

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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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. <i>An agile mind.</i>
astute	Having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to one's advantage. <i>An astute tenant always reads the small print in a lease.</i>

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

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

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

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

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

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

