

distinct

distinct

adjective

s·tinct di-'stīŋ(k)t [How to pronounce distinct \(audio\)](#)

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1

: distinguishable to the eye or mind as being discrete (see [DISCRETE sense 1](#)) or not the same : [SEPARATE](#)

a *distinct* cultural group

teaching as *distinct* from research

2

: presenting a clear unmistakable impression

a neat *distinct* handwriting

3

archaic : notably decorated

4

a

: [NOTABLE](#)

a *distinct* contribution to scholarship

b

the *distinct* odor of sulfur

• distinctly

di-'stīŋ(k)-tlē [How to pronounce distinctly \(audio\)](#)

- 'stīŋ-klē

adverb

distinctness

di-'stɪŋ(k)t-nəs How to pronounce distinct (audio)

- 'stɪŋk-nəs

noun

Synonyms

different

disparate

dissimilar

distant

distinctive

distinguishable

diverse

nonidentical

other

unlike

unlike

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Choose the Right Synonym for *distinct*

DISTINCT, **SEPARATE**, **DISCRETE** mean not being each and every one the same.

DISTINCT indicates that something is distinguished by the mind or eye as being apart or different from others.

two *distinct* versions

SEPARATE often stresses lack of connection or a difference in identity between two things.

separate rooms

DISCRETE strongly emphasizes individuality and lack of connection.

broke the job down into *discrete* stages

synonyms see in addition **EVIDENT**

Example Sentences

There are three *distinct* categories.

Each herb has its own *distinct* flavor.

The phrase has three *distinct* meanings.

There was the *distinct* smell of something burning.

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This function seemed *distinct* from imagination until Frank and his colleagues showed that the activity of these cells does not always represent an animal's actual location.

Ingrid Wickelgren, *Scientific American*, 8 June 2023

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Alan Blinder, *New York Times*, 6 June 2023

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Etymology

Middle English, from Latin *distinctus*, from past participle of *distinguere* — see [DISTINGUISH](#)

First Known Use

14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

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: real and different from each other
five *distinct* varieties
pears as *distinct* from apples

2

: clearly seen, heard, or understood : **PLAIN, UNMISTAKABLE**
speaks with a *distinct* accent
a *distinct* possibility

3

: **NOTABLE**

made a *distinct* contribution to science

- **distinctly** adverb
- **distinctness** noun



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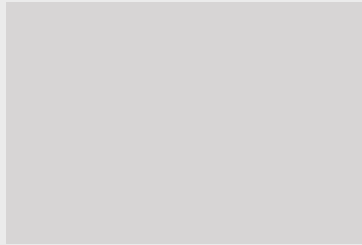
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