

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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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)

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

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

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

stony	Not having or showing feeling or sympathy. Stony ground.
strapping	(especially of a young person) big and strong. A strapping boy of eighteen.
strenuous	Taxing to the utmost; testing powers of endurance- F.D.Roosevelt. Strenuous exercise.
strong	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 strong measures against the perpetrators of violence.</i>
sturdy	Strong enough to withstand rough work or treatment. <i>The bike is sturdy enough to cope with bumpy tracks.</i>
taxing	Not easily borne; wearing. A taxing schedule.
tenacious	Stubbornly unyielding. <i>A mind not gifted to discover truth but tenacious to hold it.</i>
tough	Feeling physical discomfort or pain tough is occasionally used colloquially for bad. A tough break.
uncompromising	Showing an unwillingness to make concessions to others, especially by changing one's ways or opinions. Uncompromising honesty.
uneven	Not fairly matched as opponents. Uneven spacing.
unflinching	Not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or difficulty. <i>He has shown unflinching determination throughout the campaign.</i>
unwavering	Not showing abrupt variations. Unwavering loyalty.
well built	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.*

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

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

