

**poignant**['pɔɪnjənt] *a*

1. острый, пикантный  
poignant sauce - острый /пикантный/ соус  
poignant scent - резкий /сильный/ запах  
poignant perfume - духи с резким запахом
2. 1) горький, мучительный  
poignant sorrow - жгучая печаль  
poignant hunger - мучительный голод  
poignant tears - горькие слёзы
- 2) острый, резкий (*о боли*)
- 3) трогательный жалостный  
poignant scene - трогательная сцена
3. острый, едкий, колкий  
poignant sarcasm - острый /едкий/ сарказм  
poignant retort - резкий /язвительный/ ответ  
poignant wit - острый /проницательный/ ум  
poignant interest - живой интерес; острое любопытство
4. уместный, подходящий

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**poignant** *BrE* ['pɔɪnjənt] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* ['pɔɪnjənt] <sup>m</sup> *adjective*

having a strong effect on your feelings, especially in a way that makes you feel sad

**Syn:** ↑moving

- a **poignant image/moment/memory, etc.**
- Her face was a **poignant reminder** of the passing of time.

**Derived Words** ↑poignancy ▪ ↑poignantly**Word Origin:**[**poignancy poignant poignantly**] late Middle English: from Old French, literally pricking, present participle of **poindre**, from Latin **pungere** 'to prick'.**Example Bank:**

- The performances are by turns uproarious and oddly poignant.
- The presence of the rest of the family made John's absence even more poignant.
- Alan's return to the city of his childhood was particularly poignant.
- It was the city's street children who provided some of the most poignant images.

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making you feel sad or full of pity

**poignant reminder/image/moment etc**

a poignant reminder of our nation's great sacrifices

—**poignancy** *noun* [uncountable]—**poignantly** *adverb*:

a poignantly expressed tribute to his father

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**THESAURUS**■ **causing strong feelings**

- **emotional** causing people to have strong feelings – used especially about experiences, speeches, or subjects that people have strong feelings about: Returning home after a year in hospital was an emotional experience for Katy. | He gave an emotional speech at the funeral. | It was a very emotional moment. | Abortion rights is a highly emotional issue.
- **emotive** used about issues or language that make people have strong feelings: Fox hunting is a very emotive issue in Britain. | 'Indoctrination' is rather an emotive word.
- **moving** making you feel strong feelings of sadness or sympathy: Kelly's book about her illness is deeply moving. | a moving film
- **touching** making you feel slightly emotional – used especially when someone does something that shows how much they care about another person: Your loyalty is very touching. | My son phoned me to wish me good luck, which was a touching gesture.
- **poignant** making you feel strong feelings of sadness or pity, especially when you remember something in the past: Her youthful expression is a poignant reminder of the passing of time.
- **sentimental** (also **schmaltzy**) *informal* dealing with emotions such as love and sadness in a way that seems silly: He found the film too sentimental. | a schmaltzy comedy

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