

Need another word that means the same as “discursive”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “discursive” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Discursive” are: dianoetic, digressive, excursive, rambling, meandering, wandering, diffuse, long, lengthy, fluent, flowing, fluid, eloquent, articulate, elegant, expansive

Discursive as an Adjective

Definitions of "Discursive" as an adjective

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

- *Relating to discourse or modes of discourse.*
- *Proceeding by argument or reasoning rather than by intuition.*
- *(of a style of speech or writing) fluent and expansive.*
- *Proceeding to a conclusion by reason or argument rather than intuition.*
- *(of e.g. speech and writing) tending to depart from the main point or cover a wide range of subjects.*
- *Digressing from subject to subject.*
- *Tending to depart from the main point or cover a wide range of subjects.*

Synonyms of "Discursive" as an adjective (16 Words)

- articulate** Having or showing the ability to speak fluently and coherently.
*An **articulate** orator.*
- dianoetic** Proceeding to a conclusion by reason or argument rather than intuition.

diffuse	Transmitted from a broad light source or reflected. <i>A large diffuse organization.</i>
digressive	Of superficial relevance if any. <i>A digressive account.</i>
elegant	Displaying effortless beauty and simplicity in movement or execution. <i>An elegant comfortable house.</i>
eloquent	Expressing yourself readily, clearly, effectively. <i>The bus journey alone is eloquent of class inequality.</i>
excursive	Tending to depart from the main point or cover a wide range of subjects. <i>His excursive remarks.</i>
expansive	Of behavior that is impressive and ambitious in scale or scope. <i>Expansive domestic economic policies.</i>
flowing	(of a line or contour) smoothly continuous. <i>The flowing curves of the lawn.</i>
fluent	Able to express oneself easily and articulately. <i>She became fluent in French and German.</i>
fluid	Characteristic of a fluid capable of flowing and easily changing shape. <i>The fluid political situation of the 1930s.</i>
lengthy	(especially in reference to time) of considerable or unusual length, especially so as to be tedious. <i>A lengthy visit from her mother in law.</i>
long	Of a vowel categorized as long with regard to quality and length e.g in standard British English the vowel u in food is long as distinct from the short vowel in good. <i>In long supply.</i>
meandering	Proceeding in a convoluted or undirected fashion. <i>Meandering streams.</i>
rambling	Spreading out in different directions. <i>A rambling man.</i>
wandering	Having no fixed course. <i>The river followed its wandering course.</i>

Usage Examples of "Discursive" as an adjective

- *The short story is concentrated, whereas the novel is discursive.*
- *Students often write dull, second-hand, discursive prose.*
- *The attempt to transform utterances from one discursive context to another.*
- *A rambling discursive book.*

Associations of "Discursive" (30 Words)

away	Out of the way especially away from one's thoughts. <i>The wedding is only weeks away.</i>
backhanded	Having a meaning that is expressed indirectly or ambiguously. <i>Attacks from that source amounted to a backhanded compliment to his integrity.</i>
circuitous	(of a route or journey) longer than the most direct way. <i>The canal followed a circuitous route.</i>
circumlocutory	Roundabout and unnecessarily wordy. <i>Had a preference for circumlocutions or circumlocutory rather than forthright expression.</i>
derail	Cause to run off the tracks. <i>The trams had a tendency to derail on sharp corners.</i>
derailment	The obstruction of a process by diverting it from its intended course. <i>An investigation into the derailment of a freight train.</i>
deviate	A person whose behavior deviates from what is acceptable especially in sexual behavior. <i>Those who deviate from society's values.</i>
devious	Characterized by insincerity or deceit; evasive. <i>He's as devious as a politician needs to be.</i>
digress	Leave the main subject temporarily in speech or writing. <i>She always digresses when telling a story.</i>
digressive	(of e.g. speech and writing) tending to depart from the main point or cover a wide range of subjects. <i>A digressive allusion to the day of the week.</i>
dislodge	Remove or force from a position of dwelling previously occupied. <i>Government opponents failed to dislodge the Prime Minister.</i>
distract	Divert (attention) from something. <i>I tried to distract myself by concentrating on Jane.</i>
excursive	Tending to deviate from a course or activity; digressive. <i>His excursive remarks.</i>
extraction	The action of extracting something, especially using effort or force. <i>Mineral extraction.</i>
indirect	(of lighting) from a concealed source and diffusely reflected. <i>Local government under the indirect control of the British.</i>

<u>irrelevant</u>	Having no bearing on or connection with the subject at issue. <i>Irrelevant allegations.</i>
meandering	Convoluting or undirected thought or language. <i>In the course of his meanderings through the city.</i>
nomadic	Migratory. <i>The nomadic habits of the Bedouins.</i>
<u>rambling</u>	Spreading out in different directions or distributed irregularly. <i>A rambling club.</i>
resonate	Evoke images, memories, and emotions. <i>The sound of the siren resonated across the harbour.</i>
roam	Use a mobile phone on another operator's network, typically while abroad. <i>The gypsies roamed the woods.</i>
scrappy	Determined, argumentative, or pugnacious. <i>A scrappy admiral.</i>
secondhand	By indirect means. <i>A secondhand report.</i>
sidetrack	Cause (someone) to be distracted from an immediate or important issue. <i>His monologue launches into too many rambling sidetracks.</i>
<u>stray</u>	A stray person or thing especially a domestic animal. <i>The military arrested anyone who strayed into the exclusion zone.</i>
<u>tangential</u>	Of or relating to or acting along or in the direction of a tangent. <i>A tangential line.</i>
<u>tortuous</u>	Full of twists and turns. <i>His tortuous reasoning.</i>
<u>wander</u>	An act or instance of wandering. <i>She d go on wanders like that in her nightgown.</i>
wandering	Travelling about without any clear destination. <i>Wandering tribes.</i>
winding	The act of winding or twisting. <i>A winding country road.</i>