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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

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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

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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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: having a fast rate

: moving quickly

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: very fast a *rapid* current *rapid* progress

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