

**sensitive****1. ['sensitiv] n**

- 1) телепат, человек, обладающий внечувственным восприятием
- 2) медиум
2. остро чувствующий, ранимый человек

**2. ['sensitiv] a**

1. чувствительный, нежный
  - sensitive skin - нежная кожа
  - sensitive ear - тонкий слух
  - sensitive nerves - тонкая нервная организация
  - sensitive to heat [to light, to cold] - чувствительный к теплу [к свету, к холоду]
  - butter [coffee] is very sensitive to odours - масло [кофе] очень легко воспринимает запахи /чувствительно [-ен] к запахам/
2. 1) впечатлительный чуткий
  - sensitive nature [mind, person] - впечатлительная натура [-ый ум, человек]
  - sensitive about /over/ smth. - болезненно реагирующий на что-л
  - don't be so sensitive - не принимай всё так близко к сердцу [см. тж. 2)]
- 2) уязвимый, обидчивый
  - don't be so sensitive! - не будь таким обидчивым!, не обижайся! [см. тж. 1)]
  - morbidly sensitive on the subject of ... - болезненно обидчивый, когда речь заходит о ...
- 3) щепетильный
  - sensitive on questions of honour - щепетильный в вопросах чести
- 4) **психол.** сенситивный
3. восприимчивый
  - an artist is sensitive to beauty - художник тонко чувствует прекрасное
4. **полит.** секретный, засекреченный; связанный с военной тайной
  - sensitive job - работа, связанная с секретностью; должность, открывающая доступ к засекреченным материалам
  - sensitive areas of national defense - области, имеющие оборонное значение и являющиеся военной тайной
  - sensitive information - секретные сведения, засекреченная информация
  - sensitive products, like special steels - стратегические материалы, например сталь специальных марок
  - sensitive crops - жизненно важные (для страны) сельскохозяйственные культуры
5. **спец.** чувствительный, быстро реагирующий
  - sensitive instrument - чувствительный прибор
  - sensitive film [paper] - **фото** светочувствительная плёнка [бумага]
  - sensitive market - **эк.** неустойчивый рынок

**sensitive**

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**sen-si-tive** BrE ['sensətɪv] <sup>а</sup> NAmE ['sensətɪv] <sup>а</sup> adjective**TO PEOPLE'S FEELINGS****1. aware of and able to understand other people and their feelings**

- a sensitive and caring man
- ~ **to sth** She is very sensitive to other people's feelings.

**Opp:** ↑insensitive**TO ART/MUSIC/LITERATURE****2. able to understand art, music and literature and to express yourself through them**

- an actor's sensitive reading of the poem
- a sensitive portrait

**EASILY UPSET****3. easily offended or upset**

- You're far too sensitive.
- ~ **about sth** He's very sensitive about his weight.
- ~ **to sth** She's very sensitive to criticism.

**Opp:** ↑insensitive**INFORMATION/SUBJECT****4. that you have to treat with great care because it may offend people or make them angry or embarrassed**

- Health care is a politically sensitive issue.
- That's a sensitive area.

**TO COLD/LIGHT/FOOD, ETC.****5. reacting quickly or more than usual to sth**

- sensitive areas of the body
- ~ **to sth** My teeth are very sensitive to cold food.
- The eyes of some fish are acutely sensitive to light.

**Opp:** ↑insensitive

## TO SMALL CHANGES

### 6. ~ (to sth) able to measure very small changes

- a sensitive instrument
- The eyes can be a sensitive indicator of health.
- (figurative) The Stock Exchange is very sensitive to political change.

**Opp:** ↑insensitive

**see** hit/touch a (raw/sensitive) nerve **at** ↑nerve <sub>n.</sub>

**Derived Word** ↑sensitively

#### Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'sensory'): from Old French *sensitif*, *-ive* or medieval Latin *sensitivus*, formed irregularly from Latin *sentire* 'feel'. The current senses date from the early 19th cent.

#### Thesaurus:

**sensitive** [**sensitive sensitively**] **adj.**

##### 1. (approving)

- He's very sensitive to other people's feelings.

**sympathetic** • • **understanding** • • **gentle** • • **compassionate** • • **humane** • • **soft** •

**Opp:** insensitive

sensitive/sympathetic/understanding/gentle/compassionate **towards** sb  
a sensitive/sympathetic/gentle/compassionate/humane **manner/man**  
(in) a sensitive/sympathetic/gentle/compassionate/humane **way**

##### 2. (sometimes disapproving)

- You're far too sensitive.

often disapproving **touchy** • |BrE, informal, often disapproving **prickly** •

sensitive/touchy/prickly **about** sth

**Which word?** Sb who is **sensitive** or **touchy** is likely to get upset or to cry. Sb who is **prickly** is more likely to be aggressive than to cry.

##### 3.

- Her health is a sensitive issue.

**delicate** • • **awkward** • • **problematic** • • **emotive** • |informal **tricky** •

a/an sensitive/delicate/awkward/problematic/tricky **matter/situation**

a/an sensitive/delicate/awkward/emotive/tricky **question/subject**

the sensitive/delicate/problematic/emotive **nature** of sth

#### Example Bank:

- Her experiences had made her sensitive to other people's troubles.
- Her eyes are very sensitive to light.
- Horses are very sensitive to their riders' moods.
- It is not known how the Russians obtained such potentially sensitive information.
- Teenagers are often very sensitive about their appearance.
- The bat's hearing is remarkably sensitive.
- The equipment is highly sensitive.
- The information was deemed too sensitive to be broadcast.
- The probe is sensitive enough to detect the presence of a single microbe.
- These drugs can make skin extremely sensitive to sunlight.
- a deeply sensitive, caring man
- a somewhat sensitive question
- an extremely sensitive question
- commercially sensitive information
- culturally sensitive policies
- sensitive to the slightest movement
- this highly sensitive issue
- He's depicted as an insecure and sensitive soul.
- He's very sensitive about his weight.
- I think they handled the situation in a sensitive way.
- It might be better to avoid such a sensitive topic.
- Nuclear power remains a very sensitive issue in the Netherlands.
- She is currently involved in highly sensitive negotiations.
- She is very sensitive to other people's feelings.
- She's acutely sensitive to criticism.
- This type of situation requires a sensitive approach by doctors.
- You're far too sensitive.
- a sensitive reading of the poem

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**sen**si'tiv **S3 W3** /'sensətɪv, 'sensɪtv/ *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> **adjective**

[Word Family: **adjective:** ↑sensible, ↑insensible, ↑senseless, ↑sensitive ≠ ↑insensitive, ↑sensory, ↑nonsensical, ↑insensate; **noun:** ↑sense ≠ ↑nonsense, ↑sensitivity ≠ ↑insensitivity, ↑sensitivity ≠ ↑insensitivity, ↑senselessness, ↑sensitization, ↑sensor; **adverb**

↑sensibly, ↑senselessly, ↑sensitively ≠ ↑insensitively; verb ↑sense, ↑sensitize]  
[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: sensitif, from Medieval Latin sensitivus, from Latin sensus; ⇒ ↑sense<sup>1</sup>]

**1. UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE** able to understand other people's feelings and problems **OPP insensitive:**

▪ a sensitive and intelligent young man

**sensitive to**

▪ It's made me much more sensitive to the needs of the disabled.

**2. EASILY OFFENDED** easily upset or offended by events or things that people say:

▪ a very sensitive child

**sensitive about**

▪ Laura's sensitive about her weight.

**sensitive to**

▪ Throughout her career she remained very sensitive to criticism.

**sensitive soul** *British English* (=someone who is easily upset by small or unimportant things) ⇒ ↑hypersensitive

**3. EASILY AFFECTED** easily affected or damaged by something such as a substance or temperature:

▪ Wetlands are environmentally sensitive areas.

▪ a baby's sensitive skin

**sensitive to**

▪ Older people tend to be very sensitive to cold.

▪ Increasing numbers of people are sensitive to cow's milk.

**4. SITUATION/SUBJECT** a situation or subject that is sensitive needs to be dealt with very carefully, because it is secret or because it may offend people:

▪ Abortion is a very sensitive issue.

▪ sensitive matters such as national security

▪ highly sensitive information

**5. REACTING TO CHANGES** reacting to very small changes in light, temperature, position etc:

▪ a highly sensitive electronic camera

**light-sensitive/heat-sensitive etc**

▪ light-sensitive photographic paper

**6. ART/MUSIC ETC** able to understand or express yourself through art, music, literature etc:

▪ a very sensitive performance

**—sensitively** *adverb:*

▪ It is an issue which needs to be handled sensitively.

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**THESAURUS**

▪ **secret** known about by only a few people, who have agreed not to tell anyone else: a secret meeting place | The details of the proposal must remain secret.

▪ **confidential** used about information, especially in business or government, that is secret and not intended to be shown or told to other people: a highly confidential report | Employees' personal details are treated as strictly confidential.

▪ **classified** used about information that the government has ordered to be kept secret from most people: He was accused of passing on classified information to the Russians in the 1950s.

▪ **sensitive** used about information that is kept secret because there would be problems if the wrong people knew it: A teenager managed to hack into sensitive US Air Force files.

▪ **covert** [only before noun] used about things that are done secretly, especially by a government or official organization: a CIA covert operation

▪ **undercover** [usually before noun] used about things that are done secretly by the police in order to catch criminals or find out information: Detectives arrested the suspect after a five-day undercover operation.

▪ **underground** an underground organization or newspaper is one that operates or is produced secretly and opposes the government: Her father was a member of the underground resistance movement in France during World War II.

▪ **clandestine** /klæn'destən, klæn'destɪn/ secret and often illegal or immoral: clandestine meetings | his involvement in a clandestine operation to sell arms to Iran | a clandestine love affair

▪ **hush-hush** *informal* used about information or activities that are kept officially secret: He was put in charge of some hush-hush military project. | I've no idea what he does – it's all very hush-hush.

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RANGE: **3k SENSITIVE** 21822

sensitive 13622

sensitivity 5776

sensitivities 569

insensitivity 504

insensitive 1164

sensitively 187

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