

Need another word that means the same as “afraid”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “afraid” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Afraid” are: frightened, scared, scared stiff, terrified, fearful, petrified, nervous, scared to death, reluctant, unwilling, disinclined, loath, slow**

## Afraid as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Afraid" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “afraid” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Filled with regret or concern; used often to soften an unpleasant statement.*
- *Feeling worry or concern or insecurity.*
- *Anxious about the well-being or safety of.*
- *Feeling fear or anxiety; frightened.*
- *Unwilling or reluctant to do something for fear of the consequences.*
- *Filled with fear or apprehension.*
- *Having feelings of aversion or unwillingness.*
- *Worried that something undesirable will occur or be done.*



## Synonyms of "Afraid" as an adjective (13 Words)

<b>disinclined</b>	Unwilling; reluctant. <i><b>Disinclined</b> to say anything to anybody.</i>
<b>fearful</b>	Feeling or showing fear or anxiety. <i>Cast <b>fearful</b> glances at the large dog.</i>
<b>frightened</b>	Thrown into a state of intense fear or desperation. <i>I m not <b>frightened</b> of him.</i>
<b>loath</b>	Strongly opposed. <i><b>Loath</b> to admit a mistake.</i>
<b><u>nervous</u></b>	Of or relating to the nervous system. <i>A sensitive <b>nervous</b> person.</i>
<b><u>petrified</u></b>	(of organic matter) changed into a stony substance; ossified. <i>The <b>petrified</b> child clung to her mother.</i>
<b>reluctant</b>	Unwilling and hesitant; disinclined. <i>They were usually <b>reluctant</b> to socialize.</i>

<b>scared</b>	Made afraid. <i>We re both <b>scared</b> of spiders.</i>
<b>scared stiff</b>	Made afraid.
<b>scared to death</b>	Made afraid.
<b>slow</b>	Slow to learn or understand lacking intellectual acuity. <i>She was rather a <b>slow</b> reader.</i>
<b><u>terrified</u></b>	Thrown into a state of intense fear or desperation. <i>The <b>terrified</b> horse bolted.</i>
<b><u>unwilling</u></b>	Not disposed or inclined toward. <i>An <b>unwilling</b> smile.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Afraid" as an adjective

- *I'm afraid of dogs.*
- *Afraid even to turn his head.*
- *Afraid of snakes.*
- *I'm afraid you're wrong.*

- *Afraid to show emotion.*
- *She was afraid that he would be angry.*
- *Suddenly looked afraid.*
- *Afraid to ask questions.*
- *William was suddenly afraid for her.*
- *I'm often afraid to go out on the streets.*
- *I'm afraid I won't be able to come.*
- *Afraid for his life.*
- *I am afraid we have witnessed only the first phase of the conflict.*
- *Afraid of hard work.*
- *She was afraid that I might be embarrassed.*
- *Terribly afraid of offending someone.*
- *She tried to think about the future without feeling afraid.*
- *He was afraid he would have to let her go.*



## Associations of "Afraid" (30 Words)

<b>alarmed</b>	Experiencing a sudden sense of danger.
<b>alarming</b>	Frightening because of an awareness of danger. <i>Our countryside is disappearing at an <b>alarming</b> rate.</i>
<b>appall</b>	Strike with disgust or revulsion.
<b>chilling</b>	Horrifying or frightening. <i>A <b>chilling</b> account of the prisoners fate.</i>
<b>claustrophobia</b>	A morbid fear of being closed in a confined space. <i>The small stuffy room had begun to give him <b>claustrophobia</b>.</i>
<b>confused</b>	Mentally confused unable to think with clarity or act intelligently. <i>Bewildered and <b>confused</b>.</i>
<b>dismayed</b>	Struck with fear, dread, or consternation.
<b>dread</b>	A person with dreadlocks. <i>The band appeals to <b>dreads</b> and baldheads alike.</i>
<b>dreadful</b>	Causing or involving great suffering, fear, or unhappiness; extremely bad or serious. <i>The weather was <b>dreadful</b>.</i>
<b>fainthearted</b>	Lacking conviction or boldness or courage.
<b>fear</b>	Be sorry; used to introduce an unpleasant statement. <i><b>Fear</b> of unemployment is paralysing the economy.</i>
<b>fearful</b>	Experiencing or showing fear. <i>A <b>fearful</b> glance.</i>
<b>fearfulness</b>	The trait of being afraid.
<b>formidable</b>	Extremely impressive in strength or excellence. <i>A <b>formidable</b> opponent.</i>
<b>fright</b>	Frighten. <i>Ghosts could never <b>affright</b> her.</i>
<b>frighten</b>	Drive out by frightening. <i>At his age I guess he doesn't <b>frighten</b> any more.</i>
<b>frightened</b>	Afraid or anxious. <i>I'm not <b>frightened</b> of him.</i>
<b>frightening</b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>A <b>frightening</b> experience.</i>
<b>phobia</b>	An extreme or irrational fear of or aversion to something. <i>Phobic disorder is a general term for all <b>phobias</b>.</i>

<b>scare</b>	Become scared. <i>Gosh that gave me a <b>scare</b>.</i>
<b>scared</b>	Made afraid. <i>I m <b>scared</b> stiff of flying.</i>
<b>scary</b>	Provoking fear terror. <i>It was <b>scary</b> the way they bonded with each other.</i>
<b>shocked</b>	Struck with fear, dread, or consternation.
<b>terrible</b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>Despite passing my driving test first time I m a <b>terrible</b> driver.</i>
<b>terrified</b>	Thrown into a state of intense fear or desperation. <i>The <b>terrified</b> horse bolted.</i>
<b>terrify</b>	Fill with terror; frighten greatly. <i>He is terrified of spiders.</i>
<b>terrifying</b>	Causing extreme fear. <i>The <b>terrifying</b> events of the past few weeks.</i>
<b>terror</b>	Terrorism. <i>Weapons of <b>terror</b>.</i>
<b>timidity</b>	Fearfulness in venturing into new and unknown places or activities. <i>She believes everyone can overcome their <b>timidity</b>.</i>
<b>timorous</b>	Timid by nature or revealing timidity. <i>A <b>timorous</b> voice.</i>

