

Need another word that means the same as “discriminating”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “discriminating” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Discriminating” are: acute, incisive, keen, knifelike, penetrating, penetrative, piercing, sharp, discerning, perceptive, astute, shrewd, judicious, perspicacious, insightful**

## **Discriminating as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Discriminating" as an adjective**

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

- *Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions.*
- *Having or showing refined taste or good judgement.*
- *Showing or indicating careful judgment and discernment especially in matters of taste.*



## Synonyms of "Discriminating" as an adjective (15 Words)

### **acute**

Denoting or designed for patients with an acute form of a disease.  
*Acute* appendicitis.

<b>astute</b>	Having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to one's advantage. <i>An <b>astute</b> businessman.</i>
<b>discerning</b>	Quick to understand. <i>The brasserie attracts <b>discerning</b> customers.</i>
<b>incisive</b>	Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions. <i>The most <b>incisive</b> move of a tight match.</i>
<b>insightful</b>	Exhibiting insight or clear and deep perception. <i>I don't have anything <b>insightful</b> to say about that.</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 smell, light, or sound) penetrating; clear. <i>A <b>keen</b> gardener.</i>
<b>knifelike</b>	Cutting or able to cut as if with a knife. <i>Icy <b>knifelike</b> reasoning.</i>
<b>penetrating</b>	Having or showing clear insight. <i>A cold <b>penetrating</b> wind.</i>
<b>penetrative</b>	Tending to penetrate; having the power of entering or piercing. <i>A thorough and <b>penetrative</b> survey.</i>
<b>perceptive</b>	Having the ability to perceive or understand; keen in discernment. <i>A <b>perceptive</b> eye.</i>
<b>perspicacious</b>	Acutely insightful and wise. <i>Much too <b>perspicacious</b> to be taken in by so spurious an argument.</i>
<b>piercing</b>	(of a sound) extremely high or loud. <i><b>Piercing</b> cold.</i>
<b>sharp</b>	Keenly and painfully felt as if caused by a sharp edge or point. <i>He heard her <b>sharp</b> intake of breath.</i>
<b>shrewd</b>	Marked by practical hardheaded intelligence. <i>A bayonet's <b>shrewd</b> thrust.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Discriminating" as an adjective

- *The discriminating eye of the connoisseur.*
- *He became a discriminating collector and patron of the arts.*



## Associations of "Discriminating" (30 Words)

### **acuity**

Sharpness of vision; the visual ability to resolve fine detail (usually measured by a Snellen chart).

*Intellectual **acuity**.*

### **acute**

Denoting or designed for patients with an acute form of a disease.

*An **acute** or critical lack of research funds.*

### **appreciative**

Feeling or showing gratitude or pleasure.

*An **appreciative** laugh from the audience.*

### **biting**

(of wind or cold) so cold as to be painful.

*A cream to ward off **biting** insects.*

### **canny**

Having or showing shrewdness and good judgement, especially in money or business matters.

*She s a **canny** lass.*

<b>clairvoyant</b>	Someone who has the power of clairvoyance. <i>She has had a message from a <b>clairvoyant</b> that her son is alive and well.</i>
<b>diacritical</b>	Capable of distinguishing.
<b>discerning</b>	Quick to understand- Nathaniel Hawthorne. <i>The brasserie attracts <b>discerning</b> customers.</i>
<b>grateful</b>	Feeling or showing gratitude. <i><b>Grateful</b> for the tree s shade.</i>
<b>incisive</b>	Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions. <i><b>Incisive</b> teeth.</i>
<b><u>indebted</u></b>	Owing gratitude for a service or favour. <i>Heavily <b>indebted</b> countries.</i>
<b>insight</b>	An accurate and deep understanding. <i>His mind soared to previously unattainable heights of <b>insight</b>.</i>
<b>insightful</b>	Exhibiting insight or clear and deep perception. <i>Thank you for all the <b>insightful</b> comments.</i>
<b>intelligent</b>	(of a computer terminal) incorporating a microprocessor and having its own processing capability. <i>An <b>intelligent</b> guess.</i>
<b>judgment</b>	The cognitive process of reaching a decision or drawing conclusions. <i>They criticized my <b>judgment</b> of the contestants.</i>
<b>keen</b>	Excellent. <i>A <b>keen</b> blade.</i>
<b>observant</b>	A member of a branch of the Franciscan order that followed a strict rule. <i>An <b>observant</b> Jew.</i>
<b>penetrating</b>	Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions. <i><b>Penetrating</b> insight.</i>
<b>perceptive</b>	Of or relating to perception. <i>A <b>perceptive</b> observation.</i>
<b>percipient</b>	Having good insight or understanding; perceptive. <i>He is a <b>percipient</b> interpreter of the public mood.</i>
<b>perspicacious</b>	Having a ready insight into and understanding of things. <i>Much too <b>perspicacious</b> to be taken in by such a spurious argument.</i>
<b><u>piercing</u></b>	Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions. <i><b>Piercing</b> criticism.</i>
<b><u>prescient</u></b>	Perceiving the significance of events before they occur-R.H.Rovere. <i>Extraordinarily <b>prescient</b> memoranda on the probable course of postwar relations.</i>

<b>sagacious</b>	Skillful in statecraft or management. <i>An astute and <b>sagacious</b> statesman.</i>
<b>sapient</b>	Wise, or attempting to appear wise. <i><b>Sapient</b> life forms.</i>
<b>savvy</b>	Well informed about or experienced in a particular domain. <i>Charley would <b>savvy</b> what to do.</i>
<b>sharp</b>	Keenly and painfully felt as if caused by a sharp edge or point. <i>Turn <b>sharp</b> right at the corner.</i>
<b>shrill</b>	Utter a shrill cry. <i>A <b>shrill</b> gaiety.</i>
<b>tactful</b>	Showing skill and sensitivity in dealing with people. <i>They need a <b>tactful</b> word of advice.</i>
<b>understanding</b>	Characterized by understanding based on comprehension and discernment and empathy. <i>He and I have an <b>understanding</b>.</i>

