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dis·crete *adj* \dis-'krēt, 'dis-,\

Definition of DISCRETE

- 1** : constituting a separate entity : individually [distinct](#) <several *discrete* sections>
- 2 a** : consisting of distinct or unconnected elements : [NONCONTINUOUS](#)
- b** : taking on or having a [finite](#) or countably [infinite](#) number of values <*discrete* probabilities> <a *discrete* random variable>
 - [dis·crete·ly](#) *adverb*
 - [dis·crete·ness](#) *noun*

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Examples of DISCRETE

<several *discrete* sections to this vast medical complex, including a college of pharmacology and a research center>

The idea is to disconnect the memory from the reactions to the memory, so that although the memory of the traumatic event remains, the everyday things that can trigger fear and panic, such as trash blowing across the interstate or a car backfiring ... are restored to insignificance. The trauma thus becomes a *discrete* event, not a constant, self-replicating, encompassing condition. —Sue Halpern, *New Yorker*, 19 May 2008

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Origin of DISCRETE

Middle English, from Latin *discretus* (see [DISCREET](#))
First Known Use: 14th century

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