

Need another word that means the same as “torturous”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “torturous” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Torturous” are: agonising, agonizing, excruciating, harrowing, torturesome, torturing, stabbing, shooting, penetrating, piercing, sharp, keen, racking, searing, burning, consuming

Torturous as an Adjective

Definitions of "Torturous" as an adjective

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

- *Characterized by, involving, or causing pain or suffering.*
- *Extremely painful.*



Synonyms of "Torturous" as an adjective (16 Words)

- agonising** Extremely painful.
- agonizing** Causing great physical or mental pain.
*There is an **agonizing** choice to make.*
- burning** Of immediate import.
*He had a **burning** ambition to climb to the upper reaches of management.*
- consuming** Very strong; urgently felt.
*Politics is his **consuming** passion.*
- excruciating** Very embarrassing, awkward, or tedious.
*He explained the procedure in **excruciating** detail.*
- harrowing** Acutely distressing.
*A **harrowing** film about racism and violence.*

keen	(of a smell, light, or sound) penetrating; clear. <i>I have keen eyesight.</i>
penetrating	Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions. <i>A penetrating odor.</i>
piercing	(of a sound) extremely high or loud. <i>The piercing cold of winter.</i>
racking	Causing great physical or mental suffering.
searing	Having lost all moisture. <i>The searing heat of the sun.</i>
sharp	Keenly and painfully felt as if caused by a sharp edge or point. <i>A pencil with a sharp point.</i>
shooting	Moving or growing quickly. <i>Shooting beams of light played over the sea.</i>
stabbing	Causing physical or especially psychological injury. <i>A stabbing pain.</i>
torturesome	Extremely painful.
torturing	Extremely painful.



Usage Examples of "Torturous" as an adjective

- *A torturous five days of fitness training.*



Associations of "Torturous" (30 Words)

- aching** A dull persistent (usually moderately intense) pain.
*The cool air was a relief to my **aching** head.*
- agonizing** Causing great physical or mental pain.
*An **agonizing** death.*
- biting** Causing a sharply painful or stinging sensation; used especially of cold.
*His **biting** satire on corruption and power.*
- bitter** Alcohol flavoured with bitter plant extracts used as an additive in cocktails or as a medicinal substance to promote appetite or digestion.
*It was **bitterly** cold.*
- callus** Cause a callus to form on.
*His foot **callused**.*

cultivator	A person or thing that cultivates something. <i>Rotary cultivators are ideal in the kitchen garden.</i>
<u>disastrous</u>	Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>United made a disastrous start to the season.</i>
distressing	Causing anxiety, sorrow or pain; upsetting. <i>Some very distressing news.</i>
doleful	Filled with or evoking sadness. <i>He could be struck off with doleful consequences.</i>
dolorous	Showing sorrow. <i>A dolorous and repetitive tale of atrocity.</i>
<u>excruciating</u>	Intensely painful. <i>He explained the procedure in excruciating detail.</i>
<u>frustrating</u>	Causing annoyance or upset because of an inability to change or achieve something. <i>It can be very frustrating to find that the size you want isn't there.</i>
grievous	(of something bad) very severe or serious. <i>A grievous loss.</i>
harrowing	Extremely painful. <i>A harrowing film about racism and violence.</i>
horrible	Very unpleasant. <i>The tea tasted horrible.</i>
irksome	So lacking in interest as to cause mental weariness. <i>What an irksome task the writing of long letters is.</i>
lamentable	(of circumstances or conditions) very bad; deplorable. <i>The industry is in a lamentable state.</i>
mournful	Expressing sorrow. <i>Stared with mournful eyes.</i>
<u>painful</u>	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>Their attempts at reggae are painful.</i>
<u>plaintive</u>	Sounding sad and mournful. <i>A plaintive cry.</i>
<u>poignant</u>	Keenly distressing to the mind or feelings. <i>The poignant scent of her powder.</i>
sad	Of things that make you feel sad Christina Rossetti. <i>Better by far that you should forget and smile Than that you should remember and be sad.</i>

sore	Suffering pain from a part of one's body. <i>We re in sore need of him.</i>
sorrowful	Feeling or showing grief. <i>Sorrowful news.</i>
stressful	Extremely irritating to the nerves. <i>The stressful days before a war.</i>
swollen	Characteristic of false pride; having an exaggerated sense of self-importance. <i>So swollen by victory that he was unfit for normal duty.</i>
tine	Prong on a fork or pitchfork or antler.
tragic	A boring or socially inept person, typically having an obsessive and solitary interest. <i>Tragic hero.</i>
traumatic	Deeply disturbing or distressing. <i>She is remembering some deeply traumatic incident in her past.</i>
trying	Extremely irritating to the nerves. <i>A trying day at the office.</i>

