

Need another word that means the same as “compress”? Find 26 synonyms and 30 related words for “compress” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Compress” are: compact, pack together, constrict, contract, press, squeeze, flatten, purse, press together, squeeze together, pinch, crimp, abridge, shorten, cut, condense, abbreviate, telescope, bandage, covering, gauze, lint, ligature, swathe, poultice, salve**

## Compress as a Noun

### Definitions of "Compress" as a noun

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

- *A pad of lint or other absorbent material pressed on to part of the body to relieve inflammation or stop bleeding.*
- *A cloth pad or dressing (with or without medication) applied firmly to some part of the body (to relieve discomfort or reduce fever).*



## Synonyms of "Compress" as a noun (8 Words)

**bandage** A strip of woven material used to bind up a wound or to protect an injured part of the body.

*Her leg was swathed in **bandages**.*

**covering** The act of protecting something by covering it.  
*A vinyl floor **covering**.*

**gauze** (medicine) bleached cotton cloth of plain weave used for bandages and dressings.

*A hat swathed in green **gauze**.*

**ligature** Thread used by surgeons to bind a vessel (as to constrict the flow of blood).  
*There was no sign of the **ligature** which strangled her.*

**lint** The fibrous material of a cotton boll.  
*Some fabrics leave tiny specks of **lint** on the glass.*

**poultice** A medical dressing consisting of a soft heated mass of meal or clay that is spread on a cloth and applied to the skin to treat inflamed areas or improve circulation etc.

**salve** Semisolid preparation (usually containing a medicine) applied externally as a remedy or for soothing an irritation.

*The wound should be washed with water and then a **salve** applied.*

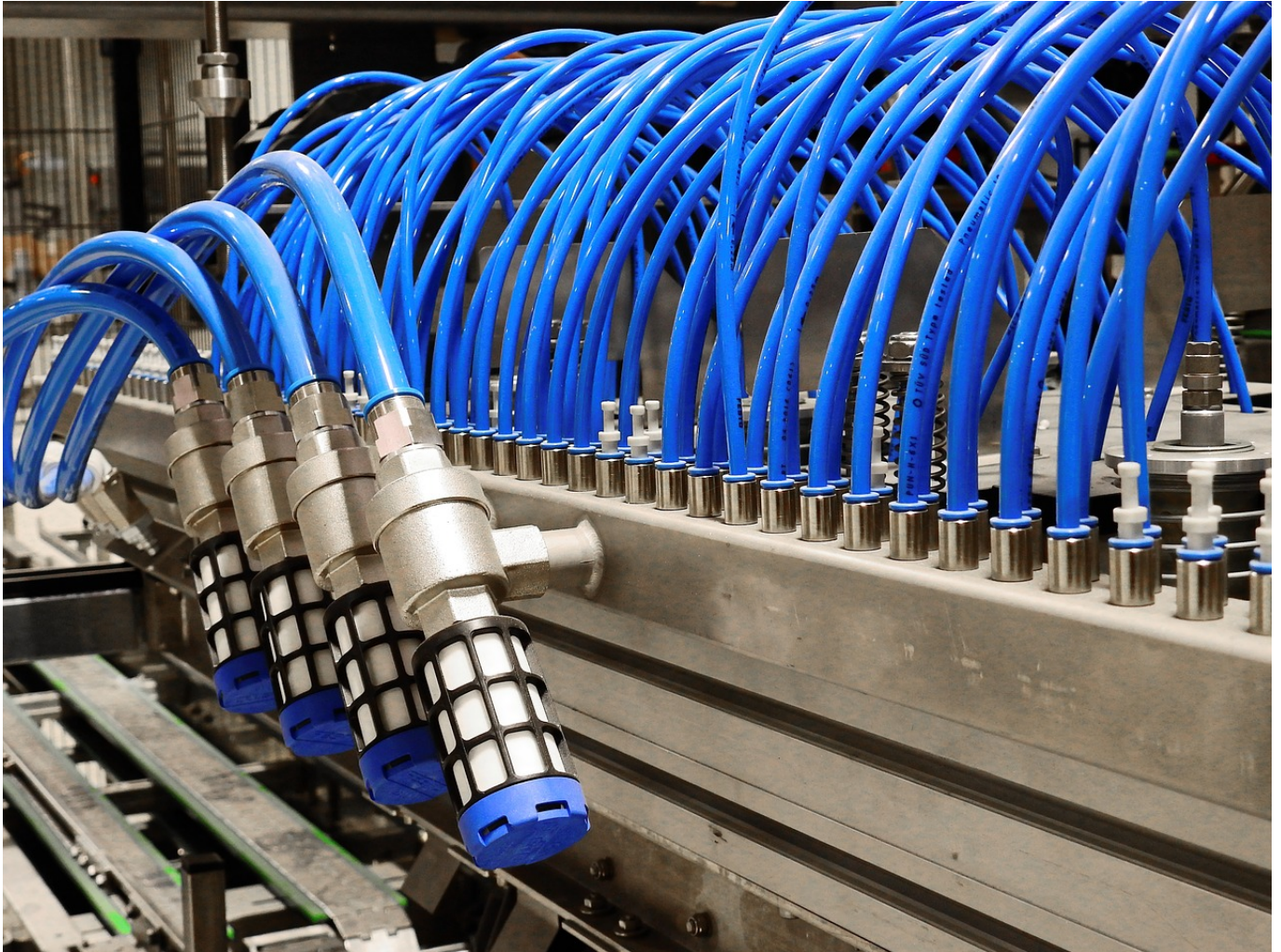
**swathe** A strip left clear by the passage of a mowing machine or scythe.  
*Vast **swathes** of countryside.*



## Usage Examples of "Compress" as a noun

- *A cold compress.*





## Compress as a Verb

### Definitions of "Compress" as a verb

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

- *Alter the form of (data) to reduce the amount of storage necessary.*
- *Express in a shorter form; abridge.*
- *Squeeze or press (two things) together.*
- *Reduce the dynamic range of (a sound signal).*
- *Flatten by pressure; squeeze or press.*
- *Squeeze or press together.*



- *Be squeezed or pressed together or into a smaller space.*
- *Make more compact by or as if by pressing.*



## Synonyms of "Compress" as a verb (18 Words)

<b>abbreviate</b>	Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements. <i>I decided to <b>abbreviate</b> my stay in Cambridge.</i>
<b>abridge</b>	Lessen, diminish, or curtail. <i>The introduction is <b>abridged</b> from the author's afterword to the novel.</i>
<b>compact</b>	Have the property of being packable or of compacting easily. <i>The ideas are <b>compacted</b> into two sentences.</i>
<b>condense</b>	Make more concise. <i>He <b>condensed</b> the three plays into a three hour drama.</i>
<b>constrict</b>	Inhibit or restrict. <i>He felt his throat <b>constrict</b>.</i>

<b>contract</b>	Enter into a contractual arrangement. <i>The paper had <b>contracted</b> to publish extracts from the diaries.</i>
<b>crimp</b>	Have a limiting or adverse effect on (something). <i>Pliers will <b>crimp</b> wires together.</i>
<b>cut</b>	Form or shape by cutting or incising. <i><b>Cut</b> a dress.</i>
<b>flatten</b>	Make flat or flatter. <i><b>Flatten</b> your stomach with these exercises.</i>
<b>pack together</b>	Fill to capacity.
<b>pinch</b>	Irritate as if by a nip pinch or tear. <i>To explore in more detail just <b>pinch</b> the screen.</i>
<b>press</b>	Place between two surfaces and apply weight or pressure. <i><b>Press</b> your shirts.</i>
<b>press together</b>	Squeeze or press together.
<b>purse</b>	(with reference to the lips) pucker or contract, typically to express disapproval or irritation. <i>Marianne took a glance at her reflection and <b>purse</b>d her lips disgustedly.</i>
<b>shorten</b>	Make or become shorter. <i><b>Shorten</b> the rope by a few inches.</i>
<b>squeeze</b>	Squeeze tightly between the fingers. <i>The economy is being <b>squeezed</b> by foreign debt repayments.</i>
<b>squeeze together</b>	Squeeze (someone) tightly in your arms, usually with fondness.
<b>telescope</b>	Make smaller or shorter. <i>My hiking sticks <b>telescope</b> and can be put into the backpack.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Compress" as a verb

- *She compressed her lips.*
- *In this chapter we compress into summary form the main findings.*
- *The skirt can be folded and compressed into a relatively small bag.*
- *Her face compressed into a frown.*
- *Compress the data.*
- *Viola compressed her lips together grimly.*



## Associations of "Compress" (30 Words)

- chill** Chilly.  
*He was confined to bed with a severe **chill**.*
- compact** A mass of powdered metal compacted together in preparation for sintering.  
***Compact** clusters of flowers.*
- compactly** With concise and precise brevity; to the point.  
*He wrote **compactly** but clearly.*
- compendious** Briefly giving the gist of something.  
*A **compendious** study.*
- compressed** Flattened laterally along the whole length (e.g., certain leafstalks or flatfishes).  
***Compressed** air.*
- compression** Encoding information while reducing the bandwidth or bits required.



<b><u>concise</u></b>	Giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words; brief but comprehensive. <i>A <b>concise</b> account of the country's history.</i>
<b><u>condense</u></b>	Develop due to condensation. <i>All our planets <b>condensed</b> out of the same material.</i>
<b>connote</b>	(of a fact) imply as a consequence or condition. <i>The term modern science usually <b>connotes</b> a complete openness to empirical testing.</i>
<b><u>constrict</u></b>	Inhibit or restrict. <i>Chemicals that <b>constrict</b> the blood vessels.</i>
<b><u>contraction</u></b>	The process of becoming smaller. <i>The manufacturing sector suffered a severe <b>contraction</b>.</i>
<b><u>crowded</u></b>	Overfilled or compacted or concentrated. <i>The <b>crowded</b> streets of Southwark.</i>
<b>dense</b>	Permitting little if any light to pass through because of denseness of matter. <i><b>Dense</b> as lead.</i>
<b>disassemble</b>	Take apart into its constituent pieces. <i>It is permissible for a lawful user to <b>disassemble</b> a computer program to determine its interfaces.</i>
<b>economizer</b>	A person who reduces expenditure.
<b>flatten</b>	Make flat or flatter. <i>Her hair had been <b>flattened</b> by the storm.</i>
<b>freeze</b>	Cause to freeze. <i>Workers faced a pay <b>freeze</b>.</i>
<b><u>minimize</u></b>	Reduce (something, especially something undesirable) to the smallest possible amount or degree. <i>They may <b>minimize</b> or even overlook the importance of such beliefs.</i>
<b><u>packed</u></b>	Extremely crowded or filled to capacity. <i>A <b>packed</b> theater.</i>
<b><u>pressed</u></b>	(of juice or oil) extracted by crushing or squeezing fruit, vegetables, etc. <i>Freshly <b>pressed</b> orange juice.</i>
<b>pressure</b>	The pressure exerted by the atmosphere. <i>The sensitivity of his skin to <b>pressure</b> and temperature was normal.</i>
<b>refrigerant</b>	Any substance used to provide cooling (as in a refrigerator). <i>A <b>refrigerant</b> substance such as ice or solid carbon dioxide.</i>
<b>small</b>	Into small pieces. <i><b>Small</b> children.</i>

<b><u>solidify</u></b>	Make solid or more solid cause to solidify. <i>Social and political pressures helped to <b>solidify</b> national identities.</i>
<b><u>squash</u></b>	Edible fruit of a squash plant eaten as a vegetable. <i>The proposal was immediately <b>squashed</b> by the Heritage Department.</i>
<b><u>squeeze</u></b>	Squeeze like a wedge into a tight space. <i>Freshly <b>squeezed</b> orange juice.</i>
<b><u>teeming</u></b>	Abundantly filled with especially living things. <i>The <b>teeming</b> boulevard.</i>
<b><u>thick</u></b>	Not thin of a specific thickness or of relatively great extent from one surface to the opposite usually in the smallest of the three solid dimensions. <i>She s <b>thick</b> and she s rocking it.</i>
<b><u>thorough</u></b>	Performed comprehensively and completely. <i>The British authorities are very <b>thorough</b>.</i>
<b>tight</b>	Pulled or drawn tight. <i>The folk were far too <b>tight</b> to let anyone know.</i>



