

Need another word that means the same as “ordeal”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “ordeal” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Ordeal” are: trial by ordeal, trial, tribulation, test, nightmare, trauma, baptism of fire, hell, hell on earth, misery, trouble, difficulty, torture, torment, agony

Ordeal as a Noun

Definitions of "Ordeal" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “ordeal” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A primitive method of determining a person's guilt or innocence by subjecting the accused person to dangerous or painful tests believed to be under divine control; escape was usually taken as a sign of innocence.*
- *An ancient test of guilt or innocence by subjection of the accused to severe pain, survival of which was taken as divine proof of innocence.*
- *A severe or trying experience.*
- *A very unpleasant and prolonged experience.*



Synonyms of "Ordeal" as a noun (15 Words)

<u>agony</u>	A state of acute pain. <i>He crashed to the ground in agony.</i>
baptism of fire	A Christian sacrament signifying spiritual cleansing and rebirth.
difficulty	A situation that is difficult or dangerous. <i>There is a practical difficulty.</i>
hell on earth	A cause of difficulty and suffering.
<u>misery</u>	A state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune. <i>She was exhausted by her misery and grief.</i>
<u>nightmare</u>	A person or situation that is very difficult to deal with. <i>Developing thunderclouds are a balloonist's worst nightmare.</i>
test	The act of testing something. <i>A positive test for protein.</i>

torment	A feeling of intense annoyance caused by being tormented. <i>So great was his harassment that he wanted to destroy his tormentors.</i>
torture	The act of distorting something so it seems to mean something it was not intended to mean. <i>Dances were absolute torture because I was so small.</i>
trauma	Any physical damage to the body caused by violence or accident or fracture etc. <i>A personal trauma like the death of a child.</i>
trial	A preliminary competition to determine qualifications. <i>Candidates must compete in a trial of skill.</i>
trial by ordeal	The determination of a person's innocence or guilt by due process of law.
tribulation	A state of great trouble or suffering. <i>The tribulations of being a megastar.</i>
trouble	A strong feeling of anxiety. <i>They had labor trouble.</i>



Usage Examples of "Ordeal" as a noun

- *Ordeal by fire.*
- *The ordeal of having to give evidence.*
- *Ordeals conducted in the twelfth century.*



Associations of "Ordeal" (30 Words)

abominable	Unequivocally detestable- Edmund Burke. <i>Abominable workmanship.</i>
abomination	A thing that causes disgust or loathing. <i>A Calvinist abomination of indulgence.</i>
<u>alarming</u>	Worrying or disturbing. <i>Our countryside is disappearing at an alarming rate.</i>
<u>appalling</u>	Causing consternation. <i>The cat suffered appalling injuries during the attack.</i>
<u>atrocious</u>	Provoking horror. <i>Murder is an atrocious crime.</i>
<u>atrocity</u>	A highly unpleasant or distasteful object. <i>Atrocities in cheap red nylon.</i>
awful	Awfully very. <i>An awful voice.</i>
blamed	Expletives used informally as intensifiers. <i>It s a blamed shame.</i>
<u>dire</u>	(of a warning or threat) presaging disaster. <i>The concert was dire.</i>
disservice	An act intended to help that turns out badly. <i>You have done a disservice to the African people by ignoring this fact.</i>
<u>dread</u>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>The dread presence of the headmaster.</i>
<u>dreadful</u>	Used to emphasize the degree to which something is the case, especially something regarded with sadness or disapproval. <i>A dreadful storm.</i>
fearful	Lacking courage; ignobly timid and faint-hearted- P.B.Shelley. <i>Fearful of criticism.</i>
fearsome	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>The cat mewed displaying a fearsome set of teeth.</i>
<u>formidable</u>	Inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable. <i>The formidable army of brains at the Prime Minister s disposal.</i>
<u>frightening</u>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>A frightening experience.</i>

frightful	Extreme in degree or extent or amount or impact. <i>A frightful mistake.</i>
<u>ghastly</u>	Causing great horror or fear. <i>A ghastly pallor.</i>
<u>hellish</u>	Extremely (used for emphasis). <i>Hellish torture.</i>
horrible	Causing or likely to cause horror; shocking. <i>War is beyond all words horrible.</i>
<u>horrific</u>	Causing horror. <i>Horrific conditions in the mining industry.</i>
<u>nasty</u>	Offensive or even (of persons) malicious. <i>Plastic bags burn with a nasty acrid smell.</i>
probe	Examine physically with or as if with a probe. <i>There was a congressional probe into the scandal.</i>
sadly	To a regrettable extent; regrettably. <i>Sadly the forests of Sulawesi are now under threat.</i>
terrible	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>The terrible conditions in which the ordinary people lived.</i>
<u>terrifying</u>	Causing extreme terror. <i>The terrifying events of the past few weeks.</i>
test	Carry out a medical test on a person a part of the body or a body fluid. <i>The exam will test accuracy and neatness.</i>
<u>tragedy</u>	The dramatic genre represented by tragedies. <i>Greek tragedy.</i>
<u>trial</u>	Of a horse dog or other animal compete in trials. <i>Clinical trials must establish whether the new hip replacements are working.</i>
<u>unspeakable</u>	Not able to be expressed in words. <i>A piece of unspeakable abuse.</i>

