

## Biting, as in Wit or Temperament

### Instructional audio

In this scene are synonyms for biting, as in wit or temperament.

**Mordacious**; more dishes; adjective; denoting or using biting sarcasm or invective

**Trenchant**; the trench-ant; adjective; vigorous or incisive or keen as language or a person

**Caustic**; cuss-tick; adjective; severely critical or sarcastic. Caustic can also be a noun meaning a corroding substance

**Acidulous**; the acid jewels; adjective; of a person's remarks or tone bitter or cutting

**Asperity**; asparagus tea; noun; harshness of tone or manner

**Acrimonious**; cry-mona; adjective; typically of speech or a debate angry and bitter

**Acerbic**; sherbet; adjective; sharp and forthright

**Mordant**; mortar-ant; adjective; having or showing a sharp or critical quality

### CREATIVE AUDIO

This restaurant is called **The Bite**, where the customer's biting tempers are even hotter than the food. For starters, there are **more dishes** piled up than any self-respecting establishment would ever allow. This **trench coat ant** is the owner, and he's at his wit's end when it comes to his employees. On top of that, this **cussing tick** customer is letting him have it. It's his anniversary and he wanted to surprise his lovely Mona Lisa wife with a gift. Not only did the owner ruin the jewels by putting them in acid, but now he's spilling the **acid jewels** all over their table. Mona managed to get over this and the fact that **asparagus** was in her **tea**. But she finally became a **crying Mona** when her order of **ace sherbet** ruined her favorite frame. Her **mortar ant** waiter had the best of intentions, and he expects the gratuity to reflect his efforts.



PLAY PICMONIC

**Mordacious**

[More Dishes](#)

(mawr-dey-shuhs)

Adjective

1. Denoting or using biting sarcasm or invective

2. Of a person or animal given to biting

### **Trenchant**

[Trench Ant](#)

(tren-chuhnt)

Adjective

Vigorous or vigorous or incisive or keen as language or a person

### **Caustic**

[Cussing Tick](#)

(kaw-stik)

Adjective

1. Severely critical or sarcastic

### **Acidulous**

[Acid Jewels](#)

(uh-sij-uh-luhs)

Adjective

1. Of a person's remarks or tone bitter or cutting

2. Sharp-tasting or sour

### **Asperity**

[Asparagus Tea](#)

(uh-sper-i-tee)

Noun

1. Harshness of tone or manner

2. Harsh qualities or conditions

### **Acrimonious**

[A Crying Mona](#)

(ak-ruh-moh-nee-uhs)

Adjective

Typically of speech or a debate angry and bitter

**Acerbic**

[Ace Sherbet](#)

(uh-sur-bik)

Adjective

1. Sharp and forthright

2. Tasting sour or bitter

**Mordant**

[Mortar Ant](#)

(mawr-dnt)

Adjective

1. Having or showing a sharp or critical quality; biting

Noun

2. A substance, typically an inorganic oxide, that combines with a dye or stain and thereby fixes it in a material

Verb

3. Impregnate or treat a fabric with a mordant