

gaunt

[gɔːnt] *a*

1. сухопарый; костлявый; исхудалый, измождённый
 gaunt old man - измождённый старик
 gaunt figure - худощавая /костлявая/ фигура
 gaunt legs - тощие ноги
2. длинный, вытянутый в длину
3. пустынный, запущенный; мрачный, суровый
 gaunt landscape - пустынная местность
 gaunt hillside - мрачные холмы
 the old house stood gaunt and empty - старый дом был мрачным и заброшенным

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gaunt [gaunt gaunter gauntest] *BrE* [gɔːnt] *AmE* [gɔːnt] *adjective*

1. (of a person) very thin, usually because of illness, not having enough food, or worry
 - a gaunt face
 - She looked gaunt and exhausted.
2. (of a building) not attractive and without any decoration
 - the gaunt ruin of Pendragon Castle

Derived Word ↑gauntness

Word Origin:

late Middle English: of unknown origin.

Example Bank:

- The lean face had grown gaunt, the cheeks hollowed.
- her rather gaunt features

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gaunt /gɔːnt/ *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: Perhaps from a Scandinavian language]

1. very thin and pale, especially because of illness or continued worry **SYN drawn**:
 the old man's gaunt face
2. *literary* a building, mountain etc that is gaunt looks very plain and unpleasant:
 a gaunt cathedral

—gauntness *noun* [uncountable]

THESAURUS

person

- **thin** having little fat on your body: a tall, thin man
- **slim** thin in an attractive way: her slim figure | a slim woman in her fifties | Magazines are always full of advice about how to stay slim.
- **slender** *written* thin in an attractive and graceful way – used especially about parts of the body, and used especially about women: her long, slender legs | She is slender, with very fair hair.
- **lean** thin and looking healthy and fit: his lean body | He was lean and looked like a runner.
- **skinny** very thin in a way that is not attractive: a skinny teenager | Your arms are so skinny!
- **slight** *written* thin and delicate: a small, slight girl with big eyes
- **scrawny** /'skrɔːni/ *AmE* 'skrɔː-/ very thin, small, and weak-looking: a scrawny kid in blue jeans
- **underweight** below the usual weight for someone of your height, and therefore too thin: He had no appetite and remained underweight.
- **gaunt** /gɔːnt/ *BrE* *AmE* *written* very thin and pale, especially because of illness or continued worry: He looked gaunt and had not shaved for days.
- **emaciated** /i'meɪʃieɪtəd, i'meɪʃieɪtɪd, -si-/ *written* extremely thin and weak, because you are ill or not getting enough to eat: The tents were filled with emaciated refugees.
- **skeletal** *written* used about someone who is so thin that you can see the shape of their bones: The soldiers were shocked by the skeletal figures of the camp's prisoners.
- **anorexic** used about someone who is extremely thin because they have a mental illness that makes them stop eating: Her daughter is anorexic. | anorexic teenagers

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