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ep-i-crit-ic  (ěp'ĩ-křĩt ĩk)

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adj.

Of or relating to sensory nerve fibers that enable the perception of slight differences in the intensity of stimuli, especially touch or temperature.

[Greek *epikritikos*, decisive, from *epikritēs*, decider, from *epikrīnein*, to decide : *epi-*, *epi-* + *krīnein*, to judge; see **krei-** in the [Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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