

Need another word that means the same as “rugged”? Find 53 synonyms and 30 related words for “rugged” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Rugged” are: tough, furrowed, broken, rough, uneven, bumpy, rocky, stony, irregular, pitted, broken up, jagged, craggy, precipitous, well built, burly, strong, big and strong, muscular, muscly, brawny, strapping, chunky, husky, broad-shouldered, powerfully built, muscle-bound, rough-textured, manly, masculine, durable, robust, sturdy, resilient, austere, harsh, spartan, exacting, taxing, demanding, difficult, hard, arduous, rigorous, strenuous, onerous, uncompromising, unwavering, unflinching, firm, tenacious, determined, resolute**

## Rugged as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Rugged" as an adjective

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

- *(of ground or terrain) having a broken, rocky, and uneven surface.*
- *Topographically very uneven.*
- *Very difficult; severely testing stamina or resolution.*
- *Having or requiring toughness and determination.*
- *(of clothing, equipment, etc.) strongly made and capable of withstanding rough handling.*
- *Sturdy and strong in constitution or construction; enduring.*
- *Having attractively strong, rough-hewn features (typically used of a man).*
- *Having long narrow shallow depressions (as grooves or wrinkles) in the surface.*



## Synonyms of "Rugged" as an adjective (53 Words)

<b><u>arduous</u></b>	Characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion; especially physical effort. <i>Your willingness after these six <b>arduous</b> days to remain here.</i>
<b><u>austere</u></b>	(of living conditions or a way of life) having no comforts or luxuries. <i>He was an <b>austere</b> man with a rigidly puritanical outlook.</i>
<b>big and strong</b>	Exhibiting self-importance.
<b><u>brawny</u></b>	Possessing physical strength and weight; rugged and powerful. <i>A great <b>brawny</b> brute.</i>
<b>broad-shouldered</b>	Having broad shoulders.
<b><u>broken</u></b>	Out of working order busted is an informal substitute for broken. <i><b>Broken</b> terrain.</i>
<b>broken up</b>	Having been violated or disregarded.

<b><u>bumpy</u></b>	Covered with or full of bumps. <i>The car jolted on the <b>bumpy</b> road.</i>
<b>burly</b>	(of a person) large and strong; heavily built. <i>Had a tall <b>burly</b> frame.</i>
<b><u>chunky</u></b>	Bulky and thick. <i>Some people seem born to be square and <b>chunky</b>.</i>
<b>craggy</b>	(of a landscape) having many crags. <i>A <b>craggy</b> coastline.</i>
<b>demanding</b>	Requiring more than usually expected or thought due; especially great patience and effort and skill. <i>She has a busy and <b>demanding</b> job.</i>
<b>determined</b>	Determined or decided upon as by an authority. <i>A <b>determined</b> effort to reduce inflation.</i>
<b>difficult</b>	Characterized by or causing hardships or problems. <i>A <b>difficult</b> task.</i>
<b><u>durable</u></b>	Very long lasting. <i>The <b>perdurable</b> granite of the ancient Appalachian spine of the continent.</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>The pound was <b>firm</b> against the dollar.</i>
<b>furrowed</b>	(of land or earth) covered in long, narrow trenches formed by ploughing. <i><b>Furrowed</b> fields.</i>
<b>hard</b>	Unfortunate or hard to bear. <i>He d had a <b>hard</b> life.</i>
<b>harsh</b>	Unkind or cruel or uncivil. <i>A time of <b>harsh</b> military discipline.</i>
<b>husky</b>	Deep and harsh sounding as if from shouting or illness or emotion- Virgil Thomson. <i>Clothing sizes for <b>husky</b> boys.</i>
<b><u>irregular</u></b>	(of a verb or other word) having inflections that do not conform to the usual rules. <i>An <b>irregular</b> worker.</i>
<b><u>jagged</u></b>	With rough, sharp points protruding. <i>The <b>jagged</b> outline of the crags.</i>

<b><u>manly</u></b>	Having or denoting those good qualities traditionally associated with men, such as courage, strength, and spirit. <i><b>Manly</b> sports.</i>
<b><u>masculine</u></b>	Associated with men and not with women. A <i><b>masculine</b></i> voice.
<b>muscle-bound</b>	Having stiff muscles as the result of excessive exercise.
<b>muscly</b>	Muscular. <i>His <b>muscly</b> forearms.</i>
<b><u>muscular</u></b>	Having a robust muscular body build characterized by predominance of structures bone and muscle and connective tissue developed from the embryonic mesodermal layer. <i>His legs were strong and <b>muscular</b>.</i>
<b>onerous</b>	Involving heavy obligations. An <i><b>onerous</b></i> lease.
<b>pitted</b>	Pitted with cell like cavities as a honeycomb. <i><b>Pitted</b> black olives.</i>
<b>powerfully built</b>	Possessing physical strength and weight; rugged and powerful.
<b>precipitous</b>	Dangerously high or steep. <i>The track skirted a <b>precipitous</b> drop.</i>
<b><u>resilient</u></b>	(of a substance or object) able to recoil or spring back into shape after bending, stretching, or being compressed. <i>Babies are generally far more <b>resilient</b> than new parents realize.</i>
<b><u>resolute</u></b>	Firm in purpose or belief; characterized by firmness and determination. <i>He was <b>resolute</b> in his fight to uphold liberal values.</i>
<b><u>rigorous</u></b>	Demanding strict attention to rules and procedures. <i><b>Rigorous</b> application of the law.</i>
<b>robust</b>	Strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity. A <i><b>robust</b></i> body.
<b><u>rocky</u></b>	Liable to rock. <i>The marriage seemingly got off to a <b>rocky</b> start.</i>
<b>rough</b>	Violently agitated and turbulent. A few <i><b>rough</b></i> sketches.
<b>rough-textured</b>	Having surface roughness.
<b>spartan</b>	Unsparring and uncompromising in discipline or judgment. A <i><b>spartan</b></i> diet.

<b>stony</b>	Not having or showing feeling or sympathy. <b>Stony</b> ground.
<b>strapping</b>	(especially of a young person) big and strong. A <b>strapping</b> boy of eighteen.
<b>strenuous</b>	Taxing to the utmost; testing powers of endurance- F.D.Roosevelt. <b>Strenuous</b> exercise.
<b>strong</b>	Relating to or denoting the strongest of the known kinds of force between particles which acts between nucleons and other hadrons when closer than about 10 cm so binding protons in a nucleus despite the repulsion due to their charge and which conserves strangeness parity and isospin. <i>The government were urged to take <b>strong</b> measures against the perpetrators of violence.</i>
<b>sturdy</b>	Strong enough to withstand rough work or treatment. <i>The bike is <b>sturdy</b> enough to cope with bumpy tracks.</i>
<b>taxing</b>	Not easily borne; wearing. A <b>taxing</b> schedule.
<b>tenacious</b>	Stubbornly unyielding. <i>A mind not gifted to discover truth but <b>tenacious</b> to hold it.</i>
<b>tough</b>	Feeling physical discomfort or pain tough is occasionally used colloquially for bad. A <b>tough</b> break.
<b>uncompromising</b>	Showing an unwillingness to make concessions to others, especially by changing one's ways or opinions. <b>Uncompromising</b> honesty.
<b>uneven</b>	Not fairly matched as opponents. <b>Uneven</b> spacing.
<b>unflinching</b>	Not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or difficulty. <i>He has shown <b>unflinching</b> determination throughout the campaign.</i>
<b>unwavering</b>	Not showing abrupt variations. <b>Unwavering</b> loyalty.
<b>well built</b>	Wise or advantageous and hence advisable.





## Usage Examples of "Rugged" as an adjective

- *The rugged conditions of frontier life.*
- *A rugged competitive examination.*
- *A week of rugged, demanding adventure at an outdoor training centre.*
- *The binoculars are compact, lightweight, and rugged.*
- *Rugged ground.*
- *A rugged coastline.*
- *With a house full of boys you have to have rugged furniture.*
- *He was known for his rugged good looks.*



## Associations of "Rugged" (30 Words)

- asymmetric** Characterized by asymmetry in the spatial arrangement or placement of parts or components.
- asymmetrical** Having parts that fail to correspond to one another in shape, size, or arrangement; lacking symmetry.  
*The church has an **asymmetrical** plan with an aisle only on one side.*
- atypical** Not representative of a group, class, or type.  
***Atypical** pneumonia.*
- broken** Out of working order busted is an informal substitute for broken.  
*A **broken** white line across the road.*
- bumpy** Causing or characterized by jolts and irregular movements.  
*Investors could be in for a **bumpy** ride.*
- corrosive** A corrosive substance.  
***Corrosive** cristism.*

<b>craggy</b>	(of a landscape) having many crags. <i>A <b>craggy</b> coastline.</i>
<b>erratic</b>	Likely to perform unpredictably. <i><b>Erratic</b> winds are the bane of a sailor.</i>
<b>gigantic</b>	Of very great size or extent; huge or enormous. <i>A <b>gigantic</b> concrete tower.</i>
<b>gravelly</b>	Unpleasantly harsh or grating in sound. <i>A dry <b>gravelly</b> soil.</i>
<b>hilly</b>	Having many hills. <i>A remote <b>hilly</b> district.</i>
<b>hinterland</b>	The area around or beyond a major town or port. <i>A market town serving its rich agricultural <b>hinterland</b>.</i>
<b>irregular</b>	A member of an irregular armed force that fights a stronger force by sabotage and harassment. <i><b>Irregular</b> hiring practices.</i>
<b>irreparably</b>	In an irreparable manner or to an irreparable degree. <i>Our international image has been <b>irreparably</b> tarnished.</i>
<b>jagged</b>	Having a sharply uneven surface or outline. <i>Her <b>jagged</b> nerves.</i>
<b>landlocked</b>	(of a country or region) almost or entirely surrounded by land. <i>A <b>landlocked</b> country.</i>
<b>mountainous</b>	Like a mountain in size and impressiveness. <i><b>Mountainous</b> waves.</i>
<b>patchy</b>	Irregular or uneven in quality, texture, etc. <i><b>Patchy</b> fog.</i>
<b>pebble</b>	(of a spectacle lens) very thick and convex. <i>A narrow <b>pebble</b> beach.</i>
<b>raspy</b>	Unpleasantly harsh or grating in sound. <i>His voice was <b>raspy</b> from days of non stop campaigning.</i>
<b>rock</b>	A large piece of rock which has become detached from a cliff or mountain a boulder. <i><b>Rock</b> is a generic term for the range of styles that evolved out of <b>rock n roll</b>.</i>
<b>rough</b>	With roughness or violence rough is an informal variant for roughly. <i><b>Rough</b> paper.</i>
<b>serrated</b>	Notched like a saw with teeth pointing toward the apex. <i>A knife with a <b>serrated</b> edge.</i>



<b><u>shattered</u></b>	Ruined or disrupted. <i>He was said to be absolutely <b>shattered</b> after losing his job.</i>
<b>stony</b>	Abounding in rocks or stones. <i>Lucenzo s hard <b>stony</b> eyes.</i>
<b>toothed</b>	Having an irregularly notched or toothed margin as though gnawed. <i>Saw <b>toothed</b>.</i>
<b>unbalance</b>	A lack of balance or state of disequilibrium. <i>There appears to be very little horizontal stress <b>unbalance</b>.</i>
<b><u>uneven</u></b>	(of a contest) not equally balanced. <i>An <b>uneven</b> gait.</i>
<b><u>wavy</u></b>	Uneven by virtue of having wrinkles or waves. <i>She had long <b>wavy</b> hair.</i>
<b><u>wilderness</u></b>	A neglected or abandoned area. <i>The garden had become a <b>wilderness</b> of weeds and bushes.</i>

