

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



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**.*

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

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

<u>circumstantial</u>	(of a description) containing full details. <i>A circumstantial report about the debate.</i>
defined	Showing clearly the outline or profile or boundary. <i>Each child has clearly defined duties.</i>
detail	Provide details for. <i>A detail on Charlemagne s tomb.</i>
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). <i>Word senses can be disambiguated by examining the context.</i>
dispensation	A political, religious, or social system prevailing at a particular time. <i>Regulations controlling dispensation of medications.</i>
distinct	Recognizable; marked. <i>The gallery is divided into five distinct spaces.</i>
emphasis	Special and significant stress by means of position or repetition e.g. <i>He spoke with emphasis and with complete conviction.</i>
especial	Better or greater than usual; special. <i>Her outburst was for my especial benefit.</i>
<u>exact</u>	Inflict (revenge) on someone. <i>An exact copy.</i>
exactitude	The quality of being exact. <i>He writes with exactitude and precision.</i>

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

