

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)

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

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

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

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

