

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</i> aware.
agonizingly	In a very painful manner. The progress was <i>agonizingly</i> slow.

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

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>