

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.*

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

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

<b>shrewdness</b>	A group of apes. <i>He is a man of some tactical <b>shrewdness</b>.</i>
<b>sightless</b>	Lacking sight. <i>Blank <b>sightless</b> eyes.</i>
<b>thoughtfulness</b>	The state of being absorbed in thought. <i>The question will be approached with <b>thoughtfulness</b>.</i>
<b>understanding</b>	Characterized by understanding based on comprehension and discernment and empathy. <i>A kind and <b>understanding</b> man.</i>
<b>vision</b>	The images seen on a television screen. <i>He had a <b>vision</b> of his own death.</i>
<b>wisdom</b>	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 <b>wisdom</b> of building the dam so close to an active volcano.</i>

