

Need another word that means the same as “trenchant”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “trenchant” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Trenchant” are: searching, hard-hitting, clear-cut, distinct, incisive, cutting, pointed, piercing, penetrating, sharp, keen, acute, razor-sharp**

## Trenchant as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Trenchant" as an adjective

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

- *(of a weapon or tool) having a sharp edge.*
- *Vigorous or incisive in expression or style.*
- *Having keenness and forcefulness and penetration in thought, expression, or intellect.*
- *Clearly or sharply defined to the mind.*
- *Characterized by or full of force and vigor.*

### Synonyms of "Trenchant" as an adjective (13 Words)

<b><a href="#">acute</a></b>	Denoting or designed for patients with an acute form of a disease. <b><i>Acute</i></b> pain.
<b>clear-cut</b>	Clearly or sharply defined to the mind.
<b>cutting</b>	Capable of cutting something. <b><i>Cutting</i></b> winter winds.
<b>distinct</b>	Constituting a separate entity or part. <i>Plants of several <b>distinct</b> types.</i>
<b>hard-hitting</b>	Aggressively and persistently persuasive.

<b>incisive</b>	Suitable for cutting or piercing. <i>As sharp and <b>incisive</b> as the stroke of a fang.</i>
<b>keen</b>	(of the air or wind) extremely cold; biting. <i>The <b>keen</b> blade went through the weeds.</i>
<b>penetrating</b>	Having or showing clear insight. <i>The problem of <b>penetrating</b> damp.</i>
<b>piercing</b>	Painful as if caused by a sharp instrument. <i>A tall blonde with <b>piercing</b> eyes.</i>
<b>pointed</b>	Having a sharpened or tapered tip or end. <i>A <b>pointed</b> critique.</i>
<b>razor-sharp</b>	Very clearly delineated.
<b>searching</b>	Diligent and thorough in inquiry or investigation. <i>A <b>searching</b> investigation of their past dealings.</i>
<b>sharp</b>	Ending in a sharp point. <i>A <b>sharp</b> drop.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Trenchant" as an adjective

- *The White Paper makes trenchant criticisms of health authorities.*
- *Trenchant criticism.*
- *Trenchant distinctions between right and wrong.*
- *A trenchant blade.*
- *A trenchant argument.*

## Associations of "Trenchant" (30 Words)

<b>accurately</b>	With few mistakes. <i>We are simply unable to predict long term trends <b>accurately</b>.</i>
<b>apparent</b>	Clearly revealed to the mind or the senses or judgment. <i>The committee investigated some <b>apparent</b> discrepancies.</i>
<b>bitter</b>	Make bitter. <i>A <b>bitter</b> February night.</i>
<b>certainly</b>	Used to emphasize the speaker's belief that what is said is true. <i>The prestigious address <b>certainly</b> adds to the firm's appeal.</i>
<b>clear</b>	Make clear bright light or translucent. <i><b>Clear</b> a debt.</i>

<b>cogent</b>	(of an argument or case) clear, logical, and convincing. <i>A <b>cogent</b> argument.</i>
<b><u>convincing</u></b>	Capable of causing someone to believe that something is true or real. <i>There is no <b>convincing</b> evidence that advertising influences total alcohol consumption.</i>
<b>decidedly</b>	Undoubtedly; undeniably. <i>It was <b>decidedly</b> too expensive.</i>
<b>demonstrably</b>	In a way that is clearly apparent or capable of being logically proved. <i>His documentary sources are <b>demonstrably</b> wrong.</i>
<b>distinct</b>	Constituting a separate entity or part. <i>Gold is <b>distinct</b> from iron.</i>
<b>effectively</b>	In such a manner as to achieve a desired result. <i><b>Effectively</b> this means that companies will be able to avoid regulations.</i>
<b><u>efficacious</u></b>	(of something inanimate or abstract) successful in producing a desired or intended result; effective. <i>An <b>efficacious</b> law.</i>
<b>expressly</b>	With specific intentions; for the express purpose. <i>She was <b>expressly</b> forbidden to use the stove.</i>
<b>indubitably</b>	In a manner or to a degree that could not be doubted. <i><b>Indubitably</b> liberalism parades under many guises.</i>
<b>justified</b>	Having, done for, or marked by a good or legitimate reason. <i>A neatly <b>justified</b> list of names.</i>
<b>mordant</b>	Impregnate or treat a fabric with a mordant. <i>Fun ranging from slapstick clowning to savage <b>mordant</b> wit.</i>
<b>obvious</b>	Predictable and lacking in subtlety. <i>It was an <b>obvious</b> remark to make.</i>
<b>palpability</b>	The quality of being perceivable by touch.
<b><u>paradox</u></b>	A statement that contradicts itself. <i>The uncertainty principle leads to all sorts of <b>paradoxes</b> like the particles being in two places at once.</i>
<b>persuasion</b>	A group or sect holding a particular religious belief. <i>The village had two chapels for those of the Primitive Methodist <b>persuasion</b>.</i>
<b>persuasive</b>	Good at persuading someone to do or believe something through reasoning or the use of temptation. <i>An informative and <b>persuasive</b> speech.</i>

<b>positive</b>	An adjective or adverb in the positive degree. <i>I am <b>positive</b> he is lying.</i>
<b>positivistic</b>	Of or relating to positivism.
<b><u>sarcastic</u></b>	Expressing or expressive of ridicule that wounds. <i>Making <b>sarcastic</b> comments.</i>
<b><u>truly</u></b>	In a truthful way. <i>He speaks <b>truly</b>.</i>
<b>unencumbered</b>	Not burdened with cares or responsibilities. <i>He needed to travel light and <b>unencumbered</b>.</i>
<b><u>unequivocal</u></b>	Clearly defined or formulated- R.B.Taney. <i>Took an <b>unequivocal</b> position.</i>
<b>unquestionably</b>	In a way that cannot be disputed or doubted; without question. <i><b>Unquestionably</b> the loss of his father was a grievous blow.</i>
<b><u>valid</u></b>	(of an argument or point) having a sound basis in logic or fact; reasonable or cogent. <i>The visas are <b>valid</b> for thirty days.</i>
<b>vitriolic</b>	Of a substance, especially a strong acid; capable of destroying or eating away by chemical action. <i>A <b>vitriolic</b> critique.</i>