

Need another word that means the same as “terse”? Find 20 synonyms and 30 related words for “terse” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Terse” are: crisp, curt, laconic, brusque, abrupt, clipped, blunt, gruff, short, brief, concise, succinct, compact, pithy, incisive, short and sweet, economical, epigrammatic, summary, condensed

Terse as an Adjective

Definitions of "Terse" as an adjective

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

- *Sparing in the use of words; abrupt.*
- *Brief and to the point; effectively cut short.*

Synonyms of "Terse" as an adjective (20 Words)

abrupt	Brief to the point of rudeness; curt. <i>The abrupt double peak.</i>
blunt	Characterized by directness in manner or speech; without subtlety or evasion. <i>The blunt tip of the leaf.</i>
brief	Concise in expression; using few words. <i>Be brief and don t talk for longer than is necessary.</i>
brusque	Marked by rude or peremptory shortness. <i>Try to cultivate a less brusque manner.</i>

clipped	Cut or trimmed by clipping. <i>Close clipped lawns.</i>
compact	Briefly giving the gist of something. <i>Towns compact of wooden houses.</i>
concise	Giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words; brief but comprehensive. <i>A concise explanation.</i>
condensed	Changed from a gas or vapour to a liquid. <i>A condensed version of the report.</i>
crisp	(of paper or cloth) stiff and uncreased. <i>Crisp lettuce.</i>
curt	Marked by rude or peremptory shortness. <i>His reply was curt.</i>
economical	Of or relating to an economy, the system of production and management of material wealth. <i>He was economical in all areas of life.</i>
epigrammatic	In the style of an epigram; concise, clever, and amusing. <i>An epigrammatic style.</i>
gruff	Deep and harsh sounding as if from shouting or illness or emotion- Virgil Thomson. <i>Gruff voices.</i>
incisive	(of an action) quick and direct. <i>Incisive teeth.</i>
laconic	Brief and to the point; effectively cut short. <i>His laconic reply suggested a lack of interest in the topic.</i>
pithy	(of a fruit or plant) containing much pith. <i>His characteristically pithy comments.</i>
short	Of speech sounds or syllables of relatively short duration. <i>The board was a foot short.</i>
short and sweet	Not sufficient to meet a need.
succinct	(especially of something written or spoken) briefly and clearly expressed. <i>Succinct comparisons.</i>
summary	(of a conviction) made by a judge or magistrate without a jury. <i>Summary financial statements.</i>

Usage Examples of "Terse" as an adjective

- *Short and terse and easy to understand.*
- *A terse statement.*

Associations of "Terse" (30 Words)

abbreviate	Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements. <i>Network is often abbreviated to net.</i>
abbreviated	Shortened; cut short. <i>An abbreviated version of the earlier work.</i>
abbreviation	The process of abbreviating something. <i>SKU is the abbreviation for Stock Keeping Unit.</i>
brevity	Shortness of time. <i>The staff will edit manuscripts with a view to brevity and clarity.</i>
brief	Instruct a barrister by brief. <i>The reporters were briefed about the President's plan to invade.</i>
brusque	Abrupt or offhand in speech or manner. <i>She could be brusque and impatient.</i>
clarity	The quality of being easy to see or hear; sharpness of image or sound. <i>For the sake of clarity each of these strategies is dealt with separately.</i>
concise	Expressing much in few words. <i>A concise explanation.</i>
conciseness	Terseness and economy in writing and speaking achieved by expressing a great deal in just a few words.
curt	Rudely brief. <i>His reply was curt.</i>
drawl	Lengthen and slow down or draw out. <i>A strong Texan drawl.</i>
ephemeral	An ephemeral plant. <i>Fashions are ephemeral new ones regularly drive out the old.</i>
fleeting	Lasting for a markedly brief time. <i>For a fleeting moment I saw the face of a boy.</i>
glance	Throw a glance at take a brief look at. <i>Fish sporting with quick glance Show to the Sun their wavy coats.</i>
interlude	Perform an interlude. <i>The romantic interlude palled rapidly once he was back in town.</i>

laconic	(of a person, speech, or style of writing) using very few words. <i>His laconic reply suggested a lack of interest in the topic.</i>
layover	A brief stay in the course of a journey. <i>There was only a forty eight minute layover.</i>
mortality	The quality or state of being mortal. <i>The work is increasingly haunted by thoughts of mortality.</i>
overview	A general summary of a subject. <i>The report overviews the needs of the community.</i>
pithiness	Terseness and economy in writing and speaking achieved by expressing a great deal in just a few words.
pithy	(of a fruit or plant) containing much pith. <i>His characteristically pithy comments.</i>
provisional	A provisional stamp. <i>Provisional bookings.</i>
sententious	Abounding in or given to pompous or aphoristic moralizing. <i>The peculiarly sardonic and sententious style in which Don Luis composed his epigrams.</i>
stopover	A place where a journey is broken. <i>They made a stopover to visit their friends.</i>
succinct	Briefly giving the gist of something. <i>Succinct comparisons.</i>
succinctness	Terseness and economy in writing and speaking achieved by expressing a great deal in just a few words.
transience	The attribute of being brief or fleeting. <i>The transience of life and happiness.</i>
transient	Lasting only for a short time; impermanent. <i>A transient cold spell.</i>
transitory	Lasting a very short time. <i>Love is transitory but it is eternal.</i>
truncate	Replace a corner by a plane. <i>Truncate a series.</i>