

brevity[ˈbrevɪti] *n*

- 1) краткость, недолговечность
the brevity of human life - быстротечность жизни человека
- 2) краткость, немногословие
brevity of speech - краткость речи

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

brev·ity **AW** [brevity brevities] **BrE** [ˈbrevətɪ] **NAme** [ˈbrevətɪ] **noun****uncountable** (formal)

1. the quality of using few words when speaking or writing

Syn: ↑conciseness

- The report is a masterpiece of brevity.
- Charles Dickens was not known for his brevity.
- For the sake of brevity, I'd like to make just two points.

2. the fact of lasting a short time

- the brevity of human life

see also ↑briefWord Origin:late 15th cent.: from Old French **brevete**, from Latin **brevitas**, from **brevis** 'brief'.**brevity**

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1. the quality of expressing something in very few words ⇨ **brief:**
Letters published in the newspaper are edited for brevity and clarity.
2. the quality of continuing for only a short time ⇨ **brief:**
the brevity of her visit

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