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explicit

adjective · UK /ɪkˈsplɪt.ɪt/ US /ɪkˈsplɪt.ɪt/

C2 clear and exact:
 I gave her very explicit directions how to get here.
 She was very explicit about (= said very clearly and exactly) what she thought was wrong with the plans.
 I wasn't aware that I would be paying - you certainly didn't make it explicit (= state it clearly).

Compare implicit

C2 showing or talking about sex or violence in a very detailed way:
 a sexually explicit movie

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Apparent and obvious

apparent be (as) plain as the nose on your face idiom
 be (right) under your nose idiom be etched somewhere idiom
 be writ large idiom linear loud loud and clear idiom manifest
 manifestly marked naked nose recognizable
 self-evident shine shine out shine through
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explicitly
 adverb UK /ɪkˈsplɪt.ɪt.li/ US /ɪkˈsplɪt.ɪt.li/
 I told you quite explicitly (= clearly) to be home by midnight.

explicitness
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