

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.

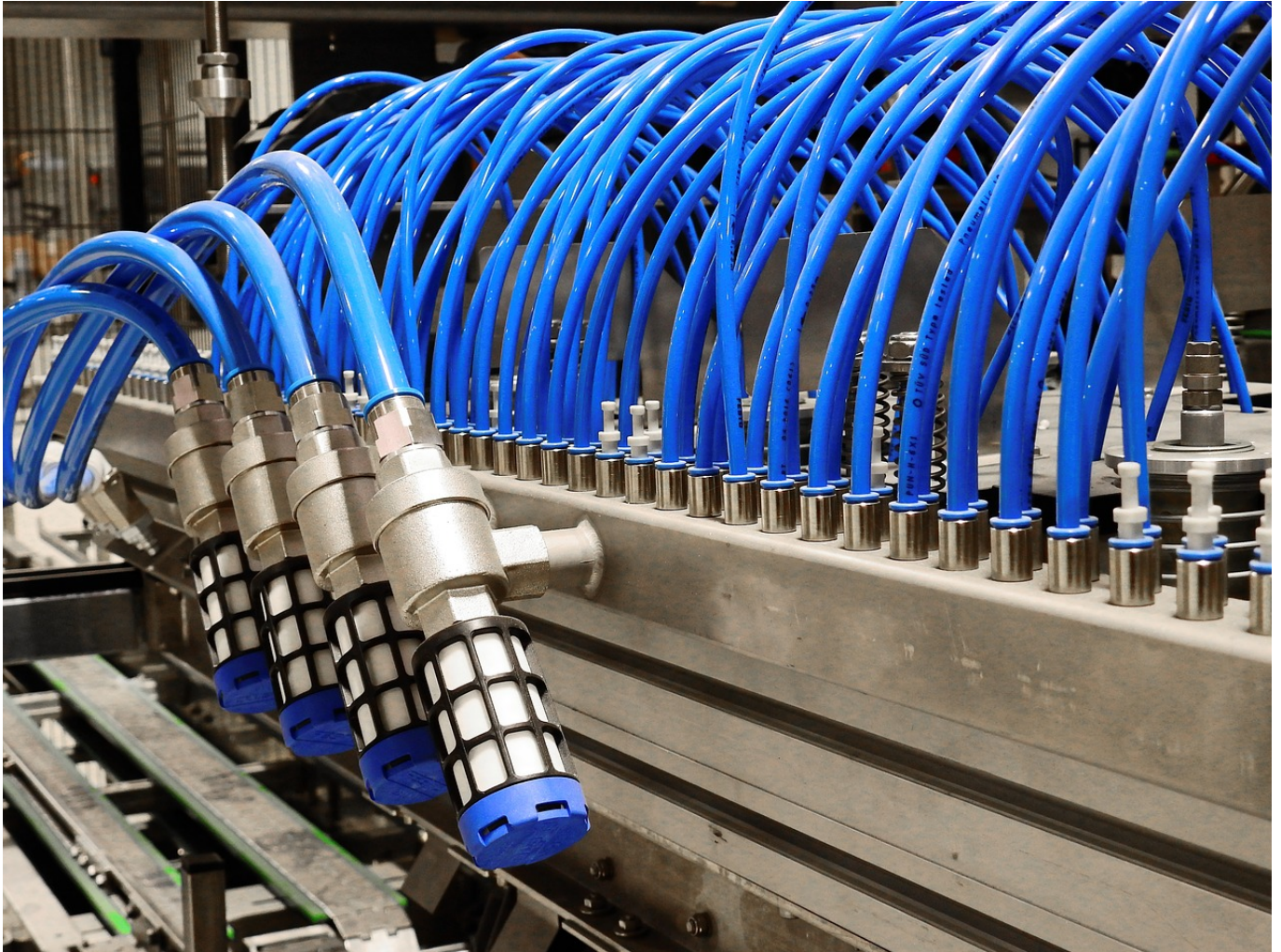
*The wound should be washed with water and then a **salve** applied.*

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)

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

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

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

<u>solidify</u>	Make solid or more solid cause to solidify. <i>Social and political pressures helped to solidify national identities.</i>
<u>squash</u>	Edible fruit of a squash plant eaten as a vegetable. <i>The proposal was immediately squashed by the Heritage Department.</i>
<u>squeeze</u>	Squeeze like a wedge into a tight space. <i>Freshly squeezed orange juice.</i>
<u>teeming</u>	Abundantly filled with especially living things. <i>The teeming boulevard.</i>
<u>thick</u>	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 thick and she s rocking it.</i>
<u>thorough</u>	Performed comprehensively and completely. <i>The British authorities are very thorough.</i>
tight	Pulled or drawn tight. <i>The folk were far too tight to let anyone know.</i>

