Definition of rapid

(Entry 1 of 2)

: marked by a fast rate of motion, activity, succession, or occurrence

rapid

noun

Definition of rapid (Entry 2 of 2)

: a part of a river where the current is fast and the surface is usually broken by obstructions —usually used in plural but singular or plural in construction

Other Words from rapid

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Syonyms & Antonyms

Syonyms: Adjective

blistering, breakneck, breathless, brisk, dizzy, fast, fleet, fleet-footed, flying, galloping, hasty, hot, lightning, nippy, quick, rapid-fire, rattling, snappy, speedy, splitting, swift, whirlwind, zippy

Antonyms: Adjective

slow

Choose the Right Synonym for rapid

Adjective

fast, rapid, swift, fleet, quick, speedy, hasty, expeditious mean moving, proceeding, or acting with celerity. fast and rapid are very close in meaning, but fast applies particularly to the thing that moves fast horses and rapid to the movement itself. rapid current swift suggests great rapidity coupled with ease of movement. returned the ball with one swift stroke fleet adds the implication of lightness and nimbleness. fleet runners quick suggests promptness and the taking of little time. a quick wit speedy implies quickness of successful accomplishment
speedy delivery of mail and may also suggest unusual velocity. *hasty* suggests hurry and precipitousness and often connotes carelessness. *a hasty inspection* *expeditious* suggests efficiency together with rapidity of accomplishment. *the expeditious handling of an order*

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**Adjective**

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**Adjective**

1634, in the meaning defined above

**Noun**

1765, in the meaning defined above

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**Adjective**

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