

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)

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

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

Usage Examples of "Excruciating" as an adjective

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

Associations of "Excruciating" (30 Words)

aching	A dull persistent (usually moderately intense) pain. <i>The cool air was a relief to my aching head.</i>
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agonizing	Causing great physical or mental pain. <i>There is an agonizing choice to make.</i>
biting	(of wind or cold) so cold as to be painful. <i>A cream to ward off biting insects.</i>
bitter	Beer that is strongly flavoured with hops and has a bitter taste brewed by top fermentation. <i>Shed bitter tears.</i>
callus	Form a callus or calluses. <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>
disastrous	Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>The battle was a disastrous end to a disastrous campaign.</i>
distressing	Causing anxiety, sorrow or pain; upsetting. <i>Distressing or disturbing news.</i>
doleful	Filled with or evoking sadness. <i>A doleful look.</i>
dolorous	Feeling or expressing great sorrow or distress. <i>A dolorous and repetitive tale of atrocity.</i>
frustrating	Causing annoyance or upset because of an inability to change or achieve something. <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	Causing or likely to cause horror; shocking. <i>A horrible massacre.</i>
irksome	So lacking in interest as to cause mental weariness. <i>What an irksome task the writing of long letters is.</i>
lamentable	Bad; unfortunate. <i>Her open prejudice showed lamentable immaturity.</i>
mournful	Feeling, expressing, or inducing sadness, regret, or grief. <i>Mournful news.</i>
painful	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>The painful process of growing up.</i>

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