

Need another word that means the same as “rigorous”? Find 48 synonyms and 30 related words for “rigorous” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Rigorous” are: strict, stringent, tight, meticulous, punctilious, conscientious, careful, diligent, attentive, scrupulous, painstaking, exact, precise, accurate, correct, thorough, studious, exhaustive, mathematical, detailed, perfectionist, methodical, particular, religious, severe, stern, austere, spartan, tough, hard, harsh, rigid, cruel, savage, relentless, unsparing, inflexible, authoritarian, despotic, draconian, intransigent, uncompromising, demanding, exacting, bad, bleak, extreme, inclement**

## Rigorous as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Rigorous" as an adjective

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

- *Rigidly accurate; allowing no deviation from a standard.*
- *Harsh and demanding.*
- *(of a rule, system, etc.) strictly applied or adhered to.*
- *Extremely thorough and careful.*
- *(of a person) adhering strictly to a belief or system.*
- *Demanding strict attention to rules and procedures.*



## Synonyms of "Rigorous" as an adjective (48 Words)

<b>accurate</b>	Of an instrument or method capable of giving accurate information. <i>A player who can deliver long <b>accurate</b> passes to the wingers.</i>
<b><u>attentive</u></b>	(often followed by `to') giving care or attention. <i>The hotel has a pleasant atmosphere and <b>attentive</b> service.</i>
<b><u>austere</u></b>	Of a stern or strict bearing or demeanor; forbidding in aspect. <i>Conditions in the prison could hardly be more <b>austere</b>.</i>
<b>authoritarian</b>	Expecting unquestioning obedience. <i>An <b>authoritarian</b> regime.</i>
<b>bad</b>	Feeling physical discomfort or pain though is occasionally used colloquially for bad. <i>A <b>bad</b> little boy.</i>
<b><u>bleak</u></b>	Offering little or no hope. <i>He paints a <b>bleak</b> picture of a company that has lost its way.</i>

<b><u>careful</u></b>	Full of cares or anxiety. <i>A <b>careful</b> consideration of the facts.</i>
<b>conscientious</b>	Wishing to do one's work or duty well and thoroughly. <i>A <b>conscientious</b> man he took his duties very seriously.</i>
<b>correct</b>	Socially right or correct. <i>The <b>correct</b> answer.</i>
<b>cruel</b>	Able or disposed to inflict pain or suffering. <i>The winters are long hard and <b>cruel</b>.</i>
<b>demanding</b>	Requiring more than usually expected or thought due; especially great patience and effort and skill. <i>Found the job very <b>demanding</b>.</i>
<b>despotic</b>	Of or typical of a despot; tyrannical. <i><b>Despotic</b> rulers.</i>
<b>detailed</b>	Developed or executed with care and in minute detail- John Buchan. <i>A <b>detailed</b> plan.</i>
<b>diligent</b>	Having or showing care and conscientiousness in one's work or duties. <i>A <b>diligent</b> search of the files.</i>
<b>draconian</b>	Of or relating to Draco or his harsh code of laws. <i>The Nazis destroyed the independence of the press by a series of <b>draconian</b> laws.</i>
<b><u>exact</u></b>	(of a person) accurate and careful about minor details. <i>The <b>exact</b> details were still being worked out.</i>
<b>exacting</b>	Making great demands on one's skill, attention, or other resources. <i>The <b>exacting</b> standards laid down by the organic food industry.</i>
<b><u>exhaustive</u></b>	Including or considering all elements or aspects; fully comprehensive. <i>An <b>exhaustive</b> study.</i>
<b>extreme</b>	Beyond a norm in views or actions. <i>Expulsion is an <b>extreme</b> sanction.</i>
<b>hard</b>	Unfortunate or hard to bear. <i><b>Hard</b> dry rolls left over from the day before.</i>
<b>harsh</b>	Cruel or severe. <i><b>Harsh</b> guttural shouts.</i>
<b>inclement</b>	(of the weather) unpleasantly cold or wet. <i>Walkers should be prepared for <b>inclement</b> weather.</i>
<b>inflexible</b>	Not able to be bent; stiff. <i>Once she had made up her mind she was <b>inflexible</b>.</i>

<b>intransigent</b>	Impervious to pleas, persuasion, requests, reason. <i>An <b>intransigent</b> conservative opposed to every liberal tendency.</i>
<b>mathematical</b>	Statistically possible though highly improbable. <i>Have a <b>mathematical</b> chance of making the playoffs.</i>
<u>methodical</u>	Characterized by method and orderliness. <i>She was so <b>methodical</b> she kept everything documented.</i>
<u>meticulous</u>	Showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise. <i>Almost worryingly <b>meticulous</b> in his business formalities.</i>
<u>painstaking</u>	Characterized by extreme care and great effort. <i>He is a gentle <b>painstaking</b> man.</i>
<b>particular</b>	Separate and distinct from others of the same group or category. <i>A matter of <b>particular</b> and unusual importance.</i>
<b>perfectionist</b>	Refusing to accept any standard short of perfection.
<u>precise</u>	Marked by exactness and accuracy of expression or detail. <i>I want as <b>precise</b> a time of death as I can get.</i>
<b>punctilious</b>	Marked by precise accordance with details. <i><b>Punctilious</b> in his attention to rules of etiquette.</i>
<u>relentless</u>	Harsh or inflexible. <i>The <b>relentless</b> beat of the drums.</i>
<b>religious</b>	Extremely scrupulous and conscientious. <i>Both men were deeply <b>religious</b> and moralistic.</i>
<b>rigid</b>	Not able to be changed or adapted. <i>A seat of <b>rigid</b> orange plastic.</i>
<b>savage</b>	Cruel and vicious; aggressively hostile. <i>A <b>savage</b> attack on the government.</i>
<b>scrupulous</b>	Characterized by extreme care and great effort. <i>She s too <b>scrupulous</b> to have an affair with a married man.</i>
<u>severe</u>	Severely simple. <i>A parent <b>severe</b> to the pitch of hostility.</i>
<b>spartan</b>	Unsparring and uncompromising in discipline or judgment. <i>A <b>spartan</b> diet.</i>
<b>stern</b>	Of a stern or strict bearing or demeanor forbidding in aspect. <i>A <b>stern</b> face.</i>
<b>strict</b>	Characterized by strictness severity or restraint. <i>A <b>strict</b> vegetarian.</i>
<u>stringent</u>	Demanding strict attention to rules and procedures. <i><b>Stringent</b> guidelines on air pollution.</i>



**studious**

Showing great care or attention.

*Made a **studious** attempt to fix the television set.*

**thorough**

Performed comprehensively and completely.

*A **thorough** nuisance.*

**tight**

Of a community or other group of people having close relations tight knit.

*The **tight** skin on your face may start to sag.*

**tough**

Feeling physical discomfort or pain tough is occasionally used colloquially for bad.

*We have six **tough** matches in a row.*

**uncompromising**

Not making concessions.

*Took an **uncompromising** stance in the peace talks.*

**unsparing**

Very generous.

***Unsparing** generosity.*





## Usage Examples of "Rigorous" as an adjective

- *Rigorous controls on mergers.*
- *A rigorous teetotaller.*
- *Rigorous application of the law.*
- *Rigorous discipline.*
- *The rigorous testing of consumer products.*
- *Many of the expedition had passed rigorous SAS courses.*



## Associations of "Rigorous" (30 Words)

- asperity** Harshness of manner.  
*The **asperity** of northern winters.*
- austere** Practicing great self-denial- William James.  
*A desert nomad s **austere** life.*

<b>draconian</b>	(of laws or their application) excessively harsh and severe. <i>The Nazis destroyed the independence of the press by a series of <b>draconian</b> laws.</i>
<b>exacting</b>	Having complicated nutritional requirements; especially growing only in special artificial cultures. <i>An <b>exacting</b> job.</i>
<b>firm</b>	Marked by firm determination or resolution not shakable. <i>A <b>firm</b> ally.</i>
<b>hard</b>	Causing great damage or hardship. <i>Efforts to turn psychology into <b>hard</b> science.</i>
<b>harsh</b>	(of a climate or conditions) difficult to survive in; hostile. <i>The <b>harsh</b> white light makes you screw up your eyes.</i>
<b>inflexible</b>	Unwilling to change or compromise. <i>Heavy <b>inflexible</b> armour.</i>
<b>martinet</b>	A person who demands complete obedience; a strict disciplinarian. <i>The woman in charge was a <b>martinet</b> who treated all those beneath her like children.</i>
<b>moralist</b>	Someone who demands exact conformity to rules and forms.
<b>obduracy</b>	Resoluteness by virtue of being unyielding and inflexible.
<b>pitiless</b>	(especially of weather) unrelentingly harsh or severe. <i>A night of <b>pitiless</b> rain.</i>
<b>resolved</b>	Explained or answered. <i>Constance was <b>resolved</b> not to cry.</i>
<b>rigid</b>	Unable to bend or be forced out of shape; not flexible. <i>The College had not wanted to be too <b>rigid</b> in imposing teaching methods.</i>
<b>rigor</b>	The quality of being valid and rigorous. <i>The <b>rigors</b> of boot camp.</i>
<b>rigour</b>	The quality of being extremely thorough and careful. <i>The full <b>rigour</b> of the law.</i>
<b>severe</b>	Severely simple. <i>A <b>severe</b> shortage of technicians.</i>
<b>severely</b>	Strictly or harshly. <i>Her hair was <b>severely</b> pulled back into a bun.</i>
<b>severity</b>	Excessive sternness. <i>Sentences should reflect the <b>severity</b> of the crime.</i>
<b>spartan</b>	Unsparring and uncompromising in discipline or judgment. <i><b>Spartan</b> courage.</i>



<b>stern</b>	Of a stern or strict bearing or demeanor forbidding in aspect. <i><b>Stern</b> measures to restrict vehicle growth.</i>
<b>stoutly</b>	In a resolute manner. <i>The houses are built <b>stoutly</b> of granite.</i>
<b>strict</b>	Characterized by strictness severity or restraint. <i>A <b>strict</b> upbringing.</i>
<b>strictly</b>	Restricted to something. <i>That visit was <b>strictly</b> business.</i>
<b>stringency</b>	Conscientious attention to rules and details.
<u><b>stringent</b></u>	Demanding strict attention to rules and procedures. <i><b>Stringent</b> safety measures.</i>
<b>stringently</b>	In a stringent manner. <i>The laws are <b>stringently</b> enforced.</i>
<b>tightly</b>	In a disciplined or well coordinated manner. <i>A <b>tightly</b> sealed container.</i>
<b>unbending</b>	Incapable of adapting or changing to meet circumstances. <i>His output is prodigious and springs from the <b>unbending</b> control he exercises over every aspect of his life.</i>
<u><b>unkind</b></u>	Inconsiderate and harsh to others. <i>A thoughtless and <b>unkind</b> remark.</i>

