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painful
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['peinf(ə)l] a
 1. причиняющий боль, болезненный
  painful tooth - больной зуб
  painful treatment - болезненное лечение
  to be painful - болеть, причинять боль
  I find walking painful - мне больно ходить
  my knee was getting painful - у меня разболелось колено
 2. 1) мучительный, тягостный
  painful problem - больной вопрос
  painful news - неприятная новость
  painful necessity - тяжёлая /неприятная необходимость
  it is painful to see them - на них больно /тяжело/ смотреть
 2) (в высшей степени) неприятный
  long and painful trip - долгое и трудное путешествие
painful
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pain·ful BrE ['peɪnf]
                         NAmE ['peinf]
                                             adjective
 1. causing you pain

 Is your back still painful?

    a painful death

    My ankle is still too painful to walk on.

    He took a painful blow on the shoulder.

 2. ~ (for sb) (to do sth) | ~ (doing sth) causing you to feel upset or embarrassed

    a painful experience /memory

    Their efforts were painful to watch.

 3. unpleasant or difficult to do
  Syn: †trying
  · Applying for jobs can be a long and painful process.
    Thesaurus:
     painful [painful] adj.

 Is your knee still painful?

       sore · · tender · · itchy · · inflamed · · raw · · burning · · excruciating ·
       Opp: painless
        a painful/burning sensation
        a painful an excruciating death
        sore/itchy/inflamed eyes
        itchy/inflamed/raw skin
     2.

    The letter brought back painful memories.

       upsetting · · distressing · · sad · · traumatic · · harrowing · · agonizing · · heartbreaking ·
        painful/upsetting/distressing/sad/traumatic/heartbreaking for sb
        painful/upsetting/distressing/sad/heartbreaking to do sth
        a painful/upsetting/distressing/sad/traumatic/harrowing/heartbreaking experience
        a painful an agonizing decision
    Synonyms:
    painful
    sore • raw • inflamed • excruciating • burning • itchy
     These words all describe sth that causes you physical pain.
     painful • causing you physical pain. Painful can describe a part of the body, illness, injury, treatment or death: • Is your knee
     still painful? ♦ a series of painful injections • a slow and painful death
     sore • (of a part of the body) painful and often red, especially because of infection or because a muscle has been used too much:

    a sore throat ◊= Their feet were sore after hours of walking.

     raw • (of a part of the body) red and painful, for example because of an infection or because the skin has been damaged: • The
     skin on her feet had been rubbed raw.
     inflamed • (of a part of the body) painful, red and hot because of an infection or injury: The wound had become inflamed.
     excruciating • extremely painful. Excruciating can describe feelings, treatments or death but not parts of the body: an
     excruciating throat/back/knee.
     burning • painful and giving a feeling of being very hot: • She felt a burning sensation in her throat.
     itchy • giving an uncomfortable feeling on your skin that makes you want to scratch; having this feeling: ■ an itchy rash ♦ ■ I feel
     itchy all over.
     sore/inflamed/itchy eyes
     raw/inflamed/itchy skin
     a painful an excruciating death
     a painful/burning sensation
     excruciating/burning pain
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Example Bank:

- The subject of his failed marriage was guite painful to him.
- · Her ankle was still painful to walk on.
- I had to undergo a series of painful injections.
- Is your knee still painful?
- It was a slow and painful death.
- It's very painful for a kid to face up to that kind of thing.
- Seeing her again brought back painful memories.
- The infection isn't dangerous, but it's very painful.
- · Ulcers can be unbearably painful.

painful

pain ful /'peɪnfəl/ BrE * AmE * adjective

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[Word Family: adjective: ↑pained, ↑painful ≠ ↑painless; verb: ↑pain; noun: ↑pain; adverb: ↑painfully ≠ ↑painlessly]

1. if a part of your body is painful, it hurts:

- stiff painful joints
- Is your arm very painful?
- The neck becomes swollen and painful to the touch (=hurts when you touch it).

2. making you feel very upset, or very difficult and unpleasant for you OPP painless

painful memories/experience etc

- He sobbed as he recalled the painful memory.
- Venice was a painful reminder of her marriage.
- He and his wife took the painful decision to switch off their son's life support machine.
- the long and painful process of growing up

painful to do something

It can be painful to leave the house in which you were born.

painful for/to

- The divorce was painful for both of us.
- Even hearing his name was painful to her.

3. causing physical pain:

a painful blow on the head

excruciatingly/extremely painful

an excruciatingly painful death

painful to do something

He was finding it painful to breathe.

4. if someone's behaviouror a performance is painful, it is so bad that it embarrasses people

painful to watch/listen to/hear etc

It's painful to watch her making the best of a terrible script.

HINT: ▶ Do not use painful to mean 'feeling pain': He didn't feel much pain (NOT feel very painful) at first.

COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

nouns

- **a painful memory** The photograph brought back painful memories.
- a painful experience It must have been a painful experience for you.
- a painful process It was just part of the painful process of growing up.
- a painful time/period The US is in for a painful period of adjustment.
- a painful decision I made the painful decision to move far away from my family.
- a painful reminder The violence is a painful reminder that many issues have not yet been resolved.
- the painful truth We won't be able to keep the painful truth from the children.
- painful feelings/emotions Patients are encouraged to talk about their painful feelings.

THESAURUS

when a part of your body hurts

- painful used for describing a part of the body that hurts: Her leg is still painful where she broke it. | painful joints | She was suffering from painful stomach cramps.
- tender painful when touched: The skin around the wound is very tender.
- stiff painful and difficult to move: I've got a stiff neck. | Her body was stiff from sitting in the car for so long.
- sore painful as a result of a wound, infection, or too much exercise: sore muscles | a sore throat | The wound was sore and red.

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