

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.*

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



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

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

