

Need another word that means the same as “arduous”? Find 20 synonyms and 30 related words for “arduous” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Arduous” are: **straining, strenuous, backbreaking, grueling, gruelling, hard, heavy, laborious, operose, punishing, toilsome, onerous, taxing, difficult, burdensome, vigorous, stiff, uphill, relentless, herculean**

Arduous as an Adjective

Definitions of "Arduous" as an adjective

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

- *Taxing to the utmost; testing powers of endurance.*
- *Difficult to accomplish; demanding considerable mental effort and skill.*
- *Characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion; especially physical effort.*
- *Involving or requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring.*
- *Taxing to the utmost; testing powers of endurance- F.D.Roosevelt.*

Synonyms of "Arduous" as an adjective (20 Words)

backbreaking	Characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion; especially physical effort.
burdensome	Difficult to carry out or fulfil; taxing. <i>The burdensome responsibilities of professional life.</i>
difficult	Needing much effort or skill to accomplish, deal with, or understand. <i>A difficult task.</i>

<u>grueling</u>	<p>Characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion; especially physical effort.</p> <p>A grueling campaign.</p>
gruelling	<p>Characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion; especially physical effort.</p> <p>A gruelling schedule.</p>
hard	<p>Unfortunate or hard to bear.</p> <p>He d had a hard life.</p>
heavy	<p>Large and powerful especially designed for heavy loads or rough work.</p> <p>Iago is the heavy role in Othello.</p>
herculean	<p>Displaying superhuman strength or power.</p> <p>Herculean exertions.</p>
laborious	<p>(of speech or writing style) showing obvious signs of effort and lacking in fluency.</p> <p>Spent many laborious hours on the project.</p>
onerous	<p>(of a task or responsibility) involving a great deal of effort, trouble, or difficulty.</p> <p>He found his duties increasingly onerous.</p>
operose	<p>Involving or displaying much industry or effort.</p>
<u>punishing</u>	<p>Characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion; especially physical effort.</p> <p>The recession was having a punishing effect on our business.</p>
<u>relentless</u>	<p>Unceasingly intense.</p> <p>The relentless beat of the drums.</p>
<u>stiff</u>	<p>Rigidly formal.</p> <p>They face stiff fines and a possible jail sentence.</p>
<u>straining</u>	<p>Taxing to the utmost; testing powers of endurance.</p> <p>His final straining burst of speed.</p>
strenuous	<p>Taxing to the utmost; testing powers of endurance.</p> <p>A strenuous task.</p>
taxing	<p>Not easily borne; wearing.</p> <p>A taxing schedule.</p>
toilsome	<p>Characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion; especially physical effort.</p> <p>Toilsome chores.</p>
uphill	<p>Requiring great effort; difficult.</p> <p>An uphill struggle to gain worldwide recognition.</p>

vigorous

Strong and active physically or mentally.
***Vigorous** opposition to the war.*

Usage Examples of "Arduous" as an adjective

- *An arduous journey.*
- *The arduous work of preparing a dictionary.*
- *Worked their arduous way up the mining valley.*
- *Your willingness after these six arduous days to remain here.*

Associations of "Arduous" (30 Words)

ardent

Very enthusiastic or passionate.
*The **ardent** flames.*

backbreaking

Characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion; especially physical effort.

bored

Feeling weary and impatient because one is unoccupied or lacks interest in one's current activity.
*They hung around all day **bored** stiff.*

burdensome

Undesirably restrictive.
*Bureaucratically **burdensome** assessment procedures.*

debilitating

(of a disease or condition) making someone very weak and infirm.
*The **debilitating** effects of underinvestment.*

demanding

(of a task) requiring much skill or effort.
*Found the job very **demanding**.*

difficult

Needing much effort or skill to accomplish, deal with, or understand.
*Nesting places on the cliffs are **difficult** of access.*

draining

Having a debilitating effect.

effort

A series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end.
*The war **effort**.*

endeavor

Earnest and conscientious activity intended to do or accomplish something.
*Wished him luck in his **endeavor**.*

energetic

Possessing or exerting or displaying energy.
*It caused an **energetic** chemical reaction.*

exertion

Physical or mental effort.
*She was panting with the **exertion**.*

exhausting	Producing exhaustion. <i>An exhausting march.</i>
grueling	Characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion; especially physical effort. <i>A grueling campaign.</i>
hard	Causing great damage or hardship. <i>Times were hard at the end of the war.</i>
heavy	Large and powerful especially designed for heavy loads or rough work. <i>Things were getting pretty heavy.</i>
labored	Requiring or showing effort. <i>The subject made for labored reading.</i>
laborious	Requiring considerable time and effort. <i>Years of laborious training.</i>
onerous	Involving heavy obligations. <i>My duties weren't onerous I only had to greet the guests.</i>
onus	An onerous or difficult concern. <i>The onus is on you to show that you have suffered loss.</i>
overtax	Tax excessively. <i>The UK is not overtaxed compared to other countries.</i>
physical	Impelled by physical force especially against resistance. <i>Physical suffering.</i>
strenuous	Taxing to the utmost; testing powers of endurance. <i>Strenuous exercise.</i>
taxing	Not easily borne; wearing. <i>A taxing schedule.</i>
tiring	Causing one to need rest or sleep; fatiguing. <i>It had been a tiring day.</i>
toilsome	Characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion; especially physical effort. <i>Toilsome chores.</i>
trek	Fish using a trek net. <i>My plan is to trek about seeing the world.</i>
troublesome	Difficult to deal with. <i>A troublesome infection.</i>
vigorous	Strong and active physically or mentally- W.H.Hudson. <i>A tall vigorous and muscular man.</i>

wearing

The mechanical process of wearing or grinding something down as by particles washing over it.

*A plan of action will make the whole event a less **wearing** experience.*