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*adj.* **suc·cinct·er**, **suc·cinct·est**

1. Characterized by clear, precise expression in few words; concise and terse: *a succinct reply; a succinct style.*
2. *Archaic* Encircled as if by a girdle; girded.

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[Middle English *succincte*, girt, from Old French, from Latin *succinctus*, past participle of *succingere*, to gird from below : *sub-*, *sub-* + *cingere*, to gird; see **kenk-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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**suc·cinct** **ly** *adv.*

**suc·cinct** **ness** *n.*

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