

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.*



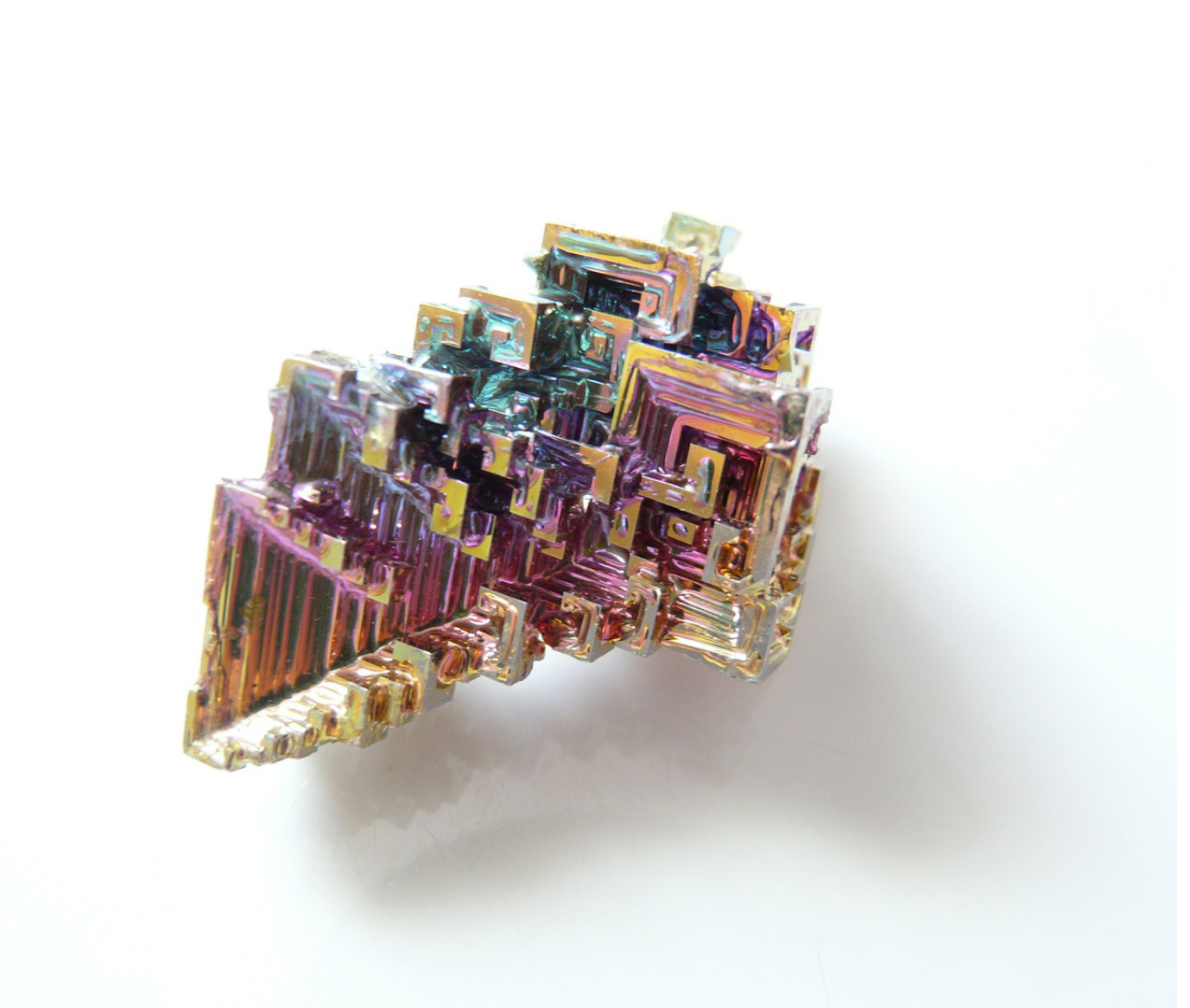
### Synonyms of "Brittle" as a noun (2 Words)

- 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.  
**Brickle* and **brickly** are dialectal.*
- delicate** (of a state or condition) easily upset or affected.  
*A **delicate** sweet flavour.*

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

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

