

Need another word that means the same as “strained”? Find 51 synonyms and 30 related words for “strained” in this overview.

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Strained as an Adjective

Definitions of "Strained" as an adjective

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

- *(of a limb or muscle) injured by overexertion or twisting.*
- *(of a mainly liquid substance) having been strained to separate out any solid matter.*
- *Lacking natural ease.*
- *Lacking spontaneity; not natural.*
- *Not relaxed or comfortable; tense or uneasy.*
- *Far-fetched; laboured.*
- *Showing signs of mental and emotional tension.*
- *Produced by deliberate effort rather than spontaneously; artificial or forced.*
- *Showing signs of nervous tension or tiredness.*
- *Struggling for effect.*



Synonyms of "Strained" as an adjective (51 Words)

absurd	Arousing amusement or derision; ridiculous. <i>The allegations are patently absurd.</i>
agonistic	Relating to or acting as an agonist. <i>An agonistic exchange.</i>
<u>astonishing</u>	Extremely surprising or impressive; amazing. <i>An astonishing achievement.</i>
<u>astounding</u>	Bewildering or striking dumb with wonder. <i>The summit offers astounding views.</i>
awkward	Uncomfortable or abnormal. <i>An awkward dancer.</i>
<u>brehtaking</u>	Tending to cause suspension of regular breathing. <i>The scene was one of brehtaking beauty.</i>
careworn	Showing the wearing effects of overwork or care or suffering. <i>A careworn expression.</i>

constrained	Severely restricted in scope, extent, or activity. <i>Many families are operating under constrained budgets.</i>
difficult	Characterized by or causing hardships or problems. <i>A difficult task.</i>
doubtful	Unsettled in mind or opinion. <i>I was doubtful of my judgement.</i>
<u>drained</u>	Drained of electric charge discharged. <i>A drained and apathetic old man not caring any longer about anything.</i>
drawn	(of a person) looking strained from illness, exhaustion, anxiety, or pain. <i>The drawn draperies kept direct sunlight from fading the rug.</i>
<u>dubious</u>	Of questionable value. <i>Timeshare has been brought into disrepute by dubious sales methods.</i>
<u>edgy</u>	Being in a tense state. <i>Tremendously edgy brass playing.</i>
<u>embarrassed</u>	Feeling or caused to feel uneasy and self-conscious. <i>An embarrassed silence.</i>
exhausted	Drained of energy or effectiveness extremely tired completely exhausted. <i>The day s events left her completely exhausted her strength drained.</i>
extraordinary	Unusually great. <i>An extraordinary desire for approval.</i>
fatigued	Drained of energy or effectiveness; extremely tired; completely exhausted.
forced	Forced or compelled. <i>Forced heartiness.</i>
fraught	Marked by distress. <i>A fraught mother daughter relationship.</i>
hard to believe	Given to excessive indulgence of bodily appetites especially for intoxicating liquors.
hollow	As if echoing in a hollow space. <i>The result was a hollow victory.</i>
implausible	(of an argument or statement) not seeming reasonable or probable; failing to convince. <i>This is a blatantly implausible claim.</i>

<u>impossible</u>	Very difficult to deal with. <i>An impossible dream.</i>
improbable	Too improbable to admit of belief. <i>This account of events was seen by the jury as most improbable.</i>
<u>inconceivable</u>	Totally unlikely. <i>It seemed inconceivable that the president had been unaware of what was going on.</i>
labored	Lacking natural ease. <i>The subject made for labored reading.</i>
laboured	Requiring or showing effort. <i>His breathing was laboured.</i>
not in the least likely	Directed or bound inward.
<u>phenomenal</u>	Of or relating to a phenomenon. <i>The town expanded at a phenomenal rate.</i>
pinched	Sounding as if the nose were pinched. <i>Her pinched toes in her pointed shoes were killing her.</i>
preposterous	So unreasonable as to invite derision. <i>A preposterous suggestion.</i>
<u>questionable</u>	Subject to question. <i>A questionable reputation.</i>
self-conscious	Aware of yourself as an individual or of your own being and actions and thoughts- D.M.Potter.
<u>staggering</u>	Deeply shocking; astonishing. <i>Suffered a staggering defeat.</i>
<u>stiff</u>	Full of. <i>The place is stiff with alarm systems.</i>
stilted	(of an arch) with pieces of upright masonry between the imposts and the springers. <i>We made stilted conversation.</i>
<u>tense</u>	Pronounced with relatively tense tongue muscles e g the vowel sound in beat. <i>He was tense with excitement.</i>
tired	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i>Fisher rubbed his tired eyes.</i>
<u>troubled</u>	Characterized by unrest or disorder or insubordination. <i>His troubled face.</i>

<u>unbelievable</u>	So great or extreme as to be difficult to believe; extraordinary. <i>Unbelievable or not it happened.</i>
<u>uncomfortable</u>	Causing or feeling slight pain or physical discomfort. <i>He began to feel uncomfortable at the man's hard stare.</i>
<u>unconvincing</u>	Not convincing. <i>She felt the lie was unconvincing.</i>
<u>uneasy</u>	(of a situation or relationship) not settled; liable to change. <i>She fell into an uneasy sleep.</i>
<u>unimaginable</u>	Difficult or impossible to imagine or comprehend. <i>Lives of almost unimaginable deprivation.</i>
<u>unnatural</u>	Speaking or behaving in an artificial way to make an impression. <i>The child's unnatural interest in death.</i>
<u>unrelaxed</u>	Nor relaxed. <i>His life was drawing to a close in baffled zeal and unrelaxed strain.</i>
<u>unthinkable</u>	(of a situation or event) too unlikely or undesirable to be considered a possibility. <i>The unthinkable happened I spoke up.</i>
<u>weary</u>	Reluctant to see or experience any more of; tired of. <i>He gave a long weary sigh.</i>
<u>wooden</u>	Like or characteristic of wood. <i>The actor's performance was wooden.</i>
<u>worn</u>	Showing the wearing effects of overwork or care or suffering. <i>His knees were encased in worn plus fours.</i>



Usage Examples of "Strained" as an adjective

- *Jean's pale, strained face.*
- *She gave a strained laugh.*
- *A strained smile.*
- *My example may seem a little strained.*
- *Relations between the two countries were strained.*
- *A constrained smile.*
- *There was a strained silence.*
- *Her voice was strained as she asked the question.*



Associations of "Strained" (30 Words)

- aroused** Aroused to action.
*The **aroused** opposition.*
- constrained** Appearing forced or overly controlled.
*He was acting in a **constrained** manner.*
- constricted** Inhibited; restricted.
***Constricted** air passages.*
- defuse** Make (a situation) less tense or dangerous.
*Explosives specialists tried to **defuse** the grenade.*
- dejection** A sad and depressed state; low spirits.
*He was slumped in deep **dejection**.*
- excitability** Being easily excited.
- flighty** Unpredictably excitable (especially of horses).
*Her mother was a **flighty** Southern belle.*
- fretful** Feeling or expressing distress or irritation.
*The baby was crying with a **fretful** whimper.*

irritability	The quality or state of being irritable. <i>Symptoms include insomnia and irritability.</i>
jittery	Nervous or unable to relax. <i>Caffeine makes me jittery.</i>
<u>nervous</u>	Of or relating to the nervous system. <i>Nervous energy.</i>
nervously	In an anxiously nervous manner. <i>I was blushing and smiling nervously.</i>
nervy	Being in a tense state. <i>It was kind of nervy for Billy to be telling him how to play.</i>
paralyze	Cause to be paralyzed and immobile. <i>The bureaucracy paralyzes the entire operation.</i>
peevish	Having or showing an irritable disposition. <i>A thin peevish voice.</i>
petulance	An irritable petulant feeling. <i>A slight degree of petulance had crept into his voice.</i>
querulous	Habitually complaining. <i>She became querulous and demanding.</i>
restlessly	In a restless manner.
sensitize	Cause (someone or something) to respond to certain stimuli; make sensitive. <i>Long term exposure to this medicine may sensitize you to the allergen.</i>
<u>skittish</u>	(of a person) playfully frivolous or unpredictable. <i>A skittish chestnut mare.</i>
stressed	Strengthened by the application of stress during manufacture prestressed. <i>He dropped out of the race clearly distressed and having difficulty breathing.</i>
taut	(especially of muscles or nerves) tense; not relaxed. <i>The fabric stays taut without adhesive.</i>
<u>temper</u>	Make more temperate acceptable or suitable by adding something else. <i>The way a smith would temper a sword.</i>
<u>tense</u>	Become stretched or tense or taut. <i>He got a phone call from his lawyer that tensed him up.</i>
<u>troubled</u>	Characterized by unrest or disorder or insubordination. <i>Troubled teenagers.</i>
<u>uneasy</u>	Relating to bodily unease that causes discomfort. <i>Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown.</i>

- unnatural** Contrary to the ordinary course of nature; abnormal.
*Death by **unnatural** causes.*
- uptight** Anxious or angry in a tense and overly controlled way.
*He is so **uptight** about everything.*
- volatility** The trait of being unpredictably irresolute.
*The **volatility** of chemicals in an indoor environment.*

