

Need another word that means the same as “specific”? Find 35 synonyms and 30 related words for “specific” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Specific” are: particular, specified, certain, fixed, set, determined, distinct, separate, definite, single, individual, peculiar, discrete, express, precise, exact, accurate, correct, pinpoint, detailed, explicit, clear-cut, well defined, unambiguous, unequivocal, meticulous, close, strict, details, niceties, subtleties, finer points, particulars, specifics**

## Specific as a Noun

### Definitions of "Specific" as a noun

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

- *A medicine that has a mitigating effect on a specific disease.*
- *A fact about some part (as opposed to general).*
- *A medicine or remedy effective in treating a particular disease or part of the body.*
- *A precise detail.*



## Synonyms of "Specific" as a noun (7 Words)

- details** A crew of workers selected for a particular task.  
*After the trial he gave us the real **details**.*
- finer points** Money extracted as a penalty.
- niceties** Conformity with some esthetic standard of correctness or propriety.
- particular** Detailed information about someone or something.  
*He is wrong in every **particular**.*
- particulars** A proposition that asserts something about some (but not all) members of a class.  
*He always reasons from the particular to the general.*
- specifics** A fact about some part (as opposed to general).  
*Quinine is a **specific** for malaria.*
- subtleties** A subtle difference in meaning or opinion or attitude.  
*You had to admire the **subtlety** of the distinctions he drew.*



## Usage Examples of "Specific" as a noun

- *He grasped at the idea as though she had offered him a specific for cancer.*
- *I wish I'd put more thought into the specifics.*
- *Quinine is a specific for malaria.*



# Specific as an Adjective

## Definitions of "Specific" as an adjective

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

- *Applying to or characterized by or distinguishing something particular or special or unique.*
- *Clearly defined or identified.*
- *Stated explicitly or in detail.*
- *Relating to or distinguishing or constituting a taxonomic species.*
- *(of a duty or a tax) levied at a fixed rate per physical unit of the thing taxed, regardless of its price.*
- *Relating to species or a species.*
- *Of or denoting a number equal to the ratio of the value of some property of a given substance to the value of the same property of some other substance used as a reference, such as water, or of a vacuum, under equivalent conditions.*
- *Being or affecting a disease produced by a particular microorganism or condition; used also of stains or dyes used in making microscope slides.*
- *Belonging or relating uniquely to a particular subject.*
- *Of or denoting a physical quantity expressed in terms of a unit mass, volume, or other measure, in order to give a value independent of the properties or scale of the particular system studied.*
- *(sometimes followed by `to') applying to or characterized by or distinguishing something particular or special or unique.*
- *Precise and clear in making statements or issuing instructions.*



## Synonyms of "Specific" as an adjective (28 Words)

**accurate**

Of an instrument or method capable of giving accurate information.  
*The accounting was **accurate**.*

<b><u>certain</u></b>	Certain to occur destined or inevitable Benjamin Franklin. <i>What is <b>certain</b> is that every effect must have a cause.</i>
<b>clear-cut</b>	Clear and distinct to the senses; easily perceptible.
<b>close</b>	Close in relevance or relationship. <i>We are all in <b>close</b> sympathy with.</i>
<b>correct</b>	Correct in opinion or judgment. <i>He was a polite man invariably <b>correct</b> and pleasant with Mrs Collins.</i>
<b><u>definite</u></b>	Having exact and discernible physical limits or form. <i>Organizations have boundaries in the sense that they may occupy a <b>definite</b> geographical area.</i>
<b>detailed</b>	Developed or executed with care and in minute detail. <i>An exquisitely <b>detailed</b> carving.</i>
<b>determined</b>	Determined or decided upon as by an authority. <i>Alina was <b>determined</b> to be heard.</i>
<b><u>discrete</u></b>	Constituting a separate entity or part. <i>Speech sounds are produced as a continuous sound signal rather than <b>discrete</b> units.</i>
<b>distinct</b>	Clearly or sharply defined to the mind. <i>Plants of several <b>distinct</b> types.</i>
<b><u>exact</u></b>	(of a subject of study) permitting precise measurements as a basis for rigorously testable theories. <i>Psychomedicine isn t an <b>exact</b> science yet.</i>
<b><u>explicit</u></b>	Of a person stating something in an explicit manner. <i>She made her wishes <b>explicit</b>.</i>
<b>express</b>	Not tacit or implied. <i>An <b>express</b> train.</i>
<b>fixed</b>	Fixed and unmoving. <i>A <b>fixed</b> piece of wood.</i>
<b>individual</b>	Being or characteristic of a single thing or person. <i>She creates her own highly <b>individual</b> landscapes.</i>
<b><u>meticulous</u></b>	Showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise. <i>A <b>meticulous</b> craftsman.</i>
<b>particular</b>	Separate and distinct from others of the same group or category. <i>A man who wishes to make a <b>particular</b> woman fall in love with him.</i>
<b>peculiar</b>	Belonging exclusively to. <i>Stella thought the play <b>peculiar</b>.</i>

<b>pinpoint</b>	Tiny. <i>This weapon fired shells with <b>pinpoint</b> accuracy.</i>
<b><u>precise</u></b>	Used to emphasize that one is referring to an exact and particular thing. <i><b>Precise</b> directions.</i>
<b>separate</b>	Separated according to race sex class or religion. <i>Melt the white and plain chocolate in <b>separate</b> bowls.</i>
<b>set</b>	Set down according to a plan. <i>The time <b>set</b> for the launching.</i>
<b><u>single</u></b>	Being or characteristic of a single thing or person. <i>The kingdom was ruled over by a <b>single</b> family.</i>
<b>specified</b>	Clearly and explicitly stated. <i>Meals are at <b>specified</b> times.</i>
<b>strict</b>	Characterized by strictness severity or restraint. <i>A <b>strict</b> upbringing.</i>
<b><u>unambiguous</u></b>	Admitting of no doubt or misunderstanding; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion. <i>As a horror apartheid is absolutely <b>unambiguous</b>.</i>
<b><u>unequivocal</u></b>	Leaving no doubt; unambiguous. <i><b>Unequivocal</b> evidence.</i>
<b>well defined</b>	In good health especially after having suffered illness or injury.



## Usage Examples of "Specific" as an adjective

- *A specific remedy.*
- *Demands specific to the job.*
- *Information needs are often very specific to individuals.*
- *A specific and detailed account of the accident.*
- *Specific conductance.*
- *Needed a specific amount.*
- *Rules with specific application.*
- *Specific dielectric strength.*
- *A specific stain is one having a specific affinity for particular structural elements.*
- *When ordering goods be specific.*
- *Savings were made by increasing the electricity supply only until it met specific development needs.*
- *The differences between them can only be on the specific level.*
- *Quinine is highly specific for malaria.*





## Associations of "Specific" (30 Words)

- circumstantial** (of a description) containing full details.  
*A **circumstantial** report about the debate.*
- defined** Showing clearly the outline or profile or boundary.  
*Each child has clearly **defined** duties.*
- detail** Provide details for.  
*A **detail** on Charlemagne s tomb.*
- differentia** An attribute that distinguishes a species of thing from other species of the same genus.
- disambiguate** Remove uncertainty of meaning from (an ambiguous sentence, phrase, or other linguistic unit).  
*Word senses can be **disambiguated** by examining the context.*
- dispensation** A political, religious, or social system prevailing at a particular time.  
*Regulations controlling **dispensation** of medications.*
- distinct** Recognizable; marked.  
*The gallery is divided into five **distinct** spaces.*
- emphasis** Special and significant stress by means of position or repetition e.g.  
*He spoke with **emphasis** and with complete conviction.*
- especial** Better or greater than usual; special.  
*Her outburst was for my **especial** benefit.*
- exact** Inflict (revenge) on someone.  
*An **exact** copy.*
- exactitude** The quality of being exact.  
*He writes with **exactitude** and precision.*

<b><u>exactly</u></b>	In exact terms; without vagueness. <i>What <b>exactly</b> are you looking for.</i>
<b>exegesis</b>	An explanation or critical interpretation (especially of the Bible). <i>The task of biblical <b>exegesis</b>.</i>
<b>flimsy</b>	(of a pretext or account) weak and unconvincing. <i>A <b>flimsy</b> argument.</i>
<b><u>hallmark</u></b>	Stamp with a hallmark. <i>He was reprimanded for not <b>hallmarking</b> his work.</i>
<b><u>idiosyncratic</u></b>	Relating to idiosyncrasy; peculiar or individual. <i>She emerged as one of the great <b>idiosyncratic</b> talents of the nineties.</i>
<b>inconclusive</b>	Not leading to a firm conclusion or result; not ending doubt or dispute. <i>The <b>inconclusive</b> committee vote.</i>
<b>junction</b>	A crisis situation or point in time when a critical decision must be made. <i>The plane crashed at the <b>junction</b> of two mountains.</i>
<b>localized</b>	Adapted to the requirements of a particular area. <i>A decentralized and <b>localized</b> political authority.</i>
<b>minute</b>	The distance covered in a minute by someone driving or walking. <i>The hotel is situated just ten <b>minutes</b> from the centre of the resort.</i>
<b><u>minutia</u></b>	A small or minor detail. <i>He had memorized the many <b>minutiae</b> of the legal code.</i>
<b>nicety</b>	Conformity with some esthetic standard of correctness or propriety. <i>She prided herself on her <b>nicety</b> of pronunciation.</i>
<b>particular</b>	A proposition that asserts something about some (but not all) members of a class. <i>Universals can be simultaneously exemplified by different <b>particulars</b> in different places.</i>
<b><u>particularly</u></b>	Used to single out a subject to which a statement is especially applicable. <i>He was <b>particularly</b> fussy about spelling.</i>
<b>pinpoint</b>	Locate exactly. <i>This weapon fired shells with <b>pinpoint</b> accuracy.</i>
<b><u>precise</u></b>	Sharply exact or accurate or delimited. <i>A <b>precise</b> mind.</i>
<b>precisely</b>	Indicating exactness or preciseness. <i>He was doing <b>precisely</b> or exactly what she had told him to do.</i>
<b><u>specifically</u></b>	For a particular purpose. <i>Censorship or more <b>specifically</b> the banning of books is a threat to the freedom of speech.</i>

**trifle**

A thing of little value or importance.  
*Syllabubs **trifles** and other dishes.*

**unambiguous**

Not open to more than one interpretation.  
*Instructions should be **unambiguous**.*

