

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)

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

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

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

<u>studious</u>	Showing great care or attention. <i>Made a studious attempt to fix the television set.</i>
<u>thorough</u>	Performed comprehensively and completely. <i>A thorough nuisance.</i>
tight	Of a community or other group of people having close relations tight knit. <i>The tight skin on your face may start to sag.</i>
<u>tough</u>	Feeling physical discomfort or pain tough is occasionally used colloquially for bad. <i>We have six tough matches in a row.</i>
<u>uncompromising</u>	Not making concessions. <i>Took an uncompromising stance in the peace talks.</i>
unsparing	Very generous. <i>Unsparing generosity.</i>



Usage Examples of "Rigorous" as an adjective

- *Rigorous controls on mergers.*
- *A rigorous teetotaler.*
- *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.*

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

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

