

Need another word that means the same as “agonizing”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “agonizing” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Agonizing” are: agonising, excruciating, harrowing, torturesome, torturing, torturous, racking, painful, acute, severe, intense, extreme, grievous, hellish, killing, searing, tormenting, piercing

Agonizing as an Adjective

Definitions of "Agonizing" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “agonizing” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Extremely painful.*
- *Causing great physical or mental pain.*



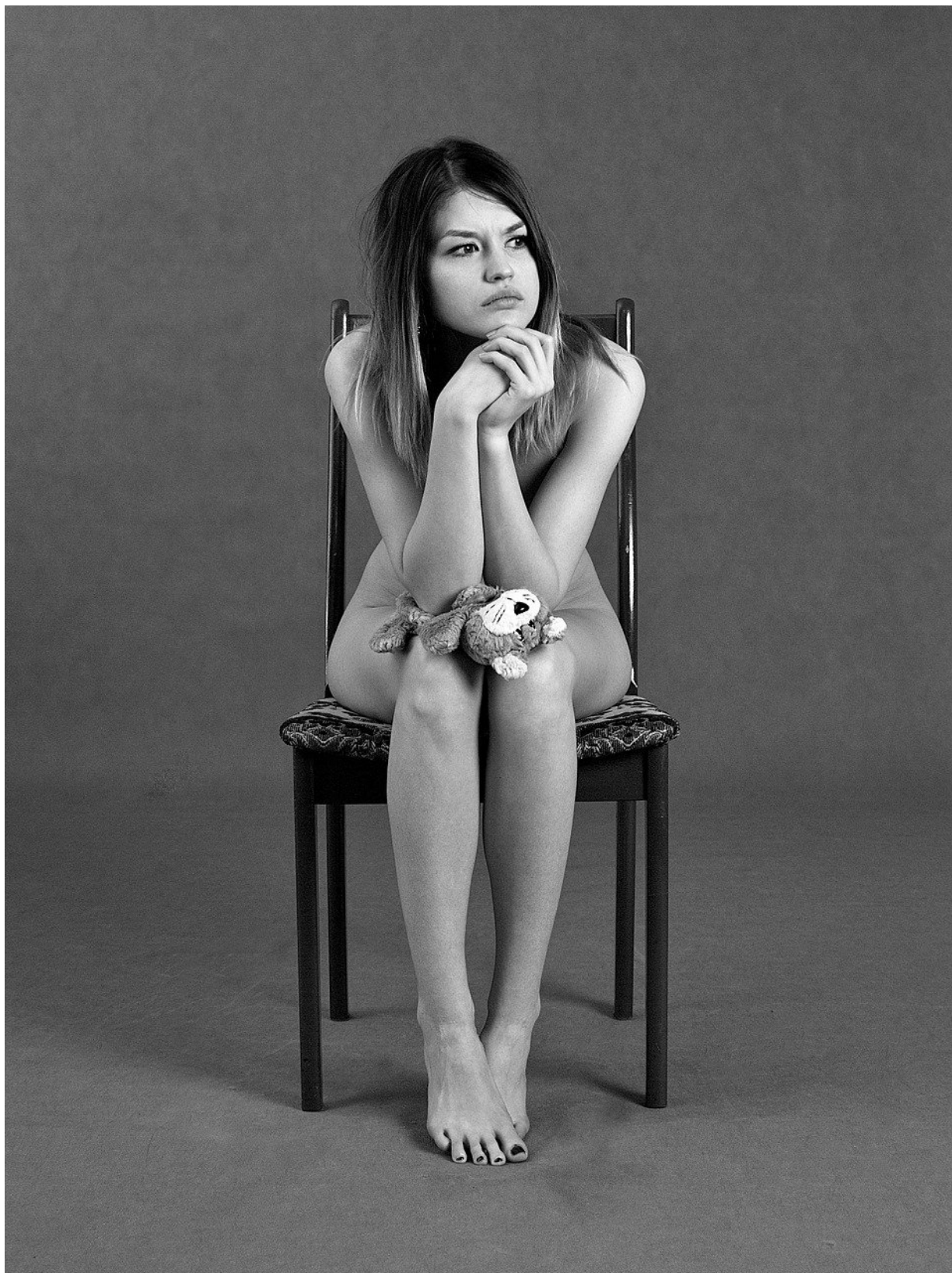
Synonyms of "Agonizing" as an adjective (18 Words)

acute	Denoting or designed for patients with an acute form of a disease. <i>An acute sense of smell.</i>
agonising	Extremely painful.
excruciating	Very embarrassing, awkward, or tedious. <i>He explained the procedure in excruciating detail.</i>
extreme	Most distant in any direction. <i>The extreme north west of Scotland.</i>
grievous	Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm. <i>Grievous bodily harm.</i>
harrowing	Acutely distressing. <i>A harrowing film about racism and violence.</i>
hellish	Of or like hell. <i>Hellish weather.</i>
intense	Extremely sharp or intense. <i>Intense anxiety.</i>
killing	Causing death. <i>A killing schedule.</i>
painful	Causing physical discomfort. <i>Her ankle was very painful.</i>
piercing	(of a sound) extremely high or loud. <i>A tall blonde with piercing eyes.</i>
racking	Causing great physical or mental suffering.
searing	Extremely hot or intense. <i>A searing pain.</i>
severe	Severely simple. <i>A severe shortage of technicians.</i>
tormenting	Inflicting severe physical or mental suffering. <i>Peace from his tormenting thoughts.</i>
torturesome	Extremely painful.
torturing	Extremely painful.
torturous	Characterized by, involving, or causing pain or suffering. <i>A torturous five days of fitness training.</i>



Usage Examples of "Agonizing" as an adjective

- *An agonizing death.*
- *There is an agonizing choice to make.*



Associations of "Agonizing" (30 Words)

aching	Arousing, experiencing, or expressive of intense sorrow or longing. <i>I write this letter with tears in my eyes and an aching heart.</i>
biting	(of wind or cold) so cold as to be painful. <i>A biting aphorism.</i>
<u>bitter</u>	Beer that is strongly flavoured with hops and has a bitter taste brewed by top fermentation. <i>A bitter struggle.</i>
callus	Cause a callus to form on. <i>The long march had callused his feet.</i>
cultivator	A farm implement used to break up the surface of the soil (for aeration and weed control and conservation of moisture). <i>Rotary cultivators are ideal in the kitchen garden.</i>
<u>disastrous</u>	Highly unsuccessful. <i>A disastrous fire swept through the museum.</i>
distressing	Causing anxiety, sorrow or pain; upsetting. <i>Distressing or disturbing news.</i>
doleful	Causing grief or misfortune. <i>A doleful look.</i>
dolorous	Feeling or expressing great sorrow or distress. <i>A dolorous and repetitive tale of atrocity.</i>
<u>excruciating</u>	Extremely painful. <i>Excruciating back pain.</i>
<u>frustrating</u>	Discouraging by hindering. <i>It can be very frustrating to find that the size you want isn't there.</i>
grievous	Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm. <i>A grievous loss.</i>
harrowing	Extremely painful. <i>It was a harrowing experience.</i>
horrible	Very unpleasant. <i>War is beyond all words horrible.</i>
irksome	So lacking in interest as to cause mental weariness. <i>An irksome journey.</i>
lamentable	(of circumstances or conditions) very bad; deplorable. <i>A lamentable decision.</i>

mournful	Feeling, expressing, or inducing sadness, regret, or grief. <i>Mournful music.</i>
<u>painful</u>	Causing distress or trouble. <i>A painful experience.</i>
<u>plaintive</u>	Sounding sad and mournful. <i>A plaintive cry.</i>
<u>poignant</u>	Keenly distressing to the mind or feelings. <i>A poignant reminder of the passing of time.</i>
sad	Of things that make you feel sad Christina Rossetti. <i>Feeling sad because his dog had died.</i>
sore	(of a part of one's body) painful or aching. <i>We re in sore need of him.</i>
<u>sorrowful</u>	Feeling or showing grief. <i>She looked at him with sorrowful eyes.</i>
<u>stressful</u>	Extremely irritating to the nerves. <i>Corporate finance work can be stressful.</i>
<u>swollen</u>	Characteristic of false pride; having an exaggerated sense of self-importance. <i>So swollen by victory that he was unfit for normal duty.</i>
tine	Prong on a fork or pitchfork or antler.
<u>torturous</u>	Extremely painful. <i>A torturous five days of fitness training.</i>
<u>tragic</u>	Very sad; especially involving grief or death or destruction. <i>The shooting was a tragic accident.</i>
<u>traumatic</u>	Psychologically painful. <i>She was going through a traumatic divorce.</i>
trying	Extremely irritating to the nerves. <i>Fell upon trying times.</i>