

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.

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core	(computer science) a tiny ferrite toroid formerly used in a random access memory to store one bit of data; now superseded by semiconductor memories.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

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

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

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

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