



ACRIMONIOUS

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Acrimonious things are sharp, harsh, mean, and bitter.

Pronunciation:

ACK ruh MONE ee us

Part of speech:

Adjective.

(Adjectives are describing words, like "large" or "late."

They can be used in two ways:

1. Right before a noun, as in "an acrimonious debate."
2. After a linking verb, as in "It was acrimonious."

Other forms:

For the noun, pick "acrimoniousness" or "acrimony" (ACK ruh mone ee). (I prefer "acrimony.")

The adverb is "acrimoniously."

How to use it:

Talk about

- acrimonious tones, manners, and feelings;
- acrimonious words, speeches, and conversations;
- acrimonious debates, campaigns, and contests;
- acrimonious spats, feuds, conflicts, arguments, lawsuits, and legal battles;
- acrimonious misunderstandings;
- acrimonious relationships;
- acrimonious splits, partings, and divorces, etc.

examples:

Traditionally, a roast is supposed to be good-natured, even peppered with hints of praise, not acrimonious.

Her parting from the company was so acrimonious that we were shocked--and worried how desperate she must be--when she asked us for a letter of



recommendation.
