

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)

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

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

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

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