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1 b : not tall or high : low 2 a : not extended in time : brief b : not retentive c : expeditious, quick made short work of the problem d : seeming to pass quickly made great progress in just a few short years 3 a of a speech sound : having a relatively short duration b : being the member of a pair of similarly spelled vowel or vowel-containing sounds that is descended from a vowel that was short in duration but is no longer so and that does not necessarily have duration as its chief distinguishing feature c of a syllable in prosody 4 : limited in distance 5 a : not coming up to a measure or requirement : insufficient b : not reaching far enough the throw to first was short d : insufficiently supplied 6 a : abrupt, curt I'm sorry I was short with you b : quickly provoked 8 : payable at an early date 9 a : containing or cooked with shortening also : flaky b of metal : brittle under certain conditions 10 a : not lengthy or drawn out b : made briefer : abbreviated 11 a : not having goods or property that one has sold in anticipation of a fall in prices b : consisting of, relating to, or engaging in the sale of securities or commodities that the seller does not possess or has not contracted for at the time of the sale 12 : near the end of a tour of duty having little length; not long.having little height; not tall.extending or reaching only a little way.brief in duration; not extensive in time.brief or concise, as writing.Synonyms: condensed, laconic, succinct, terserudely brief; abrupt; brusque.Synonyms: testy, sharp, curtlow in amount; scanty.Synonyms: lacking, wanting, inadequate, deficient, poornot reaching a point, mark, target, or the like; not long enough or far enough.below the standard in extent, quantity, duration, etc..having a scanty or insufficient amount of (often followed by in oron).He was short in experience.being below a necessary or desired level; lacking.The office is short due to winter colds and flu.Cooking. (of pastry and the like) crisp and flaky; breaking or crumbling readily from being made with a large proportion of butter or other shortening.(of dough) containing a relatively large amount of shortening.(of metals) deficient in tenacity; friable; brittle.(of the head or skull) of less than ordinary length from front to back.Stock Exchange. not possessing at the time of sale commodities or stocks that one sells.noting or pertaining to a sale of commodities or stocks that the seller does not possess, depending for profit on a decline in prices.You can cover your short transactions by purchasing securities in the distribution at the reduced price.Phonetics. lasting a relatively short time.“Bit” has a shorter vowel-sound than “bid” or “bead.”belonging to a class of sounds considered as usually shorter in duration than another class, as the vowel of but as compared to that of bought, and in many languages serving as a distinctive feature of phonemes, as the a in German Bann in contrast with the ah in Bahn, or the t in Italian fato in contrast with the tt in fatto (long).having the sound of the English vowels in bat, bet, bit, hot, but, and put, historically descended from vowels that were short in duration.Prosody. 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(of clay) not plastic enough to be modeled.Ropemaking. hard.abruptly or suddenly.briefly; curtly.on the near side of an intended or particular point.Baseball. with the hands higher on the handle of the bat than usual.He held the bat short and flied out.in a fielding position closer to home plate than usual.something that is short.that which is deficient or lacking.Usually the short the sum and substance of a matter; gist.Here's the short of it: they broke up two weeks before the wedding.shorts,trousers, knee-length or shorter.short pants worn by men as an undergarment.knee breeches, formerly worn by men.Finance. short-term bonds.Mining. crushed ore failing to pass through a given screen, thus being of a larger given size than a specific grade.remnants, discards, or refuse of various cutting and manufacturing processes.a size of garment for men who are shorter than average.a garment, as a suit or overcoat, in such a size.Military. a shot that strikes or bursts short of the target.Electricity. short circuit.Prosody. a short sound or syllable.Baseball. shortstop.Movies. short subject.Finance. short seller.a deficiency or the amount of a deficiency.Chiefly British. a small drink of straight whiskey; shot.to cause a short circuit in.to cheat by giving less than is expected or deserved; shortchange.Stock Exchange. to sell (stocks, commodities, etc.) that one does not possess, with the intent of making a profit by purchasing them later at a lower price.He speculates on bubbles by shorting stocks that are overpriced, overhyped, and overdue for a slide.of little length; not longof little height; not tallof limited durationnot meeting a requirement; deficientthe number of places laid at the table was short by four(postpositive; often foll by of or on) lacking (in) or needful (of)I'm always short of moneyconcise; succinctlacking in the power of retentivenessabrupt to the point of rudenessthe salesgirl was very short with himfinancenot possessing the securities or commodities that have been sold under contract and therefore obliged to make a purchase before the delivery dateof or relating to such sales, which depend on falling prices for profitphoneticsdenoting a vowel of relatively brief temporal durationclassified as short, as distinguished from other vowels. Thus in English (ɪ) in bin, though of longer duration than (iː) in beat, is nevertheless regarded as a short vowel(in popular usage) denoting the qualities of the five English vowels represented orthographically in the words pat, pet, pit, pot, put, and puttprosodydenoting a vowel that is phonetically short or a syllable containing such a vowel. In classical verse short vowels are followed by one consonant only or sometimes one consonant plus a following l or r(of a vowel or syllable in verse that is not quantitative) not carrying emphasis or accent; unstressed(of pastry) crumbly in texture See also shortcrust pastry(of a drink of spirits) undiluted; neat(of betting odds) almost eveninformal to have (someone) completely in one's powerscarceunexpectedly briefan abbreviation for“Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged” 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012abruptlybriefly or conciselyrudely or curtlyfinance without possessing the securities or commodities at the time of their contractual salehaving a sudden need to urinate or defecateto prove inadequate(often foll by of) to fail to reach or measure up to (a standard)not to have a sufficient amount, etcexceptnothing short of a miracle can save him now“Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged” 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012anything that is shorta drink of spirits as opposed to a long drink such as beerphonetics prosody a short vowel or syllablefinancea short contract or salea short sellera short film, usually of a factual natureSee short circuitinformal as an abbreviationhe is called Jim for shortas a summaryin a few words“Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged” 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012“Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged” 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012shortness nounovershort adjectiveovershortness noununshort adjective'shortness nounOrigin of short1First recorded before 900; Middle English adjective schort, Old English sceort; cognate with Old High German scurz “short,” Old Norse skortr “shortness, scarcity”Origin of short1Old English scort; related to Old Norse skortr a lack, skera to cut, Old High German scurz shortIdiomsshort for, being a shorter form of; abbreviated to.“Phone” is short for “telephone.”short and sweet. short and sweet.short of, less than; inferior to. inadequately supplied with (money, food, etc.). without going to the length of; failing of; excluding.Short of murder, there is nothing he wouldn't have tried to get what he wanted.in short, in summary. in few words; in brief.In short, this has been rather a disappointing day.cut short, to end abruptly; terminate.Her nap was cut short by a loud noise from outside.run short, to be in insufficient supply.My patience is running short.make short work of. work.fall / come short, to fail to reach a particular standard. to prove insufficient; be lacking.Her funds fell short, and she had to wire home for help.for short, by way of abbreviation.Her name is Patricia, and she's called Pat for short.sell short, Stock Exchange. to sell stocks or the like without having them in one's actual possession at the time of the sale. to disparage or underestimate.Don't sell Tom short; he's really an excellent engineer.Short, brief are opposed to long, and indicate slight extent or duration. Short may imply duration but is also applied to physical distance and certain purely spatial relations: a short journey. Brief refers especially to duration of time: brief intervals.Examples have not been reviewed.In short, he was a top performer for the Cherries.But it also was rooted in queer acceptance in a small community not unlike the coastal town a short ferry ride away, Sandusky, Ohio, where Jim grew up — and now lives again.Footage of his arrival in Guayaquil shows him wearing shorts, a T-shirt and flip flops while being led by armed security officers to a parked SUV before being transfered to the La Roca maximum-security prison.John Ratcliffe, the US spy agency's director, said key sites had been destroyed, though he stopped short of declaring that Iran's nuclear programme had been eliminated outright.Next to him was a man wearing pink shorts and horn-rimmed glasses.abbreviated brief crisp precise shortened www.thesaurus.comterse Definitions and idiom definitions from Dictionary.com Unabridged, based on the Random House Unabridged Dictionary, © Random House, Inc. 2023Idioms from The American Heritage® Idioms Dictionary copyright © 2002, 2001, 1995 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.shornshort accountBrowse#aabbccddeeffgghhiijjkkllmmnnooppqqrrsstuuvvwwxxyyzzAboutCareersContact usCookies, terms, & privacyHelpFollow usGet the Word of the Day every day!© 2025 Dictionary.com, LLC Sometimes they are compared by the _Adverbs_ _very, infinitely_; and the _Adjectives_ _more, most_; _less, least_; as _long, very long, infinitely long_; _short, more short, most short_; _commonly, less commonly, least commonly_. A Short System of English Grammar For the Use of the Boarding School in Worcester (1759) Henry Bate A link with rev = canonical that is short is a short url of the canonical url by definition, thus rel = short* is redundant for the use case of discovering a short url for the canonical url of some document. 0xDECAFBAD l.m.orchard 2010 A link with rev = canonical that is short is a short url of the canonical url by definition, thus rel = short* is redundant for the use case of discovering a short url for the canonical url of some document. 0xDECAFBAD l.m.orchard 2010 HIToolbox 0x91537e3a SendControlDefTrack (HIView*, CGPoint const&, unsigned long*, void (*) (OpaqueControlRef*, short), OpaqueEventRef*, short*) + 311 25 com. apple. Discussions: Message List - root 2010 I refer downright beastly gluttons and drunkards to this; but indulgence short, _far short_, of this gross and really nasty drunkenness and gluttony is to be deprecated, and that, too, with the more earnestness because it is too often looked upon as being no crime at all, and as having nothing blameable in it; nay, there are many persons who _pride_ themselves on their refined taste in matters connected with eating and drinking: so far from being ashamed of employing their thoughts on the subject, it is their boast that they do it. Advice to Young Men And (Incidentally) to Young Women in the Middle and Higher Ranks of Life. In a Series of Letters, Addressed to a Youth, a Bachelor, a Lover, a Husband, a Father, a Citizen, or a Subject. William Cobbett 1799 But then I had to deal with the fact I’d never done a comic before – so I had to learn how to do that, and how to write short ones and 10 pages is *short*. Snapshot Interview – reposted 2010 If you’ve locked the screen, sliding the keyboard out automatically unlocks, and if the keyboard is out for a short time don’t know what a ‘short time’ is yet, the screen will re-lock when the keyboard is stowed. Nokia N810 2008 Talk to real estate professionals and many might suggest the term short sale be changed to "long sale." The Washington Post: National, World & D.C. Area News and Headlines - The Washington Post Michelle Singletary 2011 The Democrats 'message, in short, is that the Democrats are really lousy at delivering a convincing message. Party Like It's 1994 James Taranto 2010 War, in short, is good for a lot of spin-offs and ancillary benefits -- to some segments of society, at least. Randall Amster: WikiLessons: War Is a Joke, But It Isn't Funny Randall Amster 2010 SHORTadjectiveEtymology: sceort , Saxon.1. Not long; commonly not long enough. Weak though I am of limb, and short of sight,Far from a lynx, and not a giant quite,I’ll do what Mead and Cheselden advise,To keep these limbs, and to preserve these eyes. Alexander Pope.2. Not long in space or extent. This less voluble earth,By shorter flight to the east, had left him there. John Milton. Though short my stature, yet my name extendsTo heaven itself, and earth’s remotest ends. Alexander Pope.3. Not long in time or duration. They change the night into day: the light is short, because of darkness. Job xvii. 12. Nor love thy life, nor hate, but what thou liv’st,Live well, how long or short permit to heav’n. John Milton. Short were her marriage joys: for in the primeOf youth her lord expir’d before his time. Dryden.4. Repeated by quick iterations. Her breath then short, seem’d loth for home to pass,Which more it mov’d, the more it sweeter was. Philip Sidney. Thy breath comes short, thy darted eyes are fixtOn me for aid, as if thou wert pursu’d. Dryden. My breath grew short my beating heart sprung upward,And leap’d and bounded in my heaving bosom. Smith.5. Not attaining an end; not equal. Immoderate praises, the foolish lover thinks short of his mistress, though they reach far beyond the heavens. Philip Sidney. Some cottons here grow, but short in worth unto those of Smyrna. George Sandys. The Turks give you a quantity rather exceeding than short of your expectation. George Sandys. Since higher I fall short, on him who nextProvokes my envy. John Milton. I know them not; not therefore am I shortOf knowing what I ought. John Milton, Paradise Reg. To attainThe height and depth of thy eternal ways,All human thoughts come short, supreme of things. John Milton. O glorious trial of exceeding love,Engaging me to emulate! but shortOf thy perfection, how shall I attain. John Milton. To place her in Olympus’ top a guest,Among th’ immortals, who with nectar feast;That poor would seem, that entertainment shortOf the true splendor of her present court. Edmund Waller. We err, and come short of science, because we are so frequently misled by the evil conduct of our imaginations. Joseph Glanvill. That great wit has fallen short in his account. More. As in many things the knowledge of philosophers was short of the truth, so almost in all things their practice fell short of their knowledge: the principles by which they walked were as much below those by which they judged, as their feet were below their head. Robert South, Sermons. He wills not death should terminate their strife;And wounds, if wounds ensue, be short of life. Dryden. Virgil exceeds Theocritus in regularity and brevity, and falls short of him in nothing but simplicity and propriety of style. Alexander Pope. Where reason came short, revelation discovered on which side the truth lay. John Locke. Defect in our behaviour, coming short of the utmost gracefulness, often escapes our observation. John Locke. If speculative maxims have not an actual universal assent from all mankind, practical principles come short of an universal reception. John Locke. Men express their universal ideas by signs; a faculty which beasts come short in. John Locke. The people fall short of those who border upon them, in strength of understanding. Addison. A neutral indifference falls short of that obligation they lie under, who have taken such oaths. Addison. When I made these, an artist undertook to imitate it; but using another way of polishing them, he fell much short of what I had attained to, as I afterwards understood. Newton. It is not credible that the Phœnicians, who had established colonies in the Persian gulph, stopt short, without pushing their trade to the Indies. Arbuthnot. Doing is expresly commanded, and no happiness allowed to any thing short of it. Robert South, Sermons. The signification of words will be allowed to fall much short of the knowledge of things. Thomas Baker.6. Not far distant in time. He commanded those, who were appointed to attend him, to be ready by a short day. Edward Hyde.7. Defective; imperfect.8. Scanty; wanting. The English were inferior in number, and grew short in their provisions. John Hayward. They short of succours, and in deep despair,Shook at the dismal prospect of the war. Dryden.9. Not fetching a compass. So soon as ever they were gotten out of the hearing of the cock, the lion turned short upon him, and tore him to pieces. Roger L'Estrange. He seiz’d the helm, his fellows cheer’d,Turn’d short upon the shelves, and madly steer’d. Dryden. For turning short, he struck with all his mightFull on the helmet of th’ unwary knight. Dryden.10. Not going so far as was intended. As one condemn’d to leap a precipice,Who sees before his eyes the depth below,Stops short. Dryden.11. Defective as to quantity. When the fleece is shorn,When their defenceless limbs the brambles tear,Short of their wool, and naked from the sheer. Dryden.12. Narrow; contracted. Men of wit and parts, but of short thoughts and little meditation, are apt to distrust every thing for a fancy. Burnet. They, since their own short understandings reachNo farther than the present, think ev’n the wiseLike them disclose the secrets of their breasts. Nicholas Rowe.13. Brittle; friable. His flesh is not firm, but short and tasteless. Izaak Walton. Marl from Derbyshire was very fat, though it had so great a quantity of sand, that it was so short, that, if you wet it, you could not work it into a ball, or make it hold together. John Mortimer, Husbandry.14. Not bending. The lance broke short, the beast then bellow’d loud,And his strong neck to a new onset bow’d. Dryden.ShortadverbIt is, I think, only used in composition. Not long.Beauty and youth,And sprightly hope and short-enduring joy. Dryden. One strange draught prescribed by Hippocrates, for a short-breathed man, is half a gallon of hydromel, with a little vinegar. Arbuthnot.ShortnounA summary account.Etymology: from the adjective.The short and long is our play is prefer’d. William Shakespeare. In short, she makes a man of him at sixteen, and a boy all his life after. Roger L'Estrange. If he meet with no reply, you may conclude that I trust to the goodness of my cause: the short on’t is, ‘tis indifferent to your humble servant whatever your party says. Dryden. From Medway’s pleasing streamTo Severn’s roar be thine:In short, restore my love, and share my kingdom. Dryden. The proprieties and delicacies of the English are known to few: ‘tis impossible even for a good wit to understand and practise them, without the help of a liberal education and long reading; in short, without wearing off the rust which he contracted while he was laying in a stock of learning. Dryden. The short is, to speak all in a word, the possibility of being found in a salvable state cannot be sufficiently secured, without a possibility of always persevering in it. John Norris. To see whole bodies of men breaking a constitution; in short, to be encompassed with the greatest dangers from without, to be torn by many virulent factions within, then to be secure and senseless, are the most likely symptoms, in a state, of sickness unto death. Jonathan Swift. Also found in: Thesaurus, Medical, Financial, Acronyms, Idioms, Encyclopedia, Wikipedia.Related to short: short story, Short fiction (shôrt)adj. short·er, short·est 1. Having little length; not long.2. Having little height; not tall.3. Extending or traveling not far or not far enough: a short toss.4. a. Lasting a brief time: a short holiday.b. Appearing to pass quickly: finished the job in a few short months.5. Not lengthy; succinct: short and to the point.6. a. Rudely brief; abrupt: The owner was quite short with the new hire.b. Easily provoked; irascible: has a short temper.7. Inadequate; insufficient: oil in short supply; were short on experience.8. Lacking in length or amount: a board that is short two inches.9. Lacking in breadth or scope: a short view of the problem.10. Deficient in retentiveness: a short memory.11. a. Holding a trading position that is inversely related to the price of a security or index: short investors; an investor who is short gold.b. Of or relating to a short sale: a short position.12. a. Containing a large amount of shortening; flaky: a short pie crust.b. Not ductile; brittle: short iron.13. a. Linguistics Of, relating to, or being a speech sound of relatively brief duration, as the first vowel sound in the Latin word mālus, "evil," as compared with the same or a similar sound of relatively long duration, as the first vowel sound in the Latin word mālus, "apple tree."b. Grammar Of, relating to, or being a vowel sound in English, such as the vowel sound (ā) in pat or (oō) in put, that is descended from a vowel of brief duration.14. Being of relatively brief duration. Used of a syllable in quantitative prosody.15. Slang Close to the end of a tour of military duty.adv. shorter, shortest 1. Abruptly; quickly: stop short.2. In a rude or curt manner.3. At a point before a given boundary, limit, or goal: a missile that landed short of the target.4. At a disadvantage: We were caught short by the sudden storm.5. By means of a short sale: selling a commodity short.n.1. Something short, as:a. Linguistics A short syllable, vowel, or consonant.b. A brief film; a short subject.c. A size of clothing less long than the average for that size.d. shorts Short pants extending to the knee or above.2. 3. shorts A byproduct of wheat processing that consists of germ, bran, and coarse meal or flour.4. shorts Clippings or trimmings that remain as byproducts in various manufacturing processes, often used to make an inferior variety of the product.5. b. A malfunction caused by a short circuit.v. short·ed, short·ing, shorts v.tr.1. To cause a short circuit in.2. Informal To give (one) less than one is entitled to; shortchange.3. To short-sell (a security or index).v.intr.Idioms: for short As an abbreviation: He's called Ed for short. in short short for An abbreviation of: Ed is short for Edward. short of1. Having an inadequate supply of: We're short of cash.2. Less than: Nothing short of her best effort was required to make the team.3. Other than; without resorting to: Short of yelling at him, I had no other way to catch his attention.4. Not quite willing to undertake or do; just this side of: She stopped short of throwing out the old photo. the short end of the stick The worst side of an unequal deal.American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright © 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. (ʃɔːt) adj1. of little length; not long2. of little height; not tall4. not meeting a requirement; deficient: the number of places laid at the table was short by four. 5. (postpositive; often foll by of or on) lacking (in) or needful (of): I'm always short of money. 7. lacking in the power of retentiveness: a short memory. 8. abrupt to the point of rudeness: the salesgirl was very short with him. 9. 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(Banking & Finance) finance a. a short contract or sale32. (Film) a short film, usually of a factual nature33. (Electronics) See short circuit134. for short informal as an abbreviation: he is called Jim for short. 35. in short vb (Electronics) See short circuit2[Old English scort; related to Old Norse skortr a lack, skera to cut, Old High German scurz short]Collins English Dictionary – Complete and Unabridged, 12th Edition 2014 © HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014 (ʃɔrt) adj. short•er, short•est, adv., n., v. adj. 1. having little length; not long. 2. having little height; not tall. 3. extending or reaching only a little way: a short path. 4. brief in duration; not extensive in time. 7. low in amount; scanty: short rations. 8. not reaching a mark, target, or the like. 9. not reaching a standard, required level, etc.; deficient: a short measure. 10. having an insufficient amount (often fol. by in or on): He was short in experience. 11. (of pastry) crisp and flaky from being made with a large proportion of butter or other shortening. 12. (of metals) deficient in tenacity; friable; brittle. 13. a. (of a speech sound) lasting a relatively short time. b. having the sound of the English vowels in bat, bet, bit, hot, but, and put, historically descended from vowels that were short in duration. Compare long 1 (def. 18). 14. a. (of a syllable in quantitative verse) lasting a relatively short time. 15. (of an alcoholic drink) small. adv. 16. abruptly or suddenly: to stop short. 18. on the near side of an intended or particular point: The arrow landed short. n. 19. something that is short. 20. the sum and substance of a matter; gist (usu. prec. by the). 21. a deficiency or the amount of a deficiency; shortage. 22. shorts, a. trousers, knee-length or shorter. b. short pants worn by men as underwear; drawers. c. knee breeches, formerly worn by men. d. remnants or refuse of various cutting and manufacturing processes. 23. a. a size of garments for persons who are shorter than average. b. a garment in this size. 24. Mil. a shot that strikes or bursts short of the target. 26. a short sound or syllable. v.t. v.i. Idioms: 1. come or fall short, a. to fail to reach a particular standard. b. to prove insufficient; be lacking. 2. cut short, to end abruptly; interrupt or terminate. 3. for short, by way of abbreviation. 4. in short, 5. sell short, a. to sell stocks at a high price without actually possessing them, expecting to cover them later at a lower price and keeping the price difference as profit. b. to disparage or underestimate. 6. short for, being a shorter form of: “Phone” is short for “telephone.” 7. short of, a. less than; inferior to. b. inadequately supplied with. c. without going to the length of: Short of murder, they would have tried anything. [before 900; Old English sceort, c. Old High German scurz] Random House Kernerman Webster's College Dictionary, © 2010 K Dictionaries Ltd. Copyright 2005, 1997, 1991 by Random House, Inc. All rights reserved.In artillery and naval gunfire support, a spotting, or an observation, used by an observer to indicate that a burst(s) occurred short of the target in relation to the spotting line.Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms. US Department of Defense 2005. – shortly – briefly1. 'short'Short is an adjective. You usually use it to say that something does not last for a long time.Let's take a short break.2. 'shortly'Shortly is an adverb. If something is going to happen shortly, it is going to happen soon. This is a slightly old-fashioned use.They should be returning shortly.If something happened shortly after something else, it happened soon after it.She died shortly afterwards.Very shortly after I started my job, I got promoted.3. 'briefly'Don't use 'shortly' to say that something lasts or is done for a short time. Don't say, for example, 'She told them shortly what had happened'. Use briefly.She told them briefly what had happened.Collins COBUILD English Usage © HarperCollins Publishers 1992, 2004, 2011, 2012 Noun1.short - the location on a baseball field where the shortstop is stationed2.short - accidental contact between two points in an electric circuit that have a potential differencetangency, contact - (electronics) a junction where things (as two electrical conductors) touch or are in physical contact; "they forget to solder the contacts"3.short - the fielding position of the player on a baseball team who is stationed between second and third baseposition - (in team sports) the role assigned to an individual player; "what position does he play?"baseball team - a team that plays baseballVerb1.short - cheat someone by not returning him enough moneybunco, con, defraud, diddle, goldbrick, hornswoggle, mulct, nobble, rook, scam, swindle, short-change, victimize - deprive of by deceit; "He swindled me out of my inheritance"; "She defrauded the customers who trusted her"; "the cashier gypped me when he gave me too little change"2.short - create a short circuit increate, make - make or cause to be or to become; "make a mess in one's office"; "create a furor"Adj.1.short - primarily temporal sense; indicating or being or seeming to be limited in duration; "a short life"; "a short flight"; "a short holiday"; "a short story"; "only a few short months"long - primarily temporal sense; being or indicating a relatively great or greater than average duration or passage of time or a duration as specified; "a long life"; "a long boring speech"; "a long time"; "a long friendship"; "a long game"; "long ago"; "an hour long"2.short - (primarily spatial sense) having little length or lacking in length; "short skirts"; "short hair"; "the board was a foot short"; "a short toss"long - primarily spatial sense; of relatively great or greater than average spatial extension or extension as specified; "a long road"; "a long distance"; "contained many long words"; "ten miles long"3.short - low in stature; not tall; "he was short and stocky"; "short in stature"; "a short smokestack"; "a little man"low - literal meanings; being at or having a relatively small elevation or upward extension; "low ceilings"; "low clouds"; "low hills"; "the sun is low"; "low furniture"; "a low bow"tall - great in vertical dimension; high in stature; "tall people"; "tall buildings"; "tall trees"; "tall ships"4.short - not sufficient to meet a need; "an inadequate income"; "a poor salary"; "money is short"; "on short rations"; "food is in short supply"; "short on experience"5.short - (of memory) deficient in retentiveness or range; "a short memory"6.short - not holding securities or commodities that one sells in expectation of a fall in prices; "a short sale"; "short in cotton"finance - the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assetslong - holding securities or commodities in expectation of a rise in prices; "is long on coffee"; "a long position in gold"7.short - of speech sounds or syllables of relatively short duration; "the English vowel sounds in `pat', `pet', `pit', `pot', putt' are short"phonetics - the branch of acoustics concerned with speech processes including its production and perception and acoustic analysislong - (of speech sounds or syllables) of relatively long duration; "the English vowel sounds in `bate', `beat', `bite', `boat', `boot' are long"8.short - less than the correct or legal or full amount often deliberately so; "a light pound"; "a scant cup of sugar"; "regularly gives short weight"9.short - lacking foresight or scope; "a short view of the problem"; "shortsighted policies"; "shortsighted critics derided the plan"; "myopic thinking"shortsighted, unforesightful, myopicimprovident - not provident; not providing for the future10.short - tending to crumble or break into flakes due to a large amount of shortening; "shortbread is a short crumbly cookie"; "a short flaky pie crust"breakable - capable of being broken or damaged; "earthenware pottery is breakable"; "breakable articles should be packed carefully"11.short - marked by rude or peremptory shortness; "try to cultivate a less brusque manner"; "a curt reply"; "the salesgirl was very short with him"discourteous - showing no courtesy; rude; "a distant and at times discourteous young"Adv.1.short - quickly and without warning; "he stopped suddenly"2.short - without possessing something at the time it is contractually sold; "he made his fortune by selling short just before the crash"finance - the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets3.short - clean across; "the car's axle snapped short"4.short - at some point or distance before a goal is reached; "he fell short of our expectations"5.short - so as to interrupt; "She took him up short before he could continue"6.short - at a disadvantage; "I was caught short"7.short - in a curt, abrupt and discourteous manner; "he told me curtly to get on with it"; "he talked short with everyone"; "he said shortly that he didn't like it"Based on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. © 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.adjective2. concise, brief, succinct, contracted, clipped, compact, summary, compressed, curtailed, terse, laconic, pithy, abridged, compendious, sententious This is a short note to say thank you. concise long, prolonged, lengthy, rambling, diffuse, long-winded, wordy, long-drawn-out, verbose, unabridged3. small, little, wee, tiny, squat, diminutive, petite, pint-sized (informal), dumpy, dwarfish, knee high to a grasshopper, fubsy (archaic or dialect), knee high to a gnat I'm tall and thin and he's short and fat. small big, tall, lofty, lanky4. abrupt, sharp, terse, curt, blunt, crusty, gruff, brusque, offhand, testy, impolite, discourteous, uncivil She was definitely short with me. abrupt civil, polite, courteous5. (of pastry) crumbly, crisp, brittle, friable a crisp short pastry6. direct, straight, undeviating, through a short route through the town7. scarce, wanting, low, missing, limited, lacking, tight, slim, inadequate, insufficient, slender, scant, meagre, sparse, deficient, scanty Money was short in those days. scarce sufficient, adequate, ample, abundant, plentiful, copious, inexhaustible, bountifulCollins Thesaurus of the English Language – Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 © HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002adjective1. Not long in time or duration:adverb The American Heritage® Roget's Thesaurus. Copyright © 2013, 2014 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. ناقصة، مقتصر، قصير، تقصّر، يُقصّر، قصر، لو، ناپورە، ناکافی، کم، نوند (لکه جواب): نیمګړی، لږ، کم (وخت): لږ، کم، وچ، تند (لکه جواب): نیمګړی، لږ، ناپورە، ناکافی، پاتې، پاتې، curto curt короткий krátky kratek kratak kort ᐊᐊᐊᐊ kisa 短的 короткий مختصر قصير قصير الفاقه قصير الفاقه baixo malý klein lille коротко̀рабо lühike ᐊᐊᐊᐊ kratak rövid pendek sluttur corto 短い trumpas īss pendek kortkortkrótki, ناکافی, کم, کم (وخت): لږ، کم، وچ، تند (لکه جواب): نیمګړی، لږ، ناپورە، ناکافی، پاتې، پاتې، curto short короткий krátky kratek kratak kort ᐊᐊᐊᐊ kisa 短的 короткий مختصر قصير قصير الفاقه ngắn 短的2. not tall; smaller than usual. a short man. kort قصير الفاقه قصير الفاقه baixo malý klein lille коротко̀рабо lühike ᐊᐊᐊᐊ kratak rövid pendek lågur, lågvaxinn basso 背の低い 가 ᐊᐊᐊᐊ, ᐊᐊᐊᐊ, ᐊᐊᐊᐊ nizak alacsony pendek lágur, lágvaxinn basso 背の低い 가 zemas neliels; maza auguma- rendah kortkortkovst, litenniski 短い () trumpas īss pendek kortkortkrótki خلاصه kort ᐊᐊᐊᐊ kisa 矮的 низькорослий, низький چھوٹا thấp 矮的3. not lasting long; brief. a short film; in a very short time; I've a very short memory for details. kort قصير المدّة قصير المدّة kratek kort 短い () trumpas īss pendek kortkortkrótki خلاصه kort ᐊᐊᐊᐊ kisa 矮的 низькорослий, низький چھوٹا thấp 矮的3. not lasting long; brief. a short film; in a very short time; I've a very short memory for details. kort قصير المدّة قصير المدّة kratek kurta singkat stuttur, skammur corto 短い () trumpas īss pendek kortkortkrótki خلاصه kort ᐊᐊᐊᐊ kisa 矮的 низькорослий, низький چھوٹا thấp 矮的3. not lasting long; brief. a short film; in a very short time; I've a very short memory for details. kort قصير المدّة قصير المدّة kratek kurta singkat stuttur, skammur corto 短い () trumpas īss pendek kortkortkrótki خلاصه kort ᐊᐊᐊᐊ kisa 短暂的 недовгий, короткочасний مختصر không tồn tại lâu 短暂的4. not as much as it should be. 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