

convoluted

[ˈkɒnvələʊtɪd] *a*

1. свёрнутый спиралью; извилистый, завитый, изогнутый
convoluted like a ram's horn - изогнутый, как бараний рог
2. запутанный; сложный
convoluted arguments - сложная аргументация

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con-vo-luted *BrE* [ˈkɒnvələʊtɪd] *NAmE* [ˈkɑːnvələʊtɪd] *adjective*

1. extremely complicated and difficult to follow
 - a **convoluted argument/explanation**
 - a book with a convoluted plot
2. (formal) having many twists or curves
 - a convoluted coastline

Word Origin:

[**convoluted**] late 18th cent.: past participle of convolute, from Latin **convolutus**, past participle of **convolvere** 'roll together, intertwine', from **con-** 'together' + **volvere** 'roll'.

Example Bank:

- I had to negotiate an amazingly convoluted one-way system.
- The book has a rather convoluted plot.

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[**Date:** 1600-1700; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** past participle of convolvere from com- (⇒ COM-) + volvere 'to roll']

1. complicated and difficult to understand:
 - long paragraphs and convoluted sentences
 - The argument is rather convoluted.
2. *formal* having many twists and bends:
 - a tightly-coiled convoluted tube
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- **complicated** consisting of a lot of different parts or details and therefore difficult to understand: The rules of the game seemed very complicated. | I didn't realize programming the VCR would be so complicated. | The brain is like a very powerful, very complicated computer. | a complicated issue
- **complex** a complex process, relationship etc is difficult to understand because it has a lot of parts that are all connected in different ways: The chemical processes involved are extremely complex. | the complex relationship between government and the media
- **elaborate** having a lot of parts or details and very carefully planned, but often more complicated than is necessary: Mike had worked out an elaborate system for categorizing his collection of DVDs. | The plan to kidnap her had become even more elaborate. | Sociologists have been coming up with increasingly elaborate theories to explain unsafe sexual practices.
- **involved** very long and complicated – use this especially about something that you think should be made simpler: The system for choosing candidates is very involved, and I won't go into it here. | Adopting a child can be a long involved process.
- **convoluted** too complicated and difficult to understand – used especially about someone's language or arguments, or about a system: convoluted sentences | Procedures for government funding have become more convoluted. | James's books are full of long paragraphs and convoluted sentences, which many people do not find appealing.
- **intricate** having a lot of small parts or details – used especially about something that is cleverly designed or made: Lasers are used to cut intricate designs in the metal. | The farmers use an intricate system of drainage canals. | the intricate workings of a watch | intricate patterns of coloured marble

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