

Need another word that means the same as “painfully”? Find 35 synonyms and 30 related words for “painfully” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Painfully” are: sorely, distressingly, worryingly, disturbingly, sadly, pitifully, unfortunately, agonizingly, excruciatingly, chillingly, alarmingly, insufferably, unbearably, torturously, cruelly, uncomfortably, embarrassingly, disconcertingly, extremely, very, deeply, exceedingly, greatly, immensely, enormously, terribly, tremendously, awfully, intensely, heartily, keenly, acutely, thoroughly, sincerely, so

Painfully as an Adverb

Definitions of "Painfully" as an adverb

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

- *Unpleasantly.*
- *(with reference to something undesirable) exceedingly.*
- *In or as if in pain.*
- *In a painful manner or to a painful degree.*

Synonyms of "Painfully" as an adverb (35 Words)

acutely	In a keen or penetrating way. <i>Acutely aware.</i>
agonizingly	In a very painful manner. <i>The progress was agonizingly slow.</i>

<u>alarmingly</u>	Used to express concern over an event or state of affairs. <i>Another recent attack on biography comes alarmingly from a biographer.</i>
awfully	Of a dreadful kind. <i>An awfully nice man.</i>
chillingly	In an unsettling or horrifying way. <i>Her troubled childhood was brilliantly and chillingly evoked in her memoir.</i>
cruelly	Excessively. <i>Their hopes were cruelly dashed.</i>
deeply	To a great depth; far down or in. <i>Dived deeply.</i>
disconcertingly	In a disturbing or embarrassing manner.
distressingly	Unpleasantly. <i>The pattern was distressingly familiar.</i>
disturbingly	In a way that causes worry or unease. <i>Disturbingly he appears to support the war.</i>
embarrassingly	In a manner or to a degree that causes self-consciousness, shame, or awkwardness. <i>Embarrassingly awful lyrics.</i>
<u>enormously</u>	Extremely. <i>He was enormously popular.</i>
<u>exceedingly</u>	To a great extent. <i>The supply multiplied exceedingly.</i>
excruciatingly	To an intensely painful degree. <i>It stings excruciatingly.</i>
extremely	To an extreme degree. <i>Extremely cold.</i>
greatly	To an extraordinary extent or degree. <i>I admire him greatly.</i>
heartily	To a great degree; very (especially with reference to personal feelings). <i>Yes the children chorused heartily.</i>
immensely	To an exceedingly great extent or degree. <i>Was immensely more important to the project as a scientist than as an administrator.</i>
insufferably	To an insufferable degree. <i>It was insufferably hot in the room.</i>

intensely	In an intense manner. <i>She loved him intensely.</i>
keenly	In an eager or enthusiastic manner. <i>He was keenly aware of his own shortcomings.</i>
pitifully	To a very poor or inadequate degree. <i>Pitifully weak military forces.</i>
sadly	In a sad manner. <i>His schemes went sadly awry.</i>
sincerely	Written formula for ending a letter. <i>I sincerely hope that we shall have a change of government.</i>
so	In the same way also. <i>You are so going to regret this.</i>
sorely	To a very high degree or level of intensity. <i>Help was sorely needed.</i>
terribly	Used as intensifiers. <i>Terribly interesting.</i>
thoroughly	Completely and absolutely good is sometimes used informally for thoroughly. <i>She was soon thoroughly bored.</i>
torturously	In a very painful manner. <i>A torturously hot day.</i>
tremendously	To a very great extent. <i>I have been helped tremendously by my family.</i>
unbearably	To an unbearable degree. <i>The men and their families have suffered unbearably.</i>
uncomfortably	In a way that causes discomfort or unease. <i>The play uncomfortably exposes the prejudices of the Victorian age.</i>
unfortunately	It is unfortunate that. <i>Unfortunately we do not have the time to interview every applicant.</i>
very	Used to emphasize that the following description applies without qualification. <i>She was very gifted.</i>
worryingly	In a way that causes anxiety about actual or potential problems. <i>His words now sound worryingly prophetic.</i>

Usage Examples of "Painfully" as an adverb

- *His ignorance was painfully obvious.*
- *She moved painfully forward.*
- *She coughed painfully.*
- *Progress was painfully slow.*

Associations of "Painfully" (30 Words)

aching	Having an ache in a part of one's body. <i>An aching sense of loss.</i>
<u>agonizing</u>	Extremely painful. <i>An agonizing death.</i>
callus	Form a callus or calluses. <i>His foot callused.</i>
damaged	Being unjustly brought into disrepute. <i>Her damaged reputation.</i>
doleful	Filled with or evoking sadness. <i>He could be struck off with doleful consequences.</i>
<u>dysfunctional</u>	Failing to serve an adjustive purpose. <i>The telephones are dysfunctional.</i>
<u>excruciating</u>	Extremely painful. <i>He explained the procedure in excruciating detail.</i>
hurt	Hurt the feelings of. <i>This exercise will hurt your back.</i>
impaired	Diminished in strength, quality, or utility. <i>Impaired driving charges.</i>
injured	Harmed, damaged, or impaired. <i>Injured feelings.</i>
irksome	So lacking in interest as to cause mental weariness. <i>What an irksome task the writing of long letters is.</i>
irreversibly	In an irreversible manner. <i>Our landscape will be irreversibly damaged.</i>
lacerate	Tear or make deep cuts in (flesh or skin). <i>The point had lacerated his neck.</i>
marred	Blemished by injury or rough wear. <i>Walls marred by graffiti.</i>

monochrome	Representation or reproduction in black and white or in varying tones of only one colour.
painful	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>A painful performance.</i>
paint	An act of painting something. <i>The house looked in need of a good paint.</i>
poignant	Evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret. <i>Poignant grief cannot endure forever.</i>
rehabilitate	Help to readapt, as to a former state of health or good repute. <i>With the fall of the government many former dissidents were rehabilitated.</i>
scarred	Blemished by injury or rough wear. <i>A face scarred by anxiety.</i>
sepsis	The presence of pus-forming bacteria or their toxins in the blood or tissues.
sore	Upset and angry. <i>All of us had sores and infections on our hands.</i>
stressful	Extremely irritating to the nerves. <i>Corporate finance work can be stressful.</i>
tiring	Producing exhaustion. <i>It had been a tiring day.</i>
toil	Exhausting physical labour. <i>She began to toil up the cliff path.</i>
torturous	Characterized by, involving, or causing pain or suffering. <i>A torturous five days of fitness training.</i>
traumatic	Deeply disturbing or distressing. <i>She is remembering some deeply traumatic incident in her past.</i>
trying	Difficult or annoying; hard to endure. <i>It had been a very trying day.</i>
wearisome	Causing one to feel tired or bored. <i>They have schedules and inventories that tell them in wearisome detail what they should look for.</i>
wounded	People who are wounded. <i>They had to leave the wounded where they fell.</i>