

Need another word that means the same as “shrill”? Find 36 synonyms and 30 related words for “shrill” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Shrill” are: sharp, strident, high-pitched, piercing, high, penetrating, shattering, loud, strong, intrusive, screeching, shrieking, screechy, squawky, pipe, pipe up, shriek, screech, scream, squawk, howl, cry, wail, squall, yawp, yelp

Shrill as a Noun

Definitions of "Shrill" as a noun

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

- *A shrill sound or cry.*

Synonyms of "Shrill" as a noun (10 Words)

cry An urgent appeal or entreaty.
 *Had a good **cry**.*

howl	A loud sustained noise resembling the cry of a hound. <i>I got howls of protest from readers.</i>
scream	A high-pitched noise resembling a human cry. <i>The movie s a scream.</i>
screech	Sharp piercing cry. <i>A screech of brakes.</i>
shriek	A high-pitched piercing cry or sound; a scream. <i>Shrieks of laughter.</i>
squall	A loud cry. <i>Low clouds and squalls of driving rain.</i>
squawk	The noise of squawking. <i>Her plan provoked a loud squawk from her friends.</i>
wail	A prolonged high-pitched sound. <i>The wail of an air raid siren.</i>
yawp	A harsh or hoarse cry or yelp. <i>The cur did not bark other than a single yawp.</i>
yelp	A short, sharp cry, especially of pain or alarm. <i>She uttered a yelp as she bumped into a table.</i>

Usage Examples of "Shrill" as a noun

- *The shrill of a smoke detector filled the air.*

Shrill as a Verb

Definitions of "Shrill" as a verb

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

- *Utter a shrill cry.*
- *Speak or cry with a shrill voice.*
- *Make a shrill noise.*

Synonyms of "Shrill" as a verb (12 Words)

cry	Utter a sudden loud cry. <i>She heard a voice crying her name.</i>
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howl	Make a howling sound. <i>They howled me down and called me a chauvinist.</i>
pipe	Convey water gas oil or other fluid substances through a pipe or pipes. <i>Pipe oil water and gas into the desert.</i>
pipe up	Utter a shrill cry.
scream	Make a loud, piercing sound. <i>He screamed abuse down the phone.</i>
screech	Make a high pitched screeching noise. <i>The van screeched round a bend at speed.</i>
shriek	(of something inanimate) make a high-pitched screeching sound. <i>The answer shrieked at her all too clearly.</i>
squall	Blow in a squall. <i>Sarah was squalling in her crib.</i>
squawk	Utter a harsh abrupt scream. <i>What are you doing she squawked.</i>
wail	Utter a wail. <i>The wind wailed and buffeted the timber structure.</i>
yawp	Talk foolishly or noisily. <i>The fans screeched yawped and pounded their palms.</i>
yelp	Utter a yelp. <i>My dog was yelping as if hurt.</i>

Usage Examples of "Shrill" as a verb

- *A piercing whistle shrilled through the night air.*
- *'How dare you!' she shrilled.*

Shrill as an Adjective

Definitions of "Shrill" as an adjective

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

- *(of a voice or sound) high-pitched and piercing.*
- *Of colors that are bright and gaudy.*
- *(especially of a complaint or demand) loud and forceful.*
- *Having or emitting a high-pitched and sharp tone or tones.*

- *Being sharply insistent on being heard.*

Synonyms of "Shrill" as an adjective (14 Words)

high	Being at or having a relatively great or specific elevation or upward extension sometimes used in combinations like knee high. <i>A high incline.</i>
high-pitched	Set at a sharp or high angle or slant.
<u>intrusive</u>	Relating to or formed by intrusion. <i>That was an intrusive question.</i>
loud	Used chiefly as a direction or description in music loud with force. <i>Her voice was too loud.</i>
penetrating	Able to make a way through or into something. <i>Her penetrating gaze.</i>
<u>piercing</u>	(of a feeling) intense, typically in a distressing way. <i>Piercing knifelike pains.</i>
screeching	Used in reference to the sound made by the sudden stopping of a vehicle as a result of a forceful application of the brakes. <i>The truck came to a screeching halt.</i>
screechy	Having or making a high-pitched sound such as that made by a mouse or a rusty hinge.
<u>sharp</u>	Having or emitting a high pitched and sharp tone or tones. <i>His old mind was not so sharp as it once was.</i>
shattering	Seemingly loud enough to break something; violently rattling or clattering. <i>The shattering tones of the enormous carillon.</i>
shrieking	Making a high-pitched piercing cry or sound. <i>A shrieking ambulance.</i>
squawky	Like the cackles or squawks a hen makes especially after laying an egg. <i>Their voices are high and birdlike and squawky.</i>
strident	Unpleasantly loud and harsh. <i>Strident demands.</i>
strong	Having a strong physiological or chemical effect. <i>His imagery made a strong impression on the critics.</i>

Usage Examples of "Shrill" as an adjective

- *A shrill gaiety.*
- *A shrill whistle.*

- A shrill laugh.
- A shrill turquoise.
- A concession to their shrill demands.
- Shrill criticism.

Associations of "Shrill" (30 Words)

acuity	Sharpness or keenness of thought, vision, or hearing. <i>Intellectual acuity.</i>
acute	Denoting or designed for patients with an acute form of a disease. <i>An acute observer of politics and politicians.</i>
acutely	Having a rapid onset. <i>Acutely aware.</i>
astute	Marked by practical hardheaded intelligence. <i>An astute tenant always reads the small print in a lease.</i>
awl	A small pointed tool used for piercing holes, especially in leather.
biting	Capable of wounding. <i>A biting aphorism.</i>
canny	Having or showing shrewdness and good judgement, especially in money or business matters. <i>Canny investors will switch banks if they think they are getting a raw deal.</i>
clipper	(electronics) a nonlinear electronic circuit whose output is limited in amplitude; used to limit the instantaneous amplitude of a waveform (to clip off the peaks of a waveform). <i>The Cutty Sark a tea clipper built in 1869.</i>
discriminating	Having or showing refined taste or good judgement. <i>The discriminating eye of the connoisseur.</i>
fang	The biting mouthpart of a spider. <i>The dog was bounding towards him its fangs bared.</i>
howl	Make a howling sound. <i>Howls of laughter.</i>
incisive	(of an account) accurate and sharply focused. <i>Incisive teeth.</i>
insightful	Exhibiting insight or clear and deep perception-R.C.Angell. <i>Thank you for all the insightful comments.</i>

keen	Having or showing eagerness or enthusiasm. <i>Keen winds.</i>
keenness	A positive feeling of wanting to push ahead with something. <i>He has expressed his keenness to retain his job.</i>
penetrating	Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions. <i>Penetrating insight.</i>
perceptive	Of or relating to perception. <i>A perceptive observation.</i>
<u>piercing</u>	Painful as if caused by a sharp instrument. <i>Two months ago I decided to take out all my piercings.</i>
piquant	Pleasantly stimulating or exciting to the mind. <i>A piquant tartare sauce.</i>
pointed	Direct and obvious in meaning or reference; often unpleasant. <i>A pointed allusion to what was going on.</i>
projection	The projection of an image from a film onto a screen. <i>The band use stage projections featuring moon shots.</i>
pungent	(of comment, criticism, or humour) having a sharp and caustic quality. <i>The pungent smell of frying onions.</i>
scalpel	A thin straight surgical knife used in dissection and surgery.
scissors	Denoting an action in which two things cross each other or open and close like the blades of a pair of scissors. <i>A dummy scissors from David Thomas deceived the opposition.</i>
<u>sharp</u>	Keenly and painfully felt as if caused by a sharp edge or point. <i>A sharp pain.</i>
shrewd	(especially of weather) piercingly cold. <i>She was shrewd enough to guess the motive behind his gesture.</i>
sickle	A short-handled farming tool with a semicircular blade, used for cutting corn, lopping, or trimming.
understanding	Characterized by understanding based on comprehension and discernment and empathy. <i>I knew I could count on his understanding.</i>
whet	Sharpen by rubbing as on a whetstone. <i>Here s an extract to whet your appetite.</i>