

**crucial**[ˈkruːʃ(ə)] *a*

## 1. решающий; ключевой

crucial test - решающее испытание

crucial experiment - решающий опыт

crucial problem - ключевая проблема

it was crucial to perform an immediate operation on the injured man - немедленная операция была вопросом жизни или смерти для раненого

## 2. критический

crucial period [moment] - критический период [момент]

a crucial point in the talks - переломный момент в переговорах

3. *анат.* крестообразный

crucial incision - крестообразный разрез

**crucial**

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**crucial** *AW BrE* [ˈkruːʃ(ə)] *NAmE* [ˈkruːʃ(ə)] *adjective*

extremely important, because it will affect other things

**Syn:** ↑critical, **Syn:** ↑essential• a **crucial factor/issue/decision**

• topics of crucial importance

• The next few weeks are going to be crucial.

• ~ **to/for sth** Winning this contract is crucial to the success of the company.• ~ **that... It is crucial that** we get this right.• Parents **play a crucial role** in preparing their child for school.• He wasn't there **at the crucial moment** (= when he was needed most) .Derived Word ↑cruciallyWord Origin:

early 18th cent. (in the sense 'cross-shaped'): from French, from Latin *crux*, *cruc-* 'cross'. The sense 'decisive' is from Francis Bacon's Latin phrase *instantia crucis* 'crucial instance', which he explained as a metaphor from a *crux* or fingerpost marking a fork at a crossroad; Newton and Boyle took up the metaphor in *experimentum crucis* 'crucial experiment' .

Thesaurus:**crucial** [**crucial crucially**] *adj.*

• It is crucial that we get this right.

**critical** • • **vital** • • **essential** • • **of the essence** • • **decisive** • • **important** • • **significant** • • **pivotal** • |**formal imperative** •crucial/critical/vital/essential/of the essence/decisive/important/significant/imperative **for sth**crucial/critical/vital/essential/pivotal **to sth**be crucial/critical/vital/essential/important/significant/imperative **that...**the crucial/critical/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.Language Bank:**emphasis***Highlighting an important point*▪ This case **emphasizes** ▪ / **highlights** ▪ the importance of honest communication between managers and employees.▪ Effective communication skills are **essential** ▪ / **crucial** ▪ / **vital** ▪ .**It should be noted that** ▪ this study considers only verbal communication. Non-verbal communication is not dealt with here.**It is important to remember that** ▪ / **An important point to remember is that** ▪ non-verbal communication plays a key role in getting your message across.▪ Communication is not only about the words you use but also your body language and, **especially** ▪ / **above all** ▪ , the effectiveness with which you listen.▪ I would like to **draw attention to** ▪ the role of listening in effective communication.▪ Choose your words carefully: **in particular** ▪ , avoid confusing and ambiguous language.▪ Finally, and perhaps **most importantly** ▪ , you must learn to listen as well as to speak.

note at ↑essential

Language Bank at ↑vital

Language Bank:**vital***Saying that something is necessary***It is vital that** ▪ journalists can verify the accuracy of their reports.▪ Journalists play a **vital** ▪ / **crucial** ▪ role in educating the public.▪ Public trust is a **crucial** ▪ issue for all news organizations.▪ The ability to write well is **essential** ▪ for any journalist.▪ The Internet has become an **indispensable** ▪ tool for reporters.▪ In journalism, accuracy is **paramount** ▪ . / ...is **of paramount importance** ▪ .**It is imperative that** ▪ journalists maintain the highest possible standards of reporting.

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:

- Secrecy is crucial to this police operation.
- The talks are crucial for the success of the plan.
- A crucial factor affecting educational performance is the competence of the teacher.
- Getting these procedures right is of crucial importance.
- He wasn't there at the crucial moment.
- It is crucial that we get this right.
- Winning this contract is absolutely crucial to our long term success.

**crucial**

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**crucial** **W2 AC** /'kru:ʃəl/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> **adjective**

[Word Family: **adverb** ↑crucially; **adjective**: ↑crucial]

[Date: 1700-1800; Language: French; Origin: 'cross-shaped', from Latin crux; ⇒ ↑cross<sup>2</sup>]

something that is crucial is extremely important, because everything else depends on it **SYN vital**

**crucial to**

▪ This aid money is crucial to the government's economic policies.

**crucial in/to doing something**

▪ The work of monks was crucial in spreading Christianity.

**play a crucial role/part in something**

▪ The city of Mycenae played a crucial role in the history of Greece.

▪ The conservation of tropical forests is of crucial importance.

**—crucially adverb**

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**COLLOCATIONS****phrases**

- **play a crucial role/part in something** Parents play a crucial role in preparing their children for adult life.
- **be of crucial importance** Good leadership is of crucial importance in motivating staff.

**adverbs**

- **absolutely crucial** Technology has an absolutely crucial role in modern medicine.

**verbs**

- **prove crucial** (=be crucial) His appointment was to prove crucial to the organization's success.
- **remain crucial** Logging remains crucial to the country's economy.
- **regard/consider something as crucial** The city was regarded as crucial to the area's defence.

**nouns**

- **a crucial factor/part/element** The cost of the project is the crucial factor.
- **a crucial point** This was a crucial point in our relationship.

- **a crucial question** She seemed to be trying to avoid the crucial question.
- **a crucial issue** The study of consumer behaviour is a crucial issue in marketing.
- **a crucial difference** There is a crucial difference between the British and American attitudes.
- **a crucial moment/time** At the crucial moment, he withdrew the support of the army.
- **a crucial stage** The peace talks are now at a crucial stage.
- **a crucial decision/step** Choosing a career is a crucial decision to make.
- **crucial information** The government did not publicize this crucial information.
- **crucial evidence** The prosecution had forgotten one piece of crucial evidence.

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