



Discrete

Definition: (adjective) individually separate and distinct.



Etymology:

The study of the origin (beginning) of words

Origin

LATIN

discretus

separate



discrete

late Middle English





Synonyms of the word “discrete”...

Distinct

Detached

Seperate

Disconnected



Discrete vs Discreet

Ah, another confusing pair of homophones (words that sound alike but are different in meaning). And, we're not going to be *discreet* about it: these two can be confusing. So, let's try to keep them *discrete*.

Discreet means "respecting privacy or maintaining silence about something of a delicate nature." Eg. Texting is more *discreet* than talking because what you text can't be overheard by others; it's private.

Discrete means something quite different. For example: "a word can have several **discrete** meanings"



How words might be used by people in various professions...

An Events Manager is likely to have a series of discrete steps to take when planning an event.



Use the word **discrete** as many times as possible throughout the week to achieve positives!

This can be verbally, in your written work or even when you hear an adult around the school using it.