

Need another word that means the same as “torture”? Find 28 synonyms and 30 related words for “torture” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Torture” are: torturing, anguish, torment, distortion, overrefinement, straining, twisting, agony, infliction of pain, abuse, suffering, pain, ordeal, horror, trial, excruciate, rack, inflict pain on, inflict suffering on, afflict, harrow, plague, distress, agonize, cause agony to, cause suffering to, inflict anguish on**

## Torture as a Noun

### Definitions of "Torture" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “torture” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A cause of great suffering or anxiety.*
- *The action or practice of inflicting severe pain or suffering on someone as a punishment or in order to force them to do or say something.*
- *Great physical or mental suffering or anxiety.*
- *The act of distorting something so it seems to mean something it was not intended to mean.*
- *Intense feelings of suffering; acute mental or physical pain.*
- *Extreme mental distress.*
- *The deliberate, systematic, or wanton infliction of physical or mental suffering by one*

*or more persons in an attempt to force another person to yield information or to make a confession or for any other reason.*

- *Unbearable physical pain.*



## Synonyms of "Torture" as a noun (15 Words)

<b>abuse</b>	The improper use of something. <i>A black eye and other signs of physical <b>abuse</b>.</i>
<b><u>agony</u></b>	Intense feelings of suffering; acute mental or physical pain. <i>He crashed to the ground in <b>agony</b>.</i>
<b><u>anguish</u></b>	Severe mental or physical pain or suffering. <i>She shut her eyes in <b>anguish</b>.</i>
<b>distortion</b>	A shape resulting from distortion. <i>We re fed up with the media s continuing <b>distortion</b> of our issues.</i>
<b><u>horror</u></b>	A thing causing a feeling of horror. <i>The <b>horrors</b> of civil war.</i>
<b>infliction of pain</b>	An act causing pain or damage.  A primitive method of determining a person's guilt or innocence by subjecting the accused person to dangerous or painful tests believed to be under divine control; escape was usually taken as a sign of innocence. <i><b>Ordeals</b> conducted in the twelfth century.</i>
<b><u>ordeal</u></b>	
<b>overrefinement</b>	The act of distorting something so it seems to mean something it was not intended to mean.
<b>pain</b>	Mental suffering or distress. <i>The <b>pain</b> of loneliness.</i>
<b><u>straining</u></b>	Difficulty that causes worry or emotional tension- R.J.Samuelson.
<b>suffering</b>	Psychological suffering. <i>His disregard for the <b>sufferings</b> of his fellow countrymen.</i>
<b>torment</b>	A feeling of intense annoyance caused by being tormented. <i>The journey must have been a <b>torment</b> for them.</i>
<b>torturing</b>	Intense feelings of suffering; acute mental or physical pain. <i>It required unnatural <b>torturing</b> to extract a confession.</i>
<b><u>trial</u></b>	A test of individual ability on a motorcycle over rough ground or on a road. <i>The editor was summoned to stand <b>trial</b> for libel.</i>
<b>twisting</b>	A hairdo formed by braiding or twisting the hair. <i>It broke off after much <b>twisting</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Torture" as a noun

- *Confessions extracted under torture.*
- *The torture of political prisoners.*
- *The torture I've gone through because of loving you so.*
- *A torture chamber.*
- *Dances were absolute torture because I was so small.*



## Torture as a Verb

### Definitions of "Torture" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "torture" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Inflict severe pain or suffering on.*
- *Torment emotionally or mentally.*
- *Subject to torture.*
- *Cause great mental suffering or anxiety to.*



## Synonyms of "Torture" as a verb (13 Words)

### **afflict**

(of a celestial body) be in a stressful aspect with (another celestial body or a point on the ecliptic.

*His younger child was **afflicted** with a skin disease.*

### **agonize**

Cause to agonize.

*A question which will **agonize** the technocrats.*

### **cause agony to**

Cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner.

### **cause suffering to**

Cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner.

### **distress**

Bring into difficulties or distress especially financial hardship.

*The manner in which leather jackets are industrially **distressed**.*

<b>excruciate</b>	Torment (someone) physically or mentally. <i>I stand back <b>excruciated</b> by the possibility.</i>
<b>harrow</b>	Draw a harrow over land. <i>They ploughed and <b>harrowed</b> the heavy clay.</i>
<b>inflict anguish on</b>	Impose something unpleasant.
<b>inflict pain on</b>	Impose something unpleasant.
<b>inflict suffering on</b>	Impose something unpleasant.
<b>plague</b>	Cause continual trouble or distress to. <i>He has been <b>plagued</b> by ill health.</i>
<b>rack</b>	Go at a rack. <i>He was <b>racked</b> with guilt.</i>
<b>torment</b>	Torment emotionally or mentally. <i>Every day I have kids <b>tormenting</b> me because they know I live alone.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Torture" as a verb

- *His tortured mind.*
- *Most of the victims had been brutally tortured.*
- *He was tortured by grief.*



## Associations of "Torture" (30 Words)

<b><u>anguish</u></b>	Cause emotional anguish or make miserable. <i>Philip gave a cry of <b>anguish</b>.</i>
<b>atonement</b>	The action of making amends for a wrong or injury. <i>He submitted his resignation as an act of <b>atonement</b>.</i>
<b>confess</b>	Confess to a punishable or reprehensible deed usually under pressure. <i>150 people <b>confessed</b> faith in Christ.</i>
<b><u>confession</u></b>	The religious body or Church sharing a confession of faith. <i>Proof of this crime must be established by <b>confession</b>.</i>
<b>contrition</b>	The state of feeling remorseful and penitent. <i>To show <b>contrition</b> for his crime he offered to do community service.</i> (with reference to a person) in a way that wilfully causes pain or suffering to others.
<b>cruelly</b>	<i>He marries Edgar's sister Isabella and <b>cruelly</b> ill treats her.</i>
<b>distortion</b>	A shape resulting from distortion. <i>The virus causes <b>distortion</b> of the leaves.</i>
<b>extrajudicial</b>	(of a sentence) not legally authorized. <i>An <b>extrajudicial</b> offer does not carry the same penalty in expenses.</i>
<b>forgive</b>	Stop blaming or grant forgiveness. <i>I'll never <b>forgive</b> David for the way he treated her.</i>
<b>guilty</b>	Culpable of or responsible for a specified wrongdoing. <i><b>Guilty</b> of murder.</i>
<b><u>misdeed</u></b>	Improper or wicked or immoral behavior. <i>His past <b>misdeeds</b> were forgiven.</i>
<b><u>mistreat</u></b>	Treat (a person or animal) badly, cruelly, or unfairly. <i>He denied <b>mistreating</b> his workers.</i>
<b>penance</b>	Impose a penance on. <i>The Bishop <b>penanced</b> him severely for his conduct.</i>
<b>penitence</b>	The action of feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentance. <i>A public display of <b>penitence</b>.</i>
<b>penitent</b>	(Roman Catholic Church) a person who repents for wrongdoing (a Roman Catholic may be admitted to penance under the direction of a confessor). <i>A <b>penitent</b> expression.</i>
<b>penitential</b>	Relating to or expressing penitence or penance. <i><b>Penitential</b> tears.</i>

<b>regret</b>	Express with regret. <i>I <b>regret</b> to say that you did not gain admission to Harvard.</i>
<b>relentlessly</b>	In an unceasingly intense or harsh way. <i>He worked <b>relentlessly</b>.</i>
<b>remorse</b>	Deep regret or guilt for a wrong committed. <i>They were filled with <b>remorse</b> and shame.</i>
<b>remorseful</b>	Filled with remorse; sorry. <i>The defendant was <b>remorseful</b> for what he had done.</i>
<b>repent</b>	Feel remorse for; feel sorry for; be contrite about. <i>Marian came to <b>repent</b> her hasty judgement.</i>
<b>repentance</b>	The action of repenting; sincere regret or remorse. <i>Each person who turns to God in genuine <b>repentance</b> and faith will be saved.</i>
<b>repentant</b>	Feeling or expressing remorse for misdeeds. <i>He is truly <b>repentant</b> for his incredible naivety and stupidity.</i>
<b>rue</b>	Leaves sometimes used for flavoring fruit or claret cup but should be used with great caution: can cause irritation like poison ivy. <i>To his <b>rue</b> the error cost him the game.</i>
<b>ruthlessly</b>	In a ruthless manner. <i>They fell prey to money lenders who <b>ruthlessly</b> exploited them.</i>
<b>sadistic</b>	Deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others. <i>A <b>sadistic</b> killer.</i>
<b>sin</b>	Commit a sin violate a law of God or a moral law. <i>I <b>sinned</b> and brought shame down on us.</i>
<b>sinner</b>	A person who transgresses against divine law by committing an immoral act or acts. <i>God forgives repentant <b>sinner</b>s.</i>
<b>torment</b>	Torment emotionally or mentally. <i>So great was his harassment that he wanted to destroy his <b>tormentors</b>.</i>
<b>trial</b>	Of a horse dog or other animal compete in trials. <i>A <b>trial</b> of progesterone failed to relieve the pain.</i>

