

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)

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

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

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

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

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