

Need another word that means the same as “gist”? Find 25 synonyms and 30 related words for “gist” in this overview.

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## Gist as a Noun

### Definitions of "Gist" as a noun

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

- *The substance or general meaning of a speech or text.*
- *Chat or gossip.*
- *The central meaning or theme of a speech or literary work.*
- *The choicest or most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience.*
- *The real point of an action.*

### Synonyms of "Gist" as a noun (25 Words)

#### **burden**

A ship’s carrying capacity; tonnage.  
*The schooner Wyoming of about 6 000 tons **burden**.*

#### **center**

The person who plays center on a hockey team.  
*They were raising money to build a new **center** for research.*

#### **central idea**

A workplace that serves as a telecommunications facility where lines from telephones can be connected together to permit communication.

<b>central theme</b>	A workplace that serves as a telecommunications facility where lines from telephones can be connected together to permit communication.
<b>centre</b>	A cluster of nerve cells governing a specific bodily process. <i>Geneva was then the <b>centre</b> of the banking world.</i>
<b>core</b>	(computer science) a tiny ferrite toroid formerly used in a random access memory to store one bit of data; now superseded by semiconductor memories. <i>Each <b>core</b> has three wires passing through it providing the means to select and detect the contents of each bit.</i>
<b>crux</b>	A particular point of difficulty. <i>Herein lies the <b>crux</b> of the issue.</i>
<b>effect</b>	(of a law) having legal validity. <i>The magnetic <b>effect</b> was greater when the rod was lengthwise.</i>
<b>essence</b>	The intrinsic nature or indispensable quality of something, especially something abstract, which determines its character. <i>Conflict is the <b>essence</b> of drama.</i>
<b>heart</b>	One of the four suits in a conventional pack of playing cards denoted by a red heart shaped figure. <i><b>Hearts</b> were trumps.</i>
<b>heart and soul</b>	An inclination or tendency of a certain kind.
<b>heart of the matter</b>	A playing card in the major suit that has one or more red hearts on it.
<b>inwardness</b>	The choicest or most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience. <i><b>Inwardness</b> is what an Englishman quite simply has painlessly as a birthright.</i>
<b>kernel</b>	Denoting a basic unmarked linguistic string. <i>The <b>kernel</b> of a walnut.</i>
<b>main idea</b>	Any very large body of (salt) water.
<b>main theme</b>	A principal pipe in a system that distributes water or gas or electricity or that collects sewage.
<b>marrow</b>	The plant of the gourd family which produces marrows. <i>Such men were the <b>marrow</b> of the organization.</i>
<b><u>meat</u></b>	The edible part of fruits, nuts, or eggs. <i>Cold <b>meats</b>.</i>
<b>nitty-gritty</b>	The choicest or most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience.

<b>nub</b>	A small lump or protuberance. <i>The <b>nub</b> of the problem lies elsewhere.</i>
<b>nucleus</b>	The positively charged dense center of an atom. <i>The <b>nucleus</b> of a British film producing industry.</i>
<b>pith</b>	Soft spongelike central cylinder of the stems of most flowering plants. <i>He writes with a combination of <b>pith</b> and exactitude.</i>
<b>quintessence</b>	A refined essence or extract of a substance. <i>He was the <b>quintessence</b> of political professionalism.</i>
<b>substance</b>	Material of a particular kind or constitution. <i>The <b>substance</b> of his book was the history of allegorical love literature.</i>
<b>sum</b>	The choicest or most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience. <i>We did <b>sums</b> at school Mummy.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Gist" as a noun

- *It was hard to get the gist of Pedro's talk.*
- *I decided to spend the night at his place catching up on all the gist from the wedding.*
- *Damage is the gist of the action and without it the plaintiff must fail.*
- *The gist of the prosecutor's argument.*

## Associations of "Gist" (30 Words)

<b>basal</b>	Especially of leaves; located at the base of a plant or stem; especially arising directly from the root or rootstock or a root-like stem. <i><b>Basal</b> epidermal cells.</i>
<b>base</b>	Of low birth or station base is archaic in this sense. <i>The <b>base</b> of the skull.</i>
<b>basic</b>	(usually in the plural) a necessary commodity for which demand is constant. <i>A <b>basic</b> story line.</i>
<b>basilar</b>	Of or relating to or located at the base. <i>The <b>basilar</b> membrane of the cochlea.</i>
<b>basis</b>	The justification for or reasoning behind something. <i>The whole argument rested on a <b>basis</b> of conjecture.</i>

<b><u>center</u></b>	The person who plays center on the line of scrimmage and snaps the ball to the quarterback. <i>It is in the <b>center</b> of town.</i>
<b><u>central</u></b>	Accessible from a variety of places. <i>The <b>central</b> cause of the problem.</i>
<b>core</b>	Remove the core or center from. <i>The plan has the interests of children at its <b>core</b>.</i>
<b><u>cornerstone</u></b>	A stone in the exterior of a large and important building; usually carved with a date and laid with appropriate ceremonies. <i>A national minimum wage remained the <b>cornerstone</b> of policy.</i>
<b>crucial</b>	Having crucial relevance. <i>A <b>crucial</b> issue for women.</i>
<b><u>elementary</u></b>	Of or pertaining to or characteristic of elementary school or elementary education. <i>An <b>elementary</b> problem in statistics.</i>
<b>elements</b>	Violent or severe weather viewed as caused by the action of the four elements. <i>They felt the full fury of the <b>elements</b>.</i>
<b>essence</b>	The choicest or most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience. <i>Vanilla <b>essence</b>.</i>
<b>essential</b>	Anything indispensable. <i>The <b>essential</b> weakness of the plaintiff's case.</i>
<b>essentialness</b>	Basic importance.
<b>fundamental</b>	A fundamental note tone or frequency. <i>The theories are based on a <b>fundamental</b> error.</i>
<b>hypostasis</b>	The accumulation of fluid or blood in the lower parts of the body or organs under the influence of gravity, as occurs in cases of poor circulation or after death.
<b><u>indispensable</u></b>	Unavoidable. <i>Foods <b>indispensable</b> to good nutrition.</i>
<b>kernel</b>	A softer, usually edible part of a nut, seed, or fruit stone contained within its shell. <i>Black walnut <b>kernels</b> are difficult to get out of the shell.</i>
<b>key</b>	Enter or operate on data by means of a computer keyboard or telephone keypad. <i>The <b>key</b> of E minor.</i>

<b><u>main</u></b>	A principal pipe carrying water or gas to buildings, or taking sewage from them. <i>Switch off the <b>mains</b> supply.</i>
<b>pedestal</b>	Set or support on a pedestal. <i><b>Pedestalled</b> dishes.</i>
<b><u>primary</u></b>	A primary coil or winding in an electrical transformer. <i><b>Primary</b> sources.</i>
<b>quintessence</b>	The purest and most concentrated essence of something. <i>He was the <b>quintessence</b> of political professionalism.</i>
<b>rudiment</b>	A basic pattern used by drummers, such as the roll, the flam, and the paradiddle. <i>Meckel's diverticulum is the <b>rudiment</b> of the embryonic yolk sac.</i>
<b><u>rudimentary</u></b>	Relating to an immature, undeveloped, or basic form. <i><b>Rudimentary</b> plans.</i>
<b><u>staple</u></b>	Secure or fasten with a staple or staples. <i>Merrill <b>stapled</b> a batch of papers together.</i>
<b>substance</b>	A particular kind or species of matter with uniform properties. <i>Shigella is one of the most toxic <b>substances</b> known to man.</i>
<b><u>underlying</u></b>	Lying or situated under something. <i><b>Underlying</b> problems need to be addressed.</i>
<b><u>vital</u></b>	Full of spirit; full of life. <i>The <b>vital</b> organs.</i>