

Need another word that means the same as “discernment”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “discernment” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Discernment” are: perceptiveness, discretion, appreciation, taste, judgement, judgment, sagaciousness, sagacity, apprehension, savvy, understanding, discrimination, refinement, cultivation, sophistication, enlightenment, sensitivity, subtlety

Discernment as a Noun

Definitions of "Discernment" as a noun

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

- *The cognitive condition of someone who understands.*
- *Perception of that which is obscure.*
- *Delicate discrimination (especially of aesthetic values).*
- *The mental ability to understand and discriminate between relations.*
- *The trait of judging wisely and objectively.*
- *The ability to judge well.*



Synonyms of "Discernment" as a noun (18 Words)

- appreciation** A full understanding of a situation.
*They would be the first to show their **appreciation**.*
- apprehension** Anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen.
*His first **apprehension** of such large issues.*
- cultivation** The process of trying to acquire or develop a quality or skill.
*A man of **cultivation** and taste.*
- discretion** The freedom to decide what should be done in a particular situation.
*Local authorities should use their **discretion** in setting the charges.*
- discrimination** Unfair treatment of a person or group on the basis of prejudice.
*There is widespread **discrimination** against women.*
- enlightenment** The action of enlightening or the state of being enlightened.
*The key to **enlightenment** is the way of the Buddha.*

judgement	The determination by a court of competent jurisdiction on matters submitted to it. <i>An error of judgement.</i>
judgment	The cognitive process of reaching a decision or drawing conclusions. <i>He was reluctant to make his judgment known.</i>
perceptiveness	Perception of that which is obscure.
refinement	A highly developed state of perfection; having a flawless or impeccable quality. <i>The refinement of Hellenistic art.</i>
sagaciousness	The mental ability to understand and discriminate between relations.
sagacity	The trait of forming opinions by distinguishing and evaluating. <i>A man of great political sagacity.</i>
savvy	The cognitive condition of someone who understands. <i>The corporate finance bankers lacked the necessary political savvy.</i>
sensitivity	Sensitivity to emotional feelings of self and others. <i>A galvanometer of extreme sensitivity.</i>
sophistication	The quality or character of being intellectually sophisticated and worldly through cultivation or experience or disillusionment. <i>Understanding affine transformations requires considerable mathematical sophistication.</i>
subtlety	The quality or state of being subtle. <i>The textural subtlety of Degas.</i>
taste	A kind of sensing distinguishing substances by means of the taste buds. <i>Have you lost your taste for fancy restaurants.</i>
understanding	The power of abstract thought; intellect. <i>He wrote with understanding and affection of the people of Dent.</i>



Usage Examples of "Discernment" as a noun

- *An astonishing lack of discernment.*
- *A man of discernment.*



Associations of "Discernment" (30 Words)

- astigmatism** (optics) defect in an optical system in which light rays from a single point fail to converge in a single focal point.
- careful** Exercising caution or showing care or attention.
Careful with money.
- choice** (especially of food) of very good quality.
*My only **choice** is to refuse.*
- circumspection** The quality of being wary and unwilling to take risks; prudence.
***Circumspection** is required in the day to day exercise of administrative powers.*
- considerateness** Kind and considerate regard for others.
- consideration** The process of giving careful thought to something.
*He showed no **consideration** for her feelings.*

discerning	Able to make or detect effects of great subtlety; sensitive. <i>A discerning critic.</i>
discretion	Refined taste; tact. <i>Honorary fellowships may be awarded at the discretion of the council.</i>
extrasensory	Seemingly outside normal sensory channels.
hyperopia	Abnormal condition in which vision for distant objects is better than for near objects.
insight	A feeling of understanding. <i>His work provides important insights into language use.</i>
insightful	Having or showing an accurate and deep understanding; perceptive. <i>I don't have anything insightful to say about that.</i>
intellect	Knowledge and intellectual ability. <i>He has a keen intellect.</i>
judgment	The capacity to assess situations or circumstances shrewdly and to draw sound conclusions. <i>They criticized my judgment of the contestants.</i>
perceptive	Having the ability to perceive or understand; keen in discernment. <i>A perceptive eye.</i>
percipient	Characterized by ease and quickness in perceiving. <i>A percipient author.</i>
perspicacity	Intelligence manifested by being astute (as in business dealings). <i>The perspicacity of her remarks.</i>
prudence	Knowing how to avoid embarrassment or distress. <i>We need to exercise prudence in such important matters.</i>
rakish	Marked by a carefree unconventionality or disreputableness. <i>He had a rakish debonair look.</i>
sagacious	Skillful in statecraft or management. <i>An astute and sagacious statesman.</i>
sagacity	The quality of being sagacious. <i>A man of great political sagacity.</i>
savvy	Well informed about or experienced in a particular domain. <i>Bob is a savvy veteran who knows all the tricks.</i>
seeing	The action of seeing someone or something. <i>He had given the seeing as fair.</i>
shortsightedness	(ophthalmology) eyesight abnormality resulting from the eye's faulty refractive ability; distant objects appear blurred.

shrewdness	A group of apes. <i>He is a man of some tactical shrewdness.</i>
sightless	Lacking sight. <i>Blank sightless eyes.</i>
thoughtfulness	The state of being absorbed in thought. <i>The question will be approached with thoughtfulness.</i>
understanding	Characterized by understanding based on comprehension and discernment and empathy. <i>A kind and understanding man.</i>
vision	The images seen on a television screen. <i>He had a vision of his own death.</i>
wisdom	An Apocryphal book consisting mainly of a meditation on wisdom although ascribed to Solomon it was probably written in the first century BC. <i>Some questioned the wisdom of building the dam so close to an active volcano.</i>

