

**tortuous**[ˈtɔːtʃuəs] *a*

1. 1) извилистый, кривой  
tortuous path [stream] - извилистая тропинка [-ый ручей]  
tortuous maze - запутанный лабиринт  
the course of the river became more tortuous as we neared its source - по мере того, как мы приближались к верховьям реки, русло её становилось всё более извилистым
- 2) извилистый, запутанный, непростой; извращённый  
tortuous style - вычурный стиль  
tortuous mind - извращённый ум  
his writings are rather tortuous - его книги читать нелегко, трудно следить за причудливым ходом его мысли
2. уклончивый, неискренний; нечестный  
tortuous argument - лицемерный довод  
tortuous policy - уклончивая политика
3. бесчестный; аморальный  
tortuous politician - лживый /бесчестный/ политикан

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**tor-tu-ous** *BrE* [ˈtɔːtʃuəs] *NAme* [ˈtɔːrtʃuəs] *adjective usually before noun*

(formal)

1. (usually disapproving) not simple and direct; long, complicated and difficult to understand

**Syn:** ↑convoluted

- tortuous language
- the long, tortuous process of negotiating peace

2. (of a road, path, etc.) full of bends

**Syn:** ↑winding

- a tortuous mountain track

**Derived Word** ↑tortuouslyWord Origin:[**tortuous tortuously**] late Middle English: via Old French from Latin *tortuosus*, from *tortus* 'twisting, a twist', from Latin *torquere* 'to twist'.Example Bank:

- Her explanation was somewhat tortuous.
- We went by a rather tortuous route.
- Do they actually understand all the tortuous laws and regulations they have to administer?
- the long, tortuous process of negotiating peace in the region

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1. a tortuous path, stream, road etc has a lot of bends in it and is therefore difficult to travel along:

" a tortuous path over the mountains to Kandahar

2. complicated and long and therefore confusing:

" The book begins with a long, tortuous introduction.

—**tortuously** *adverb***tortuous**

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