

critical[ˈkrɪtɪk(ə)] *a*

1. критический

critical analysis [examination] - критический анализ [осмотр]

2. 1) решающий, переломный, критический

critical moment - решающий /переломный/ момент

to be of critical importance - быть жизненно важным

2) важный, ценный

critical contribution - ценный вклад (в науку и т. п.)

3. *лит.* критический, относящийся к критике литературы искусства

critical essays - критические очерки

critical opinions on his latest play - отзывы критиков о его последней пьесе

4. опасный, критический; угрожающий

critical condition (of health) - угрожающее состояние (здоровья)

the critical stage of a disease - переломная/критическая/ стадия болезни

5. осуждающий, критикующий; разборчивый, требовательный

he is not very critical - он не очень разборчив /требователен/

she looks at everything with a critical eye - она на всё смотрит недоверчиво; она склонна всё критиковать

6. *амер.* дефицитный крайне необходимый; нормируемый

critical material - дефицитный материал

7. *спец.* критический, граничныйcritical current - *эл.* критический ток**critical****crit·ic·al** *BrE* [ˈkrɪtɪkəl] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˈkrɪtɪkəl] ^ˈ adjective

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EXPRESSING DISAPPROVAL

1. expressing disapproval of sb/sth and saying what you think is bad about them

• a **critical comment/report**

• The supervisor is always very critical.

• ~ **of sb/sth** Tom's parents were highly critical of the school.**IMPORTANT**

2. extremely important because a future situation will be affected by it

Syn: ↑crucial

• a critical factor in the election campaign

• Reducing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is **of critical importance** .• Your decision is **critical to** our future.**SERIOUS/DANGEROUS**

3. serious, uncertain and possibly dangerous

• The first 24 hours after the operation are the most critical.

• a critical moment in our country's history

• One of the victims of the fire remains **in a critical condition** .**see also** ↑crisis**MAKING CAREFUL JUDGEMENTS**

4. involving making fair, careful judgements about the good and bad qualities of sb/sth

• Students are encouraged to develop critical thinking instead of accepting opinions without questioning them.

OF ART/MUSIC/BOOKS, ETC.5. **only before noun** according to the judgement of ↑critics of art, music, literature, etc

• the film director's greatest critical success

• In her day she never received the **critical acclaim** (= praise from the ↑critics) she deservedDerived Word ↑criticallyWord Origin:mid 16th cent. (in the sense 'relating to the crisis of a disease'): from late Latin *criticus*, from Greek *kritikos*, from *kritēs* 'a judge', from *krinein* 'judge, decide'.Thesaurus:**critical** [**critical critically**] *adj.*

1.

• They issued a critical report on the government's handling of the crisis.

disapproving • **damning** • **disapproving judgemental** •**Opp:** **uncritical**critical/disapproving **of** sb/sthcritical/disapproving/damning/judgemental **comments**

a critical/disapproving/judgemental **tone/attitude**

2.

- The decision is critical to our future.

crucial • **vital** • **essential** • **of the essence** • **decisive** • **important** • **significant** • **pivotal** • |formal imperative •

critical/crucial/vital/essential/of the essence/decisive/important/significant/imperative **for** sth

critical/crucial/vital/essential/pivotal **to** sth

be critical/crucial/vital/essential/important/significant/imperative **that...**

the critical/crucial/decisive/pivotal **moment**

Critical or crucial? There is no real difference in meaning between these words. However, **critical** is often used to talk about technical matters; **crucial** is often used for emotional matters.

Synonyms:

essential

vital • crucial • critical • decisive • indispensable

These words all describe sb/sth that is extremely important and completely necessary because a particular situation or activity depends on them.

essential • extremely important and completely necessary, because without it sth cannot exist, be made or be successful: ▪

Experience is essential for this job.

vital • essential: ▪ The police play a vital role in our society.

essential or vital?

These words have the same meaning but there can be a slight difference in tone. **Essential** is used to state a fact or opinion with authority. **Vital** is often used when there is some anxiety felt about sth, or a need to persuade sb that a fact or opinion is true, right or important. **Vital** is less often used in negative statements: ▪ It was vital to show that he was not afraid. ◇ Money is not vital to happiness.

crucial • extremely important because a particular situation or activity depends on it: ▪ It is crucial that we get this right.

critical • extremely important because a particular situation or activity depends on it: ▪ Your decision is critical to our future.

crucial or critical?

These words have the same meaning but there can be a slight difference in context. **Critical** is often used in technical matters of business or science; **crucial** is often used to talk about matters that may cause anxiety or other emotions.

decisive • of the greatest importance in affecting the final result of a particular situation: ▪ She has played a decisive role in the peace negotiations.

indispensable • essential; too important to be without: ▪ Cars have become an indispensable part of our lives.

essential/vital/crucial/critical/decisive/indispensable **for** sth

essential/vital/crucial/critical/indispensable **to** sth

essential/vital/crucial/critical **that...**

essential/vital/crucial/critical **to do sth**

a(n) essential/vital/crucial/critical/decisive/indispensable **part/factor**

of vital/crucial/critical/decisive **importance**

absolutely essential/vital/crucial/critical/decisive/indispensable

Example Bank:

- Maintaining control of the the budget is absolutely critical for success.
- She became openly critical of party policy.
- The report was highly critical of the company's poor safety record.
- This reorganization is critical to the long-term future of the company.
- If the temperature drops those critical two degrees, the engine will stop functioning.
- One of the victims of the fire remains in a critical condition.
- One of the victims remains in critical condition.
- Price and availability are the critical factors that will determine product success.
- Reducing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is of critical importance.
- They issued a critical report on the government's handling of the crisis.
- This is a critical moment in our country's history.
- Tom's parents were highly critical of the school.

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critic **ical** **S3 W2** /'krɪtɪkəl/ **BrE** **AmE** **adjective**

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑critic, ↑criticism; **verb:** ↑criticize; **adverb:** ↑critically ≠ ↑uncritically; **adjective:** ↑critical ≠ ↑uncritical]

1. **CRITICIZING** if you are critical, you criticize someone or something

critical of

- Many economists are critical of the government's economic policies.
- Many parents are strongly critical of the school.
- He made some highly critical remarks.

2. **IMPORTANT** something that is critical is very important because what happens in the future depends on it **SYN crucial**

critical to

- These talks are critical to the future of the peace process.
- It is absolutely critical for us to know the truth.
- Foreign trade is of critical importance to the economy.

3. **SERIOUS/WORRYING** a critical time or situation is serious and worrying because things might suddenly become much worse:

- The fighting has stopped, but the situation is still critical.

changes that took place during the critical period at the end of the war

4. **ILL** so ill that you might die:

- " He is still in a critical condition in hospital.
- " She is in intensive care, where she remains critical but stable.

5. **the critical list**

a) the list of patients in a hospital who are so ill that they might die

on the critical list

- " Two of the victims were still on the critical list Sunday night.

take somebody off the critical list

- " He was taken off the critical list and is now in a stable condition.

b) if a system, plan, company etc is on the critical list, it is having severe problems and might fail soon

6. **MAKING JUDGMENTS** making careful judgments about how good or bad something is:

- " His book provides a critical analysis of the television industry in Britain.

- " She looked round the room with a critical eye.

7. **ART/LITERATURE** according to critics who give judgments about art, films, theatre, and books:

- " The book came out last year to great critical acclaim (=critics said it was very good).

- " Her first play was a critical success (=critics said it was good).

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THESAURUS

■ **very bad**

- **serious** very bad – used about problems, accidents, illnesses, or crimes: Violent crime is a serious problem in and around the capital. | The boy was taken to hospital with serious head injuries. | Fortunately, the damage to the car was not serious.
- **severe** very serious – used about problems, injuries, and illnesses: He suffered severe injuries in a car crash. | The problem became so severe that they had to bring water in from other countries. | severe epilepsy
- **grave** used about a situation that is very serious and worrying, especially because it is dangerous or seems likely to get worse: A thick fog descended and I knew that we were in grave danger. | The situation is grave – war now seems inevitable.
- **acute** used about an illness, problem, or situation that has become very serious or dangerous, and needs to be dealt with quickly: She was taken to the hospital suffering from acute appendicitis. | In San Diego, the shortage of skilled workers is acute.
- **desperate** used about a situation or problem that is very serious or dangerous, especially because a lot of people need urgent help: The situation is desperate – people here need aid before the harsh winter sets in. | The hospital is full of people in desperate need of medical attention.
- **critical** used about a situation that is very serious and dangerous and might get worse suddenly: In 1991, the food supply situation became critical. | Eight people were killed and four are still in a critical condition.
- **life-threatening** used about a situation, illness, or condition in which someone could die: Her child had a potentially life-threatening illness. | The situation was not life-threatening, but it was very worrying.
- **be a matter of life and death** *spoken* to be extremely serious – used when a situation is very urgent or important: For people living with HIV, getting the right treatment is literally a matter of life and death.

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