

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

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. <i>The ardent flames.</i>
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. <i>They hung around all day bored stiff.</i>
burdensome	Undesirably restrictive. <i>Bureaucratically burdensome assessment procedures.</i>
debilitating	(of a disease or condition) making someone very weak and infirm. <i>The debilitating effects of underinvestment.</i>
demanding	(of a task) requiring much skill or effort. <i>Found the job very demanding.</i>
difficult	Needing much effort or skill to accomplish, deal with, or understand. <i>Nesting places on the cliffs are difficult of access.</i>
draining	Having a debilitating effect.
effort	A series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end. <i>The war effort.</i>
endeavor	Earnest and conscientious activity intended to do or accomplish something. <i>Wished him luck in his endeavor.</i>
energetic	Possessing or exerting or displaying energy. <i>It caused an energetic chemical reaction.</i>
exertion	Physical or mental effort. <i>She was panting with the exertion.</i>

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.*