

Need another word that means the same as “sharp”? Find 128 synonyms and 30 related words for “sharp” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Sharp” are: crisp, astute, shrewd, abrupt, precipitous, shrill, acute, discriminating, incisive, keen, knifelike, penetrating, penetrative, piercing, sharp-worded, tart, acuate, needlelike, razor-sharp, pointed, tapering, tapered, spiky, excruciating, agonizing, intense, violent, stabbing, shooting, stinging, severe, fierce, searing, tangy, piquant, strong, acrid, burning, pungent, loud, high-pitched, high, harsh, strident, bitter, hard, cutting, scathing, caustic, biting, barbed, trenchant, mordant, acrimonious, acerbic, acid, sarcastic, sardonic, ill-tempered, spiteful, venomous, malicious, vitriolic, vicious, hurtful, nasty, unkind, cruel, wounding, abusive, heartfelt, very great, overpowering, distinct, clear-cut, clear, well defined, well focused, sudden, rapid, tight, angular, perceptive, observant, sharp-sighted, beady, discerning, percipient, perspicacious, sensitive, quick, quick-witted, clever, intelligent, intuitive, bright, agile, nimble, alert, quick off the mark, ready, apt, fine, probing, searching, insightful, knowing, canny, smart, stylish, fashionable, chic, modish, elegant, spruce, acutely, sharply, precisely, exactly, abruptly, suddenly, all of a sudden, unexpectedly, swindle, defraud, cheat, fleece, exploit**

# Sharp as a Verb

## Definitions of "Sharp" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "sharp" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Cheat or swindle (someone), especially at cards.*
- *Raise the pitch of (a note) by a semitone.*



## Synonyms of "Sharp" as a verb (5 Words)

- cheat** Be sexually unfaithful.  
*I wish someone had told me my partner was **cheating** on me.*
- defraud** Illegally obtain money from (someone) by deception.  
*She **defrauded** the customers who trusted her.*
- exploit** Use or manipulate to one's advantage.  
*These workers are at particular risk of being **exploited** in the workplace.*
- fleece** Cover as if with a fleece.  
*The sky was half blue half **fleeced** with white clouds.*
- swindle** Obtain (money) fraudulently.  
*He **swindled** me out of my inheritance.*



## Usage Examples of "Sharp" as a verb

- *The fellow is drunk, let's sharp him.*
- *If you raise a note by one fret, you have sharped the note.*





## Sharp as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Sharp" as an adjective

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

- *Extremely steep.*
- *Very sudden and in great amount or degree.*
- *Marked by practical hardheaded intelligence.*
- *(of words or a speaker) critical or hurtful.*
- *Quick and forceful.*
- *Ending in a sharp point.*
- *Raised in pitch by one chromatic semitone.*
- *(of an object) having an edge or point that is able to cut or pierce something.*
- *Quick to take advantage, especially in an unscrupulous or dishonest way.*

- *Clearly defined.*
- *Tapering to a point or edge.*
- *(of a food, taste, or smell) acidic and intense.*
- *Having or showing speed of perception, comprehension, or response.*
- *Harsh.*
- *Having or made by a thin edge or sharp point; suitable for cutting or piercing.*
- *(of a key) having a sharp or sharps in the signature.*
- *(of an emotion or experience) felt acutely or intensely; painful.*
- *(of a note) a semitone higher than a specified note.*
- *(of an action or change) sudden and marked.*
- *(of clothes or their wearer) smart and stylish.*
- *(of musical sound) above true or normal pitch.*
- *(of a musical note) raised in pitch by one chromatic semitone.*
- *Distinct in outline or detail; clearly defined.*
- *Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions.*
- *(of sand or gravel) composed of angular grains.*
- *(of a bend, angle, or turn) making a sudden change of direction.*
- *Producing a sudden, piercing physical sensation or effect.*
- *(of something seen or heard) clearly defined.*
- *Having or emitting a high-pitched and sharp tone or tones.*
- *Keenly and painfully felt; as if caused by a sharp edge or point.*
- *(of a sound) sudden and penetrating.*





## Synonyms of "Sharp" as an adjective (115 Words)

### abrupt

Surprisingly and unceremoniously brusque in manner.  
*An **abrupt** reply.*

### abusive

Engaging in or characterized by habitual violence and cruelty.  
***Abusive** punishment.*

### acerbic

(especially of a comment or style of speaking) sharp and forthright.  
*An **acerbic** tone piercing otherwise flowery prose.*

### acid

Having the characteristics of an acid.  
*She was stung into **acid** defiance.*

### acrid

Strong and sharp.  
*Her **acrid** remarks make her many enemies.*

### acrimonious

(typically of speech or discussion) angry and bitter.  
*An **acrimonious** dispute about wages.*

### acuate

Ending in a sharp point.

### acute

Denoting or designed for patients with an acute form of a disease.  
*An **acute** housing shortage.*

### agile

Moving quickly and lightly.  
*An **agile** mind.*

<b><u>agonizing</u></b>	Extremely painful. <i>An <b>agonizing</b> death.</i>
<b>alert</b>	Quick to notice any unusual and potentially dangerous or difficult circumstances; vigilant. <i>Caught by a couple of <b>alert</b> cops.</i>
<b>angular</b>	Having angles or an angular shape. <i><b>Angular</b> chairs.</i>
<b><u>apt</u></b>	Quick to learn. <i>He is <b>apt</b> to ignore matters he considers unimportant.</i>
<b>astute</b>	Marked by practical hardheaded intelligence. <i>An <b>astute</b> businessman.</i>
<b>barbed</b>	Having or covered with protective barbs or quills or spines or thorns or setae etc. <i>A fair degree of <b>barbed</b> wit.</i>
<b><u>beady</u></b>	Small and round and shiny like a shiny bead or button. <i>A <b>beady</b> eyed observer.</i>
<b>biting</b>	(of wit or criticism) harsh or cruel. <i>He leant forward to protect himself against the <b>biting</b> wind.</i>
<b><u>bitter</u></b>	Marked by strong resentment or cynicism. <i><b>Bitter</b> about the divorce.</i>
<b><u>bright</u></b>	Not made dim or less bright. <i>The <b>bright</b> stars of stage and screen.</i>
<b><u>burning</u></b>	On fire. <i>The <b>burning</b> question of independence.</i>
<b>canny</b>	Pleasant; nice. <i>She s a <b>canny</b> lass.</i>
<b><u>caustic</u></b>	Sarcastic in a scathing and bitter way. <i><b>Caustic</b> jokes about political assassination talk show hosts and medical ethics.</i>
<b><u>chic</u></b>	Elegantly and stylishly fashionable. <i>She looked every inch the <b>chic</b> Frenchwoman.</i>
<b><u>clear</u></b>	Clear and distinct to the senses easily perceptible. <i><b>Clear</b> glass.</i>
<b>clear-cut</b>	Clear and distinct to the senses; easily perceptible.
<b>clever</b>	Quick to understand, learn, and devise or apply ideas; intelligent. <i>Too <b>clever</b> to be sound.</i>



<b>crisp</b>	(of a fruit or vegetable) firm and juicy. A <b>crisp</b> lettuce.
<b>cruel</b>	Causing pain or suffering. People who are <b>cruel</b> to animals.
<b>cutting</b>	Capable of cutting something. A <b>cutting</b> remark.
<b>discerning</b>	Having or revealing keen insight and good judgment. A <b>discerning</b> reader.
<b><u>discriminating</u></b>	Showing or indicating careful judgment and discernment especially in matters of taste. The <b>discriminating</b> eye of the connoisseur.
<b>distinct</b>	Recognizable; marked. A <b>distinct</b> flavor.
<b>elegant</b>	Suggesting taste, ease, and wealth. An <b>elegant</b> comfortable house.
<b><u>excruciating</u></b>	Extremely painful. <b>Excruciating</b> back pain.
<b><u>fashionable</u></b>	Popular and considered appealing or fashionable at the time. <b>Fashionable</b> clothes.
<b><u>fierce</u></b>	Having or displaying an intense or ferocious aggressiveness. The fire door had a <b>fierce</b> pneumatic return.
<b>fine</b>	Characterized by elegance or refinement or accomplishment. <b>Fine</b> flyaway hair.
<b>hard</b>	Unfortunate or hard to bear. Times were <b>hard</b> at the end of the war.
<b>harsh</b>	(of reality or a fact) grim and unpalatable. Drenched in a <b>harsh</b> white neon light.
<b>heartfelt</b>	Earnest. <b>Heartfelt</b> condolences.
<b>high</b>	Of a singer or instrument producing notes of relatively high pitch. People in <b>high</b> places.
<b>high-pitched</b>	Set at a sharp or high angle or slant.
<b>hurtful</b>	Harmful to living things. Her <b>hurtful</b> unconsidered words.
<b>ill-tempered</b>	Annoyed and irritable.

<b>incisive</b>	(of a person or mental process) intelligently analytical and clear-thinking. <i>The songs offer <b>incisive</b> pictures of American ways.</i>
<b>insightful</b>	Exhibiting insight or clear and deep perception-R.C.Angell. <i>I don t have anything <b>insightful</b> to say about that.</i>
<b>intelligent</b>	(of a device or building) able to vary its state or action in response to varying situations and past experience. <i>An <b>intelligent</b> question.</i>
<b>intense</b>	Extremely sharp or intense. <i><b>Intense</b> pain.</i>
<b>intuitive</b>	(chiefly of computer software) easy to use and understand. <i>His <b>intuitive</b> understanding of the readers real needs.</i>
<b>keen</b>	Intense or sharp. <i>We offer extremely <b>keen</b> rates.</i>
<b>knifelike</b>	Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions. <i>Piercing <b>knifelike</b> pains.</i>
<b>knowing</b>	Showing or suggesting that one has knowledge or awareness that is secret or known to only a few people. <i><b>Knowing</b> instructors.</i>
<b>loud</b>	Used chiefly as a direction or description in music loud with force. <i>There were <b>loud</b> protests from the lumber barons.</i>
<b>malicious</b>	Having the nature of or resulting from malice- Rudyard Kipling. <i>The transmission of <b>malicious</b> software such as computer viruses.</i>
<b>modish</b>	In the current fashion or style. <i>It seems sad that such a scholar should feel compelled to use this <b>modish</b> jargon.</i>
<b>mordant</b>	Harshly ironic or sinister. <i>Fun ranging from slapstick clowning to savage <b>mordant</b> wit.</i>
<b>nasty</b>	Very bad or unpleasant. <i>A <b>nasty</b> shock.</i>
<b>needlelike</b>	Ending in a sharp point.
<b>nimble</b>	Moving quickly and lightly. <i><b>Nimble</b> fingers.</i>
<b>observant</b>	Quick to notice or perceive things. <i>Her <b>observant</b> eye took in every detail.</i>
<b>overpowering</b>	Extremely strong or intense; overwhelming. <i>A feeling of <b>overpowering</b> sadness.</i>

<b>penetrating</b>	(of a person's eyes or expression) reflecting an apparent ability to see into another's mind; intense. <i>The students asked some <b>penetrating</b> questions.</i>
<b>penetrative</b>	Having or showing clear insight. <i>Frequent <b>penetrative</b> observations.</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>A <b>percipient</b> author.</i>
<b>perspicacious</b>	Having a ready insight into and understanding of things. <i>Much too <b>perspicacious</b> to be taken in by so spurious an argument.</i>
<b><u>piercing</u></b>	Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions. <i>I recall one moment of <b>piercing</b> sadness.</i>
<b>piquant</b>	Attracting or delighting. <i>A <b>piquant</b> face with large appealing eyes.</i>
<b>pointed</b>	Having a sharpened or tapered tip or end. <i>A <b>pointed</b> critique.</i>
<b>precipitous</b>	Done with very great haste and without due deliberation- Shakespeare- Arthur Geddes. <i>The track skirted a <b>precipitous</b> drop.</i>
<b>probing</b>	Inquiring closely into something; searching. <i>The surgeon s careful <b>probing</b> fingers.</i>
<b>pungent</b>	(of comment, criticism, or humour) having a sharp and caustic quality. <i><b>Pungent</b> satire.</i>
<b>quick</b>	Moving quickly and lightly. <i><b>Quick</b> of foot.</i>
<b>quick off the mark</b>	Apprehending and responding with speed and sensitivity.
<b>quick-witted</b>	Mentally nimble and resourceful.
<b><u>rapid</u></b>	(of an action) characterized by great speed. <i>They lost three wickets in <b>rapid</b> succession.</i>
<b>razor-sharp</b>	As sharp as a razor.
<b>ready</b>	Keen or quick to give. <i>Every time I rang up she was <b>ready</b> with some excuse.</i>
<b><u>sarcastic</u></b>	Expressing or expressive of ridicule that wounds. <i>Making <b>sarcastic</b> comments.</i>
<b><u>sardonic</u></b>	Grimly mocking or cynical. <i>Starkey attempted a <b>sardonic</b> smile.</i>



<b>scathing</b>	Marked by harshly abusive criticism. <i>His <b>scathing</b> remarks about silly lady novelists.</i>
<b>searching</b>	Diligent and thorough in inquiry or investigation. <i>You have to ask yourselves some <b>searching</b> questions.</i>
<b>searing</b>	Having lost all moisture. <i>A <b>searing</b> pain.</i>
<u><a href="#">sensitive</a></u>	(of a market) unstable and liable to quick changes of price because of outside influences. <i>He was suspected of passing <b>sensitive</b> information to other countries.</i>
<u><a href="#">severe</a></u>	Severely simple. <i>A <b>severe</b> worldwide depression.</i>
<b>sharp-sighted</b>	Having very keen vision.
<b>sharp-worded</b>	Harsh.
<b>shooting</b>	Moving or growing quickly. <i>I often feel a <b>shooting</b> pain at the end of my left arm.</i>
<b>shrewd</b>	Having or showing sharp powers of judgement; astute. <i>A <b>shrewd</b> career move.</i>
<u><a href="#">shrill</a></u>	Being sharply insistent on being heard. <i>A <b>shrill</b> whistle.</i>
<b>smart</b>	(of clothes) attractively neat and stylish. <i>You look very <b>smart</b>.</i>
<b>spiky</b>	Having or as if having especially high-pitched spots. <i>She sounded <b>spiky</b> and defensive.</i>
<b>spiteful</b>	Showing or caused by malice. <i>A truly <b>spiteful</b> child.</i>
<b>spruce</b>	Marked by up-to-dateness in dress and manners.
<b>stabbing</b>	Painful as if caused by a sharp instrument. <i>A <b>stabbing</b> remark.</i>
<b>stinging</b>	(of speech) harsh or hurtful in tone or character. <i>A swarm of <b>stinging</b> insects.</i>
<b>strident</b>	Being sharply insistent on being heard. <i><b>Strident</b> demands.</i>

<b>strong</b>	Relating to or denoting the strongest of the known kinds of force between particles which acts between nucleons and other hadrons when closer than about 10 cm so binding protons in a nucleus despite the repulsion due to their charge and which conserves strangeness parity and isospin. <i>A play full of <b>strong</b> language.</i>
<b>stylish</b>	Fashionably elegant and sophisticated. <i>The <b>stylish</b> resort of Gstaad.</i>
<b>sudden</b>	Occurring or done quickly and unexpectedly or without warning. <i>A <b>sudden</b> decision.</i>
<b>tangy</b>	Having a strong, piquant flavour or smell. <i>A <b>tangy</b> salad.</i>
<b>tapered</b>	Becoming gradually narrower. <i>Trousers with <b>tapered</b> legs.</i>
<b>tapering</b>	Becoming thinner or narrower towards one end. <i>Long <b>tapering</b> fingers.</i>
<b>tight</b>	Pressed tightly together. <i>They stood in a <b>tight</b> little group.</i>
<b>trenchant</b>	Vigorous or incisive in expression or style. <i>A <b>trenchant</b> argument.</i>
<b>unkind</b>	Lacking kindness. <i>The <b>unkindest</b> cut of all.</i>
<b>venomous</b>	(of an animal, especially a snake) secreting venom, or capable of injecting venom by means of a bite or sting. <i>The <b>venomous</b> tone of her voice.</i>
<b>very great</b>	Precisely as stated.
<b>vicious</b>	Immoral. <i><b>Vicious</b> kicks.</i>
<b>violent</b>	Marked by extreme intensity of emotions or convictions inclined to react violently fervid. <i>A <b>violent</b> noise.</i>
<b>vitriolic</b>	Filled with bitter criticism or malice. <i><b>Vitriolic</b> outbursts.</i>
<b>well defined</b>	Resulting favorably.
<b>well focused</b>	Resulting favorably.
<b>wounding</b>	Causing physical injury. <i>Most <b>wounding</b> to her was the loss of her independence.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Sharp" as an adjective

- A sharp-worded exchange.
- A sharp pain.
- Sharp winds.
- Her face was thin and her nose sharp.
- A sharp pencil.
- F sharp.
- The sharp crack of a twig.
- A sharp blow.
- There was a sharp crack of thunder.
- The job was a sharp contrast from her past life.
- Keep tools sharp.
- Her sharp disappointment was tinged with embarrassment.
- As sharp and incisive as the stroke of a fang.
- Sharp criticism.



- *C sharp.*
- *He heard her sharp intake of breath.*
- *The bus creaked round a sharp hairpin bend.*
- *Fresh goats' milk cheese has a slightly sharper flavour than fromage frais.*
- *A sharp drop in the stock market.*
- *He could be very sharp with her.*
- *Paul's a sharp operator.*
- *There was a sharp increase in interest rates.*
- *Her sharp eyes missed nothing.*
- *His old mind was not so sharp as it once was.*
- *A sharp knife.*
- *She feared his sharp tongue.*
- *I suddenly felt a sharp pain in my back.*
- *A pencil with a sharp point.*
- *The scene was as sharp and clear in his mind as a film.*
- *A sharp drop.*
- *Cut the cake with a very sharp knife.*
- *A sharp photographic image.*
- *They were greeted by a young man in a sharp suit.*



## Sharp as an Adverb

### Definitions of "Sharp" as an adverb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "sharp" as an adverb can have the following definitions:

- *Precisely (used after an expression of time).*
- *In a sudden or abrupt way.*
- *Above the true or normal pitch of musical sound.*
- *Changing suddenly in direction and degree.*



## Synonyms of "Sharp" as an adverb (8 Words)

- abruptly** In a rude or curt manner.  
*The forested terrain ascends **abruptly**.*
- acutely** Changing suddenly in direction and degree.  
*An **acutely** inflamed gall bladder.*
- all of a sudden** To a complete degree or to the full or entire extent ('whole' is often used informally for 'wholly').
- exactly** Used as a reply to confirm or agree with what has just been said.  
*They met in 1989 and got married **exactly** two years later.*
- precisely** Exactly (used to emphasize the complete accuracy or truth of a statement).  
*She always expressed herself **precisely**.*
- sharply** With a sudden and marked change; dramatically.  
*The road twists **sharply** after the light.*
- suddenly** On impulse; without premeditation.  
***Suddenly** she felt a sharp pain in her side.*



**unexpectedly** In a way that was not expected.  
*He died **unexpectedly** of a heart attack.*



### Usage Examples of "Sharp" as an adverb

- *The meeting starts at 7.30 sharp.*
- *Turn sharp left here.*
- *The road twists sharply after the light.*
- *He heard him playing a little sharp on the high notes.*
- *He was brought up sharp by Helen's voice.*
- *Turn sharp right at the corner.*





## Associations of "Sharp" (30 Words)

- acuity** Sharpness or keenness of thought, vision, or hearing.  
*Intellectual **acuity**.*
- acute** Denoting or designed for patients with an acute form of a disease.  
*Felt **acute** annoyance.*
- acutely** Having a rapid onset.  
*We are all **acutely** aware of the fragility of our world.*
- appreciative** Having or showing appreciation or a favorable critical judgment or opinion.  
*The team are very **appreciative** of your support.*
- astute** Having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to one's advantage.  
*An **astute** businessman.*
- awl** A small pointed tool used for piercing holes, especially in leather.

<b>biting</b>	(of wit or criticism) harsh or cruel. A <b>biting</b> aphorism.
<b>canny</b>	Having or showing shrewdness and good judgement, especially in money or business matters. <b>Canny</b> investors will switch banks if they think they are getting a raw deal.
<b>clipper</b>	Shears for cutting grass or shrubbery (often used in the plural). A set of hair <b>clippers</b> .
<b>crafty</b>	Marked by skill in deception. They are looking for <b>crafty</b> people to join the group to make ornaments.
<b>diacritical</b>	(of a mark or sign) serving to indicate different pronunciations of a letter above or below which it is written.
<b>discerning</b>	Quick to understand- Nathaniel Hawthorne. A <b>discerning</b> reader.
<b>discriminating</b>	Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions. The <b>discriminating</b> eye of the connoisseur.
<b>hock</b>	Any of several white wines from the Rhine River valley in Germany hock is British usage.
<b>incisive</b>	Suitable for cutting or piercing. The most <b>incisive</b> move of a tight match.
<b>insightful</b>	Exhibiting insight or clear and deep perception. I don't have anything <b>insightful</b> to say about that.
<b>keen</b>	Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions. Ear splitting explosive bursts <b>keen</b> and sharp.
<b>keenness</b>	A positive feeling of wanting to push ahead with something. He has expressed his <b>keenness</b> to retain his job.
<b>penetrating</b>	Tending to penetrate; having the power of entering or piercing. Her <b>penetrating</b> gaze.
<b>perceptive</b>	Having the ability to perceive or understand; keen in discernment. A <b>perceptive</b> eye.
<b>piercing</b>	A small hole in a part of the body, typically other than the ears, made so as to insert a ring, stud, or other piece of jewellery. <b>Piercing</b> knifelike pains.
<b>pointed</b>	Having a point. A <b>pointed</b> allusion to what was going on.
<b>pungent</b>	Strong and sharp. He has expressed some fairly <b>pungent</b> criticisms.



- razor** Cut with a razor.  
*The tapered cut is **razored** to give movement.*
- scissors** A gymnastic exercise performed on the pommel horse when the gymnast moves his legs as the blades of scissors move.  
*A dummy **scissors** from David Thomas deceived the opposition.*
- shrewd** (of a blow) severe.  
*A **shrewd** career move.*
- shrill** Utter a shrill cry.  
*A concession to their **shrill** demands.*
- sickle** A short-handled farming tool with a semicircular blade, used for cutting corn, lopping, or trimming.
- trident** A three-pronged spear, especially as an attribute of Poseidon (Neptune) or Britannia.
- understanding** Characterized by understanding based on comprehension and discernment and empathy.  
*My **understanding** was that he would find a new supplier.*

