

- acumen -formal UK /'æk.jə.mən/ US /ə'kju:.mən/
to have real business acumen/
to have considerable financial acumen /
notable entrepreneurial acumen / linguistic acumen /
political acumen/ philological acumen/
to present with an admirable acumen/
to improve diagnostic acumen/ clinical acumen/
to lack a certain critical acumen /
to do sth with acumen/
to require a good deal of acumen

Acumen

a skill in making correct decisions

- The ability to hear / to see or think clearly
- To affect visual acuity
- A man of great political acuity
- A mix of acuities
- To limit motion acuity
- A decline in hearing acuity
- To measure acuity

ACUITY

- Suitable for a particular situation
- An apt comment
- An apt description
- To be apt to do sth – to be likely to do sth
- To be apt to be a little forgetful
- To have an aptness for / at drawing

Apt

- If you do sth to the manner born, you do it very well

As (if) to the manner born

- To show signs of brilliance
- To hear about your child's brilliance
- Oratorical brilliance
- Technical brilliance
- The brilliance of her work
- The flashes of brilliance
- The inexhaustible brilliance
- Charisma and brilliance

Brilliance

- Clever and skillful
- To be an artful politician
- To do it in a very artful way

- Artfully
- Artfulness

Artful

- Able to understand the situation quickly
 - An astute investor
 - An astute businesswoman
 - His astute handling of the situation
 - An astute observer of human behaviour
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- Astutely
 - Astuteness

ASTUTE

- Very intelligent and skillful
 - An ingenious idea
 - An ingenious method
 - An ingenious solution
 - An ingenious songwriter
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- Ingeniously
 - Ingenuity

Ingenious

- A mind that understands things quickly and well

A penetrating mind

- Quick in noticing, understanding
- My perspicacious grandfather
- an unambiguously perspicacious word
- make it perspicacious
- Perspicacious intervention
- **Perspicacity – formal approving**
- **A woman of exceptional perspicacity**

Perspicacious

- The ability to make good decisions
- To have the presence of mind to do sth

Presence of mind

- Able to reply in a clever and funny way without thinking for a long time
- Able to react quickly

Quick-witted

- To have a ready reply to every question
- With a ready witt

Ready

- A scholarly person studies a lot
- A scholarly article
- A scholarly work
- A scholarly journal

Scholarly

- Quickly noticing things
- *Her ears are sharply attuned to her baby's cry.*

Sharply – clever

- Able to think quickly
- To have a remarkably agile mind

AGILE – mentally

- To be quick/ slow to act or react on an event

To be quick off the mark
to be slow off the mark

- INFORMAL
- If someone is quick/slow on the uptake, they understand things easily/with difficulty:
- *He's a little slow on the uptake, so you may have to repeat the instructions a few times.*

To be quick on the uptake
to be slow on the uptake

- good at thinking of and doing new and difficult things, especially things that will make money:
- *That was very enterprising **of** you, Vijay!*
- *The business was started by a couple of enterprising young women.*

Enterprising

- The ability to judge people well
- *It's clear that you are a person of discernment.*
- It can be applied only if the evidence is independent and refers to the same frame of discernment.

Discernment

- FORMAL
- **demanding or involving careful thinking and mental effort rather than feelings:**
- *She makes cerebral films that deal with important social issues.*

Cerebral

- Trying too hard to seem clever
- Informal disapproving
- To make clever-clever remarks

Clever-clever

- INFORMAL **a person's intelligence:**
- *It's not
the sort of film that stimulates the grey matter much*

Grey matter

- Informal
- **the ability to decide what is the best thing to do in a particular situation , and to do it with energy and determination:**
- **To have the gumption to write**

Gumption

- Disapproving
- (of books, plays, etc.) involving serious and complicated or artistic ideas, or (of people)interested in serious and complicated subjects
- This is a film for highbrows (those who are interested in complicated subjects)

Highbrow

- **showing a clear and usually original understanding of a complicated problem or situation:**

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- **He was very funny and insightful**

Insightful

- A person's mental age is a measurement of their ability to think when compared to the average person's ability at that age:
- *Although Andrew is 25, he has a mental age of six.*

Mental age

- *adjective*
- FORMAL **UK** /'seɪ.pi.ənt/ **US** /'seɪ.pi.ənt/
- Intelligent / able to think/ wise

- The sapient king
- A sapient advice
- Sapient ancestors

Sapient

- Good at noticing and understanding things
- More percipient journalists were able to detect the new atmosphere at the conference.

Percipient

- C2 skilled at solving problems and making decisions on your own:
- *She's a very resourceful manager.*

Resourceful

- Academic
- Pedantic
- **Intelligent , often in a way that is too serious:**
- *He was a thin, donnish-looking man in a tweed jacket and sandals.*

Donnish

- The ability to make good judgments
 - They showed their usual practical sagacity
 - *She showed wonderful sagacity in recognizing the danger at first glance.*
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- Sagacious

Sagacity
