

Need another word that means the same as “acute”? Find 75 synonyms and 30 related words for “acute” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Acute” are: intense, discriminating, incisive, keen, knifelike, penetrating, penetrative, piercing, sharp, acute, needlelike, severe, critical, drastic, dire, dreadful, terrible, awful, grave, bad, serious, profound, stabbing, shooting, racking, searing, burning, consuming, astute, shrewd, razor-sharp, quick, quick-witted, agile, nimble, ingenious, clever, intelligent, bright, brilliant, smart, canny, intuitive, discerning, perceptive, perspicacious, insightful, sagacious, wise, judicious, good, sensitive, subtle, spearlike, v-shaped, tapering, tapered, cone-shaped, conic, conical, sharp-cornered, wedge-shaped, edged, jagged, spiky, spiked, barbed, high, soprano, treble, falsetto, shrill, piping, acute accent, ague**

## Acute as a Noun

### Definitions of "Acute" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “acute” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A mark (') placed above a vowel to indicate pronunciation.*
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### **Synonyms of "Acute" as a noun (2 Words)**

**acute accent** A mark (´) placed above a vowel to indicate pronunciation.

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## Acute as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Acute" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "acute" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *(of a disease or its symptoms) severe but of short duration.*
- *Of an angle; less than 90 degrees.*
- *Denoting or designed for patients with an acute form of a disease.*
- *Extremely sharp or severe.*
- *Having a sharp end; pointed.*
- *Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions.*
- *(of an angle) less than 90°.*
- *Extremely sharp or intense.*
- *Having or showing a perceptive understanding or insight; shrewd.*

- *Having or experiencing a rapid onset and short but severe course.*
- *(of a physical sense or faculty) highly developed; keen.*
- *Of critical importance and consequence.*
- *(of a sound) high; shrill.*
- *Ending in a sharp point.*
- *(of an unpleasant or unwelcome situation or phenomenon) present or experienced to a severe or intense degree.*



## Synonyms of "Acute" as an adjective (73 Words)

- acute** Sharp, pointed; needle-like.
- agile** Able to think and understand quickly.  
*An **agile** mind.*
- astute** Having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to one's advantage.  
*An **astute** tenant always reads the small print in a lease.*

<b>awful</b>	Inspired by a feeling of fearful wonderment or reverence. <i>I felt <b>awful</b> for being so angry with him.</i>
<b>bad</b>	Feeling physical discomfort or pain though is occasionally used colloquially for bad. <i>Everything in the fridge went <b>bad</b>.</i>
<b>barbed</b>	Having a barb or barbs. <i>A fair degree of <b>barbed</b> wit.</i>
<b>bright</b>	Made smooth and bright by or as if by rubbing reflecting a sheen or glow. <i>The <b>bright</b> sound of the trumpet section.</i>
<b>brilliant</b>	Clear and sharp and ringing. <i>The <b>brilliant</b> sound of the trumpets.</i>
<b>burning</b>	Of immediate import. <i>A <b>burning</b> building.</i>
<b>canny</b>	Pleasant; nice. <i><b>Canny</b> investors will switch banks if they think they are getting a raw deal.</i>
<b>clever</b>	Skilled at doing or achieving something; talented. <i>You are a <b>clever</b> man you reason well and your wit is bold.</i>
<b>cone-shaped</b>	Relating to or resembling a cone.
<b>conic</b>	Of a cone. <i><b>Conical</b> mountains.</i>
<b>conical</b>	Relating to or resembling a cone. <i><b>Conical</b> mountains.</i>
<b>consuming</b>	(of a feeling) completely filling one's mind and attention; absorbing. <i>Politics is his <b>consuming</b> passion.</i>
<b>critical</b>	Marked by a tendency to find and call attention to errors and flaws. <i>Professors often find it difficult to encourage <b>critical</b> thinking amongst their students.</i>
<b>dire</b>	Fraught with extreme danger; nearly hopeless- G.C.Marshall. <i>The concert was <b>dire</b>.</i>
<b>discerning</b>	Having or revealing keen insight and good judgment. <i>The brasserie attracts <b>discerning</b> customers.</i>
<b>discriminating</b>	Having or showing refined taste or good judgement. <i>The <b>discriminating</b> eye of the connoisseur.</i>
<b>drastic</b>	Forceful and extreme and rigorous. <i><b>Drastic</b> measures.</i>

<b>dreadful</b>	Causing or involving great suffering, fear, or unhappiness; extremely bad or serious. <i>She looked quite <b>dreadful</b> and she was struggling for breath.</i>
<b>edged</b>	Having a cutting edge or especially an edge or edges as specified; often used in combination. <i>Dried sweat left salt <b>edged</b> patches.</i>
<b>falsetto</b>	Artificially high; above the normal voice range. <i>A <b>falsetto</b> voice.</i>
<b>good</b>	Useful, advantageous, or beneficial in effect. <i>A <b>good</b> mechanic.</i>
<b>grave</b>	Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm. <i>Faced a <b>grave</b> decision in a time of crisis.</i>
<b>high</b>	Used of sounds and voices high in pitch or frequency. <i>The <b>high</b> priest.</i>
<b>incisive</b>	Suitable for cutting or piercing. <i>She was an <b>incisive</b> critic.</i>
<b>ingenious</b>	Showing inventiveness and skill. <i>An <b>ingenious</b> solution to the problem.</i>
<b>insightful</b>	Exhibiting insight or clear and deep perception-R.C.Angell. <i>Thank you for all the <b>insightful</b> comments.</i>
<b>intelligent</b>	Endowed with the capacity to reason. <i>An <b>intelligent</b> question.</i>
<b>intense</b>	Extremely sharp or intense. <i>An <b>intense</b> young woman passionate about her art.</i>
<b>intuitive</b>	(chiefly of computer software) easy to use and understand. <i>His <b>intuitive</b> understanding of the readers real needs.</i>
<b>jagged</b>	Having a sharply uneven surface or outline. <i>The <b>jagged</b> outline of the crags.</i>
<b>judicious</b>	Having, showing, or done with good judgement or sense. <i><b>Judicious</b> use of one's money.</i>
<b>keen</b>	(of a sense) highly developed. <i>Bob makes it obvious he's <b>keen</b> on her.</i>
<b>knifelike</b>	Cutting or able to cut as if with a knife. <i>A narrow <b>knifelike</b> profile.</i>
<b>needlelike</b>	Ending in a sharp point.
<b>nimble</b>	(of the mind) able to think and understand quickly. <i><b>Nimble</b> wits.</i>

<b>penetrating</b>	(of a sound) clearly heard through or above other sounds. <i>The students asked some <b>penetrating</b> questions.</i>
<b>penetrative</b>	Able to make a way into or through something. <i>Frequent <b>penetrative</b> observations.</i>
<b>perceptive</b>	Having or showing sensitive insight. <i>An extraordinarily <b>perceptive</b> account of their relationship.</i>
<b>perspicacious</b>	Acutely insightful and wise. <i>It offers quite a few facts to the <b>perspicacious</b> reporter.</i>
<b>piercing</b>	Painful as if caused by a sharp instrument. <i>She let out a <b>piercing</b> scream.</i>
<b>piping</b>	High-pitched. <i>The <b>piping</b> voice of a little girl.</i>
<b>profound</b>	Coming from deep within one. <i>Expressing <b>profound</b> truths in simple language.</i>
<b>quick</b>	Moving quickly and lightly. <i>Was <b>quick</b> to make friends.</i>
<b>quick-witted</b>	Mentally nimble and resourceful.
<b>racking</b>	Causing great physical or mental suffering.
<b>razor-sharp</b>	Very clearly delineated.
<b>sagacious</b>	Having or showing keen mental discernment and good judgement; wise or shrewd. <i>An astute and <b>sagacious</b> statesman.</i>
<b>searing</b>	Severely critical. <i>A <b>searing</b> indictment of the government's performance.</i>
<b>sensitive</b>	(of a market) unstable and liable to quick changes of price because of outside influences. <i>A <b>sensitive</b> voltmeter.</i>
<b>serious</b>	Significant or worrying because of possible danger or risk; not slight or negligible. <i>Marriage is a <b>serious</b> matter.</i>
<b>severe</b>	Severely simple. <i>The charges would have warranted a <b>severe</b> sentence.</i>
<b>sharp</b>	Ending in a sharp point. <i>Keep tools <b>sharp</b>.</i>
<b>sharp-cornered</b>	Having sharp corners.
<b>shooting</b>	(of a pain) sudden and piercing. <i>I often feel a <b>shooting</b> pain at the end of my left arm.</i>

<b>shrewd</b>	Mischievous; malicious. <i>A <b>shrewd</b> career move.</i>
<b>shrill</b>	Of colors that are bright and gaudy. <i><b>Shrill</b> criticism.</i>
<b>smart</b>	(of an object) bright and fresh in appearance. <i>A <b>smart</b> blue skirt.</i>
<b>soprano</b>	Having or denoting a high range. <i><b>Soprano</b> sax.</i>
<b>spearlike</b>	Long and narrow with a sharp pointed end. <i>Long <b>spearlike</b> leaves.</i>
<b>spiked</b>	Having a long sharp point.
<b>spiky</b>	Having or as if having especially high-pitched spots. <i>His hair was dark and <b>spiky</b>.</i>
<b>stabbing</b>	(of a pain or sensation) sharp and sudden. <i>A <b>stabbing</b> remark.</i>
<b>subtle</b>	Arranged in an ingenious and elaborate way. <i>The <b>subtle</b> fiend dissembled.</i>
<b>tapered</b>	Becoming gradually narrower. <i>Trousers with <b>tapered</b> legs.</i>
<b>tapering</b>	Gradually decreasing until little remains. <i>The five <b>tapering</b> fingers of her hand.</i>
<b>terrible</b>	Causing or likely to cause terror; sinister. <i>What a <b>terrible</b> mess.</i>
<b>treble</b>	Three times as great or many. <i>The boy still had a fine <b>treble</b> voice.</i>
<b>v-shaped</b>	Shaped in the form of the letter V.
<b>wedge-shaped</b>	Narrowly triangular, wider at the apex and tapering toward the base.
<b>wise</b>	Sensible or prudent. <i>She seems kind and <b>wise</b>.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Acute" as an adjective

- *An acute observer of politics and politicians.*
- *Acute appendicitis.*
- *The problem is acute and getting worse.*
- *Acute pain.*
- *An acute (or critical) lack of research funds.*
- *An acute sense of smell.*
- *The acute phase of the illness.*
- *An acute ward.*
- *Felt acute annoyance.*
- *An acute awareness of changing fashions.*
- *An acute housing shortage.*
- *Acute patients.*



## Associations of "Acute" (30 Words)

<b>acerbic</b>	Sour or bitter in taste. <i>His <b>acerbic</b> wit.</i>
<b>acrid</b>	Harsh or corrosive in tone. <i>An <b>acrid</b> smell.</i>
<b>acuity</b>	A quick and penetrating intelligence. <i>Intellectual <b>acuity</b>.</i>
<b>acutely</b>	In an acute manner. <i><b>Acutely</b> aware.</i>
<b>biting</b>	Causing a sharply painful or stinging sensation; used especially of cold. <i>A cream to ward off <b>biting</b> insects.</i>
<b>discriminating</b>	Having or showing refined taste or good judgement. <i>He became a <b>discriminating</b> collector and patron of the arts.</i>

<b>extreme</b>	The highest or most extreme degree of something. <i>An <b>extreme</b> conservative.</i>
<b>fang</b>	Canine tooth of a carnivorous animal; used to seize and tear its prey. <i>The dog was bounding towards him its <b>fangs</b> bared.</i>
<b>frenzied</b>	Affected with or marked by frenzy or mania uncontrolled by reason- H.W.Carter. <i>A <b>frenzied</b> attack.</i>
<b>incisive</b>	Suitable for cutting or piercing. <i>The songs offer <b>incisive</b> pictures of American ways.</i>
<b>intense</b>	Extremely sharp or intense. <i><b>Intense</b> itching and burning.</i>
<b>keen</b>	Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions. <i>Bob makes it obvious he s <b>keen</b> on her.</i>
<b>keenness</b>	A quick and penetrating intelligence. <i>I admired the <b>keenness</b> of his mind.</i>
<b>manic</b>	Frantically busy; hectic. <i>Outbursts of drunken violence and <b>manic</b> activity and creativity.</i>
<b>penetrating</b>	(of a person's eyes or expression) reflecting an apparent ability to see into another's mind; intense. <i><b>Penetrating</b> insight.</i>
<b>perceptive</b>	Having the ability to perceive or understand; keen in discernment. <i>A <b>perceptive</b> observation.</i>
<b>piercing</b>	(of a feeling) intense, typically in a distressing way. <i><b>Piercing</b> knifelike pains.</i>
<b>piquant</b>	Attracting or delighting. <i>A <b>piquant</b> tartare sauce.</i>
<b>pointed</b>	Having a sharpened or tapered tip or end. <i>A <b>pointed</b> critique.</i>
<b>pungent</b>	Having a sharply strong taste or smell. <i>The <b>pungent</b> taste of radishes.</i>
<b>scalpel</b>	A thin straight surgical knife used in dissection and surgery.
<b>scissors</b>	Denoting an action in which two things cross each other or open and close like the blades of a pair of scissors. <i>A dummy <b>scissors</b> from David Thomas deceived the opposition.</i>
<b>severe</b>	Severely simple. <i>The house suffered <b>severe</b> damage.</i>

**sharp**

Of a key having a sharp or sharps in the signature.  
*They were greeted by a young man in a **sharp** suit.*

**sharply**

In a well delineated manner.  
*Housing values have risen **sharply**.*

**shrewd**

Used of persons.  
*He was too **shrewd** to go along with them on a road that could lead only to their overthrow.*

**shrill**

Make a shrill noise.  
*A **shrill** gaiety.*

**sickle**

A short-handled farming tool with a semicircular blade, used for cutting corn, lopping, or trimming.

**thorny**

Bristling with perplexities.  
*Tangled **thorny** branches.*

**ultimate**

A final or fundamental fact or principle.  
*The **ultimate** constituents of anything that exists are atoms.*

