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**<sup>1</sup>pre•ci•sion** \pri-'si-zhŋ\ **noun** (1740)

- 1 : the quality or state of being precise  
: EXACTNESS
- 2 **a** : the degree of refinement with which an operation is performed or a measurement stated — compare ACCURACY 2b  
**b** : the accuracy (as in binary or decimal places) with which a number can be represented usu. expressed in terms of the number of computer words available for representation  
<double *precision* arithmetic permits the representation of an expression by two computer words>
- 3 : RELEVANCE 2

**pre•ci•sion•ist** \-'si-zhŋ-nist, -'sizh-nist\ **noun**

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**ac•cu•ra•cy** \a-kyŋ-rŋ-sē, 'a-k(ŋ-rŋ-\ **noun** *pl* **ac•cu•ra•cies** (1662)

- 1 : freedom from mistake or error : CORRECTNESS
- 2 **a** : conformity to truth or to a standard or model : EXACTNESS  
**b** : degree of conformity of a measure to a standard or a true value — compare PRECISION 2a