

Need another word that means the same as "piercing"? Find 72 synonyms and 30 related words for "piercing" in this overview.

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Piercing as an Adjective

Definitions of "Piercing" as an adjective

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, "piercing" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- Having or showing shrewdness or keen intelligence.
- (of a sound) extremely high or loud.
- (of wind or extreme cold) seeming to cut through one.
- (of a feeling) intense, typically in a distressing way.
- Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions.
- Painful as if caused by a sharp instrument.





Synonyms of "Piercing" as an adjective (72 Words)

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

The problem is **acute** and getting worse.

agonizing Extremely painful.

There is an **agonizing** choice to make.

Able to think clearly; intellectually active.

Constantly **alert** and vigilant like a sentinel on duty.

of or relating to the Arctic.

An **arctic** climate.

astute Marked by practical hardheaded intelligence.

An **astute** tenant always reads the small print in a lease.

(of insects and certain other animals) able to wound the skin with a sting

biting or fangs.

He leant forward to protect himself against the **biting** wind.

bitter Causing a sharply painful or stinging sensation; used especially of cold.

I don t feel jealous or **bitter**.

chill Chilly.

In general I am a pretty **chill** guy.



chilling Horrifying or frightening.

A **chilling** account of the prisoners fate.

clear Clear and distinct to the senses easily perceptible.

I have **clear** title to this property.

clever Sensible; well advised.

She was an extremely **clever** and studious young woman.

cutting Capable of cutting something.

A cutting wind.

deep Relatively deep or strong affecting one deeply.

A **deep** pink.

discerning Having or showing good judgement.

A **discerning** eye for color.

Showing or indicating careful judgment and discernment especially in

discriminating matters of taste.

The **discriminating** eye of the connoisseur.

Extremely painful.

excruciating Excruciating back pain.

extreme (of a person or their opinions) far from moderate, especially politically.

Extreme opinions.

Showing a heartfelt and powerful intensity.

The fire door had a **fierce** pneumatic return.

Below 0°C.

freezingHe was **freezing** and miserable.

frigid Unable to be sexually aroused (typically used of a woman.

The air was **frigid** and spectators shivered against the cold.

frosty Covered with frost.

The dog crouched in the **frosty** grass.

glacial Very cold; icy.

Glacial winds.

harsh

Extremely painful.

harrowing

It was a harrowing experience.

(of a climate or conditions) difficult to survive in; hostile.

A **harsh** penalty.

high-pitched Set at a sharp or high angle or slant.

incisive Suitable for cutting or piercing.

Incisive Incisive teeth.



inquisitive Unduly curious about the affairs of others; prying.

I didn t like to seem inquisitive.

insightful Having or showing an accurate and deep understanding; perceptive.

An **insightful** parent.

insufferable Having or showing unbearable arrogance or conceit.

The heat would be **insufferable** by July.

intelligent Having or showing intelligence, especially of a high level.

An **intelligent** guess.

intense Extremely sharp or intense.

Intense emotion.

intent Attentively occupied with.

The government was **intent** on achieving greater efficiency.

Painful as if caused by a sharp instrument.

keen Her keen intellect.

knifelike Having a sharp or distinct edge.

Knifelike cold.

lancinate Painful as if caused by a sharp instrument.

lancinating Painful as if caused by a sharp instrument.

Lancinating Lancinating pain.

loud Used chiefly as a direction or description in music loud with force.

Loud trombones.

So frightened as to be unable to move; stunned or paralyzed with terror;

numbing petrified.

The **numbing** effect of alcohol.

observant (of individuals) adhering strictly to laws and rules and customs.

Observant of the speed limit.

(of a person's eyes or expression) reflecting an apparent ability to see into

penetrating another's mind; intense.

The problem of **penetrating** damp.

penetrative Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions.

The gunpowder weapons have extra **penetrative** power.

Of or relating to perception.

perceptiveAn extraordinarily **perceptive** account of their relationship.

percipient Characterized by ease and quickness in perceiving.

A **percipient** author.

perspicacious Mentally acute or penetratingly discerning.

Much too **perspicacious** to be taken in by such a spurious argument.



probingDiligent and thorough in inquiry or investigation.

She asks some **probing** questions.

profound (of a subject or idea) demanding deep study or thought.

Profound crevasses.

quick Moving quickly and lightly.

A **quick** mind.

quick-witted Mentally nimble and resourceful.

racking Causing great physical or mental suffering.

raw (of the edge of a piece of cloth) not having a hem or selvedge.

Raw recruits.

ready In need of or having a desire for.

He was **ready** to believe her.

searching Thoroughly scrutinizing, especially in a disconcerting way.

A **searching** investigation of their past dealings.

searing Extremely hot or intense.

The **searing** heat of the sun.

Kept secret or with restrictions on disclosure to avoid endangering

sensitive security.

A **sensitive** voltmeter.

Severe Severely simple.

She wore another **severe** suit grey this time.

sharpKeenly and painfully felt as if caused by a sharp edge or point.

There was a sharp erect of thursday.

There was a **sharp** crack of thunder.

shattering Very shocking or upsetting.

He found it a **shattering** experience.

shooting (of a pain) sudden and piercing.

Shooting beams of light played over the sea.

shrewd Mischievous; malicious.

A bayonet s **shrewd** thrust.

shrill Having or emitting a high-pitched and sharp tone or tones.

A **shrill** gaiety.

smart Improperly forward or bold.

He set off at a **smart** pace.

stabbing (of a pain or sensation) sharp and sudden.

A **stabbing** remark.

stinging Having a sting; capable of wounding or piercing with a sting.

A swarm of **stinging** insects.



strident Conspicuously and offensively loud; given to vehement outcry.

Public pronouncements on the crisis became less **strident**.

strong Strong and sure.

Strong lager.

subtle Crafty; cunning. **Subtle** lighting.

thoughtful Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention.

A **thoughtful** paper.

torturous Extremely painful.

A **torturous** five days of fitness training.

trenchant Vigorous or incisive in expression or style.

A **trenchant** argument.

unbearableNot able to be endured or tolerated.

The heat was getting unbearable.

The heat was getting **unbearable**.

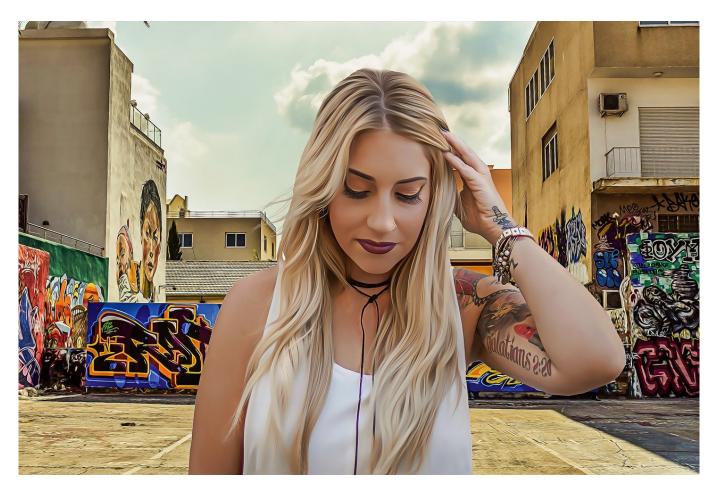
unendurable Not able to be tolerated or endured.

Cries of unendurable suffering.

wintry Characteristic of or occurring in winter.

Suffered severe wintry weather.

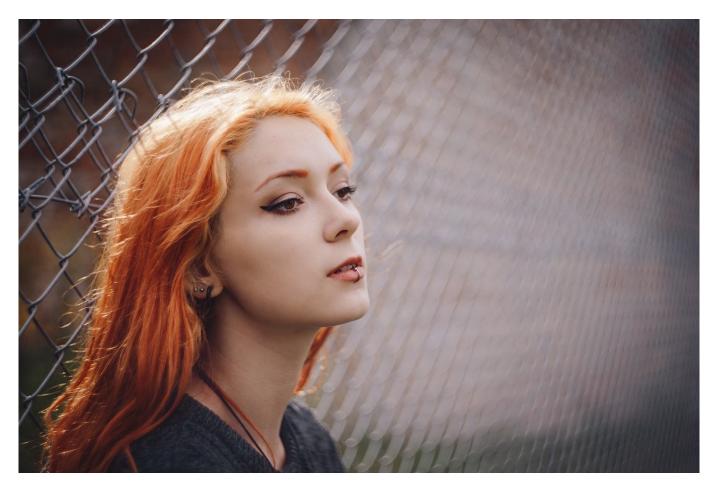




Usage Examples of "Piercing" as an adjective

- Piercing knifelike pains.
- Her piercing analysis.
- Piercing criticism.
- Piercing cold.
- The piercing cold of winter.
- ullet I recall one moment of piercing sadness.
- A tall blonde with piercing eyes.
- She let out a piercing scream.





Associations of "Piercing" (30 Words)

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

An acute observer of politics and politicians.

In an acute manner.

acutely

He was acutely insightful.

appreciative Feeling or showing gratitude or pleasure.

An **appreciative** laugh from the audience.

bethink Cause oneself to consider something.

He bethought himself of the verse from the Book of Proverbs.

biting (of wit or criticism) harsh or cruel.

A biting aphorism.

diacritical Capable of distinguishing.

discerning Quick to understand.

A **discerning** eye for color.



Showing or indicating careful judgment and discernment especially in

<u>discriminating</u> matters of taste.

The **discriminating** eye of the connoisseur.

incisive (of an account) accurate and sharply focused.

The songs offer **incisive** pictures of American ways.

Cause (a liquid) to enter by penetrating the interstices.

Virtually no water **infiltrate**s deserts such as the Sahara.

insightful Having or showing an accurate and deep understanding; perceptive.

An **insightful** parent.

keenness Thinness of edge or fineness of point.

He has expressed his **keenness** to retain his job.

penetrating Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions.

A **penetrating** odor.

perceptive Of or relating to perception.

A **perceptive** observation.

perforate Perforated.

Perforate the sheets of paper.

permeate Spread or diffuse through.

An atmosphere of distrust has **permeate**d this administration.

(especially of a smell) spread through and be perceived in every part of.

A smell of stale cabbage **pervade**d the air.

. Make a hole into.

pierceThe scream **pierce**d the night.

(of a remark or look) expressing criticism in a direct and unambiguous

way.

Pointed Pointed comments were made about racial discrimination within the

armv.

pungent Having a sharply strong taste or smell.

The **pungent** smell of frying onions.

Sharp

A thing with a sharp edge such as a blade or a fragment of glass.

Fresh goats milk cheese has a slightly **sharp**er flavour than fromage frais.

(especially of weather) piercingly cold.

shrewd (especially of weather) pierchighy co

A **shrewd** east wind.

shrill A shrill sound or cry.

A concession to their **shrill** demands.

sickle A short-handled farming tool with a semicircular blade, used for cutting

corn, lopping, or trimming.



spinous Having spines.

The dorsal fin is **spinous**.

spiny Full of or covered with prickles.

y A **spiny** problem.

thorny

Bristling with perplexities.

Tangled thorny branches

Tangled thorny branches.

trident A three-pronged spear, especially as an attribute of Poseidon (Neptune) or

Britannia.

Characterized by understanding based on comprehension and

understanding discernment and empathy.

People expect their doctor to be **understanding**.



