decisive [dı'saısıv] a

1. окончательный, решающий; убедительный decisive judgement [answer] - окончательное решение [-ый ответ] decisive victory - полная /решающая / победа decisive evidence - неопровержимые улики decisive word - последнее слово decisive vote /ballot/ [battle] - решающее голосование [сражение] decisive attack - воен. решительное наступление; главный удар decisive direction - воен. направление главного удара this was decisive in defeating the opponent - это сыграло решающую роль в разгроме противника this incident was decisive of his fate - этот случай определил его судьбу 2. решительный, определённый, исполненный решимости decisive man /character/ - решительный человек decisive action - решительные меры, решительные действия decisive manner [tone] - решительные манеры [-ый тон] 3. явный, бесспорный, очевидный, несомненный; полный decisive superiority - явное преимущество decisive leaning towards smth. - несомненная склонность к чему-л.

decisive

de-cisive BrE [dɪ'saɪsɪv] * NAmE [dɪ'saɪsɪv] * adjective

1. very important for the final result of a particular situation

- a decisive factor/victory/battle
- · Climate was a decisive factor in establishing where the tournament should be held.

to clap one's hands with decisive approval-хлопать в ладоши в знак полного одобрения

- She has **played a decisive role** in the peace negotiations.
- a decisive step (= an important action that will change a situation) towards a cleaner environment
- 2. able to decide sth quickly and with confidence
- decisive management
- The government must take decisive action on gun control.

Opp: [†]indecisive

Derived Word [†]decisively

Word Origin:

[decisive decisively] early 17th cent.: from French décisif, -ive, from medieval Latin decisivus, from decis- 'determined', from the verb decidere 'determine', from de- 'off' + caedere 'cut'.

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. \bigcirc 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:

• He had one potentially decisive factor in his favour the element of surprise.

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- · It is the chief executive's opinion which is ultimately decisive.
- Gettysburg was the decisive battle of the Civil War.
- Morrison scored the decisive goal in the 75th minute of the game.
- Physical and mental strength will be the decisive factors in today's match.
- · Signing the treaty was a decisive step towards a cleaner environment

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[Word Family: noun: †decision, †indecision; adverb †decidedly, †decisively \neq †indecisively; adjective: †decided \neq †undecided, †decisive \neq †indecisive; verb †decide]

1. an action, event etc that is decisive has a big effect on the way that something develops

decisive factor/effect/influence etc

Women can play a decisive role in the debate over cloning.

decisive action/steps

We will take decisive steps towards political union with Europe.

- 2. someone who is decisive is good at making decisions quickly and with confidence OPP indecisive :
 - a decisive leader
 - a talent for quick decisive action

3. definite and clear in a way that leaves no doubt OPP indecisive

decisive victory/result/defeat etc

The answer was a decisive no.

-decisively adverb:

Yet again, we have failed to act decisively.

-decisiveness noun [uncountable]:

- military decisiveness
- the speed and decisiveness of his victory

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