

agony['æɡəni] *n*1. мука, страдание, мучительная боль (*душевная или физическая*)

agony of despair - муки отчаяния

in an agony of suspense [of doubt] - терзаясь неведением [сомнениями]

to suffer agonies - терпеть муки

2. эмоциональное возбуждение

to be in agony of utter delight - быть в полном восторге

3. *обыкн. pl* агония; предсмертная агония (*тж. death или mortal agonies*)4. *рел.* страсти Христовы (*перед распятием*)

5. борьба; яростное сражение

agony of war - ужасы войны

◇ to pile on /to put on, to turn on/ the agony - *пренебр.* изображать из себя мученика; разыгрывать, прикидываться больным или несчастным; бить на жалость**agony**

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agony [agony agonies] *BrE* ['æɡəni] ^u *NAmE* ['æɡəni] ^u **noun** (pl. **agonies**)**uncountable, countable**

extreme physical or mental pain

- Jack collapsed **in agony** on the floor.
- It was agony not knowing where the children were.
- She waited in an agony of suspense.
- The worst agonies of the war were now beginning.
- Tell me now! Don't **prolong the agony** (= make it last longer) .
- It is inhuman to keep a man facing the agony of execution for so long.

see pile on the agony/gloom **at** ↑pile *v.*Word Origin:late Middle English (originally denoting mental anguish alone): via Old French and late Latin from Greek *agōnia*, from *agōn* 'contest'. The sense of physical suffering dates from the early 17th cent.Example Bank:

- He endured agonies of loneliness and misery.
- His face was contorted in agony as he tried to lift himself out of the chair.
- She mumbled an apology in an agony of embarrassment.
- She was causing David a great deal of agony.
- The little creature squirmed in its death agonies.
- The soldier died in agony.
- They went through agony in the search for their missing relatives.

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Late Latin; Origin: agonia, from Greek, 'trouble, great anxiety', from agon 'competition for a prize']

1. very severe pain:

the agony of arthritis

in agony

I was in agony.

He groaned in agony.

2. a very sad, difficult, or unpleasant experience:

It was agony not knowing if she would live.

agony of

He was in agonies of remorse.

⇒ **pile on the pressure/agony** at **PILE ON**(2), ⇒ **prolong the agony** at **↑prolong**(2)

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THESAURUS

- **pain** *noun* [uncountable and countable] the feeling when part of your body hurts: A broken leg can cause a lot of pain. | He felt a sharp pain in his chest.
- **ache** *noun* [uncountable and countable] a continuous pain, especially one that is not very bad. Most commonly used in compounds such as **headache**, **toothache**, and **backache**: I felt an ache in my back after decorating all day. | Driving gives me a **headache**. | I've got **stomach ache**. | Do you have **earache**?
- **twinge** *noun* [countable] a sudden slight pain that comes and then disappears quickly: When I bent down I felt a twinge in my back.
- **discomfort** *noun* [uncountable] *formal* an uncomfortable feeling in your body, or a slight pain: The procedure takes five minutes and only causes slight discomfort.
- **agony** *noun* [uncountable] a feeling of great pain, or a situation in which you feel a lot of pain: the agony of childbirth | I was **in agony** by the time I got to the hospital. | **It was agony** (=very painful) getting up out of bed.
- **suffering** *noun* [uncountable] continuous physical or mental pain, which makes someone very unhappy: I just wanted someone to put an end to my suffering. | the suffering of the earthquake victims

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