

Need another word that means the same as “excruciating”? Find 19 synonyms and 30 related words for “excruciating” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Excruciating” are: agonising, agonizing, harrowing, torturesome, torturing, torturous, severe, acute, intense, extreme, savage, violent, racking, searing, piercing, stabbing, raging, tormenting, grievous**

## Excruciating as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Excruciating" as an adjective

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

- *Very embarrassing, awkward, or tedious.*
- *Extremely painful.*
- *Intensely painful.*

### Synonyms of "Excruciating" as an adjective (19 Words)

<b><u>acute</u></b>	Denoting or designed for patients with an acute form of a disease. <i>An <b>acute</b> awareness of changing fashions.</i>
<b>agonising</b>	Extremely painful.
<b><u>agonizing</u></b>	Causing great physical or mental pain. <i>There is an <b>agonizing</b> choice to make.</i>
<b>extreme</b>	Very severe or serious. <i>Expulsion is an <b>extreme</b> sanction.</i>
<b>grievous</b>	Shockingly brutal or cruel. <i><b>Grievous</b> bodily harm.</i>

<b>harrowing</b>	Extremely painful. <i>A <b>harrowing</b> film about racism and violence.</i>
<b>intense</b>	Extremely sharp or intense. <i><b>Intense</b> anxiety.</i>
<b>piercing</b>	Painful as if caused by a sharp instrument. <i><b>Piercing</b> knifelike pains.</i>
<b>racking</b>	Causing great physical or mental suffering.
<b>raging</b>	Characterized by violent and forceful activity or movement; very intense. <i>A <b>raging</b> thirst.</i>
<b>savage</b>	Without civilizing influences. <i>A <b>savage</b> people.</i>
<b>searing</b>	Having lost all moisture. <i>A <b>searing</b> pain.</i>
<b>severe</b>	Severely simple. <i>A <b>severe</b> worldwide depression.</i>
<b>stabbing</b>	(of a pain or sensation) sharp and sudden. <i>A <b>stabbing</b> remark.</i>
<b>tormenting</b>	Inflicting severe physical or mental suffering. <i>Peace from his <b>tormenting</b> thoughts.</i>
<b>torturesome</b>	Extremely painful.
<b>torturing</b>	Extremely painful.
<b>torturous</b>	Characterized by, involving, or causing pain or suffering. <i>A <b>torturous</b> five days of fitness training.</i>
<b>violent</b>	Marked by extreme intensity of emotions or convictions inclined to react violently fervid. <i>A <b>violent</b> attack.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Excruciating" as an adjective

- *Excruciating back pain.*
- *He explained the procedure in excruciating detail.*

## Associations of "Excruciating" (30 Words)

<b>aching</b>	A dull persistent (usually moderately intense) pain. <i>The cool air was a relief to my <b>aching</b> head.</i>
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<b>agonizing</b>	Causing great physical or mental pain. <i>There is an <b>agonizing</b> choice to make.</i>
<b>biting</b>	(of wind or cold) so cold as to be painful. <i>A cream to ward off <b>biting</b> insects.</i>
<b>bitter</b>	Beer that is strongly flavoured with hops and has a bitter taste brewed by top fermentation. <i>Shed <b>bitter</b> tears.</i>
<b>callus</b>	Form a callus or calluses. <i>The long march had <b>callused</b> his feet.</i>
<b>cultivator</b>	A farm implement used to break up the surface of the soil (for aeration and weed control and conservation of moisture). <i>Rotary <b>cultivators</b> are ideal in the kitchen garden.</i>
<b>disastrous</b>	Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>The battle was a <b>disastrous</b> end to a <b>disastrous</b> campaign.</i>
<b>distressing</b>	Causing anxiety, sorrow or pain; upsetting. <i><b>Distressing</b> or disturbing news.</i>
<b>doleful</b>	Filled with or evoking sadness. <i>A <b>doleful</b> look.</i>
<b>dolorous</b>	Feeling or expressing great sorrow or distress. <i>A <b>dolorous</b> and repetitive tale of atrocity.</i>
<b>frustrating</b>	Causing annoyance or upset because of an inability to change or achieve something. <i>It can be very <b>frustrating</b> to find that the size you want isn't there.</i>
<b>grievous</b>	Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm. <i>A <b>grievous</b> loss.</i>
<b>harrowing</b>	Extremely painful. <i>It was a <b>harrowing</b> experience.</i>
<b>horrible</b>	Causing or likely to cause horror; shocking. <i>A <b>horrible</b> massacre.</i>
<b>irksome</b>	So lacking in interest as to cause mental weariness. <i>What an <b>irksome</b> task the writing of long letters is.</i>
<b>lamentable</b>	Bad; unfortunate. <i>Her open prejudice showed <b>lamentable</b> immaturity.</i>
<b>mournful</b>	Feeling, expressing, or inducing sadness, regret, or grief. <i><b>Mournful</b> news.</i>
<b>painful</b>	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>The <b>painful</b> process of growing up.</i>

<b><u>plaintive</u></b>	Expressing sorrow. <i>A <b>plaintive</b> cry.</i>
<b><u>poignant</u></b>	Arousing affect. <i><b>Poignant</b> anxiety.</i>
<b>sad</b>	Of things that make you feel sad Christina Rossetti. <i>The show is tongue in cheek anyone who takes it seriously is a bit <b>sad</b>.</i>
<b>sore</b>	Roused to anger- Mark Twain. <i>All of us had <b>sores</b> and infections on our hands.</i>
<b><u>sorrowful</u></b>	Feeling or showing grief. <i><b>Sorrowful</b> widows.</i>
<b><u>stressful</u></b>	Extremely irritating to the nerves. <i>The <b>stressful</b> days before a war.</i>
<b><u>swollen</u></b>	Characteristic of false pride; having an exaggerated sense of self-importance. <i>So <b>swollen</b> by victory that he was unfit for normal duty.</i>
<b>tine</b>	Prong on a fork or pitchfork or antler.
<b><u>torturous</u></b>	Characterized by, involving, or causing pain or suffering. <i>A <b>torturous</b> five days of fitness training.</i>
<b><u>tragic</u></b>	Very bad or inadequate. <i>A <b>tragic</b> face.</i>
<b><u>traumatic</u></b>	Of or relating to a physical injury or wound to the body. <i>She was going through a <b>traumatic</b> divorce.</i>
<b>trying</b>	Difficult or annoying; hard to endure. <i>A <b>trying</b> day at the office.</i>