely exhausted. <i>The day's shopping left her exhausted.</i>
<u>feeble</u>	Lacking physical strength, especially as a result of age or illness. <i>By now he was too feeble to leave his room.</i>
<u>femininity</u>	The trait of behaving in ways considered typical for women. <i>She alternated between embracing her femininity and concealing it.</i>
<u>fragile</u>	Easily destroyed or threatened. <i>Fragile porcelain plates.</i>
fragility	The quality of being easily broken or damaged. <i>Osteoporosis is characterized by bone fragility.</i>
friable	Easily broken into small fragments or reduced to powder. <i>Friable carcinomatous tissue.</i>
<u>graceful</u>	Suggesting taste, ease, and wealth. <i>She was a tall girl slender and graceful.</i>

- impotent** (of a male animal) unable to copulate.
*He was seized with an **impotent** anger.*
- infirm** Lacking bodily or muscular strength or vitality.
***Infirm** of purpose give me the daggers.*
- languid** Weak or faint from illness or fatigue.
*His **languid** demeanour irritated her.*
- particulate** A small discrete mass of solid or liquid matter that remains individually dispersed in gas or liquid emissions (usually considered to be an atmospheric pollutant).
***Particulate** pollution.*
- puny** Poor in quality, amount, or size.
***Puny** excuses.*
- rickety** Inclined to shake as from weakness or defect.
*A **rickety** table.*
- sensitivity** Sensitivity to emotional feelings of self and others.
*A total lack of common decency and **sensitivity**.*
- ticklish** (of a cough) characterized by persistent irritation in the throat.
*I m **ticklish** on the feet.*
- undermine** Lessen the effectiveness, power, or ability of, especially gradually or insidiously.
*The demolition engineers did eventually **undermine** two of the tower s six sides.*
- vulnerable** (of a partnership) liable to higher penalties, either by convention or through having won one game towards a rubber.
*An argument **vulnerable** to refutation.*
- weak** Relating to or denoting the weakest of the known kinds of force between particles which acts only at distances less than about 10 cm is very much weaker than the electromagnetic and the strong interactions and conserves neither strangeness parity nor isospin.
*The choruses on this recording are **weak**.*
- weakly** Sickly; not robust.
*If the lambs were **weakly** we had to feed them by hand.*
- weakness** A flaw or weak point.
*He has a **weakness** for chocolate.*

