

**subtlety**

[ˈsʌlt(ə)lti] *n*

1. тонкость, нежность
2. острота, пронизательность
3. искусность, умение, ловкость
4. утончённость, изысканность
5. тонкое различие  
subtleties in the pronunciation (of) - оттенки произношения
6. хитрость, коварство

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**subtle-ty** [subtlety subtleties] *BrE* [ˈsʌltti] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* [ˈsʌltti] <sup>ⓘ</sup> **noun** (pl. subtle-ties)

1. **uncountable** the quality of being ↑subtle
  - It's a thrilling movie even though it lacks subtlety.
2. **countable, usually plural** the small but important details or aspects of sth
  - the subtleties of language
  - the subtleties of the British constitution

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *soutilte*, from Latin *subtilitas*, from *subtilis* 'fine, delicate'.

Example Bank:

- Her dancing has great subtlety.
- His understanding of light brings great subtlety to his painting.
- She was too young to grasp the subtleties of the film.
- a pianist of great subtlety

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**subtle ty** /ˈsʌltti/ *BrE* <sup>ⓘ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ⓘ</sup> **noun** (plural **subtleties**)

1. **[uncountable]** the quality that something has when it has been done in a clever or skilful way, with careful attention to small details:
  - The play lacks subtlety.
  - She argued her case with considerable subtlety.
2. **[countable usually plural]** a thought, idea, or detail that is important but difficult to notice or understand
  - subtlety of**
    - Some of the subtleties of the language are lost in translation.

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