

Need another word that means the same as “awkwardness”? Find 23 synonyms and 30 related words for “awkwardness” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Awkwardness” are: clumsiness, ineptitude, ineptness, maladroitness, slowness, gracelessness, stiffness, cumbersomeness, unwieldiness, nuisance value, embarrassment, self-consciousness, discomfort, discomfiture, uneasiness, edginess, tension, nervousness, ungainliness, lack of coordination, inelegance, gaucheness, gawkiness

Awkwardness as a Noun

Definitions of "Awkwardness" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “awkwardness” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *The quality of an embarrassing situation.*
- *Trouble in carrying or managing caused by bulk or shape.*
- *The carriage of someone whose movements and posture are ungainly or inelegant.*
- *The inelegance of someone stiff and unrelaxed (as by embarrassment).*
- *The quality of being awkward.*
- *Unskillfulness resulting from a lack of training.*



Synonyms of "Awkwardness" as a noun (23 Words)

clumsiness	The quality of being awkward or careless in one's movements. <i>The telltale clumsiness of the amateur.</i>
cumbersomeness	Trouble in carrying or managing caused by bulk or shape.
discomfiture	Anxious embarrassment. <i>Many MPs are secretly enjoying his discomfiture.</i>
discomfort	Something that makes a person feel physically uncomfortable. <i>The patient complained of discomfort in the left calf.</i>
edginess	Feelings of anxiety that make you tense and irritable.
embarrassment	A person or thing causing feelings of embarrassment. <i>He is currently suffering financial embarrassments.</i>
gaucheness	An impolite manner that is vulgar and lacking tact or refinement.
gawkiness	The carriage of someone whose movements and posture are extremely ungainly and inelegant.

gracelessness	An unpleasant lack of grace in carriage or form or movement or expression.
inelegance	The quality of lacking refinement and good taste.
ineptitude	Having no qualities that would render it valuable or useful. <i>The sheer ineptitude of their economic plan.</i>
ineptness	The quality of having the wrong properties for a specific purpose.
lack of coordination	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
maladroitness	Unskillfulness resulting from a lack of training.
<u>nervousness</u>	The anxious feeling you have when you have the jitters. <i>There was a trace of nervousness in his voice.</i>
nuisance value	A bothersome annoying person.
self-consciousness	Self-awareness plus the additional realization that others are similarly aware of you.
<u>slowness</u>	Unskillfulness resulting from a lack of training. <i>The minutes passed with agonizing slowness.</i>
stiffness	The physical property of being inflexible and hard to bend. <i>A charming host without any touch of stiffness or pomposity.</i>
tension	The physical condition of being stretched or strained. <i>He suffered from fatigue and emotional tension.</i>
uneasiness	Inability to rest or relax or be still. <i>I sensed the uneasiness of people around me.</i>
ungainliness	The carriage of someone whose movements and posture are extremely ungainly and inelegant.
unwieldiness	The quality of being difficult to direct or control by reason of complexity. <i>Avoiding the unwieldiness of formal legal processes.</i>



Usage Examples of "Awkwardness" as a noun

- *The awkwardness of youth.*
- *There was a moment of awkwardness.*
- *He sensed the awkwardness of his proposal.*



Associations of "Awkwardness" (30 Words)

anguish

Cause emotional anguish or make miserable.

*She shut her eyes in **anguish**.*

annoyed

Troubled persistently especially with petty annoyances.

*He was **annoyed** at being woken up so early.*

anxiety

A relatively permanent state of worry and nervousness occurring in a variety of mental disorders, usually accompanied by compulsive behavior or attacks of panic.

*He felt a surge of **anxiety**.*

apprehension

Anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen.

*The student looked around the examination room with **apprehension**.*

carelessness

The quality of not being careful or taking pains.

*Most road accidents are caused by **carelessness** on the part of motorists.*

defect	A shortcoming, imperfection, or lack. <i>Visual defects.</i>
<u>discomfort</u>	Make (someone) physically uncomfortable; cause slight pain to. <i>I am often discomforted at night by pain in the knee joint.</i>
<u>fault</u>	Of a rock formation be broken by a fault or faults. <i>It took much longer to find the fault than to fix it.</i>
fraught	(of a situation or course of action) filled with or likely to result in (something undesirable). <i>There was a fraught silence.</i>
<u>impatience</u>	A dislike of anything that causes delay. <i>She crumpled up the pages in a burst of impatience.</i>
<u>incapable</u>	Unable to do or achieve (something). <i>Incapable of carrying a tune.</i>
incompetence	Inability to do something successfully; ineptitude. <i>Allegations of professional incompetence.</i>
<u>ineffectual</u>	(of a person) lacking the ability or qualities to fulfil a role or handle a situation. <i>An ineffectual campaign.</i>
<u>inefficiency</u>	The state of not achieving maximum productivity; failure to make the best use of time or resources. <i>The idea is to eliminate inefficiency creating a seamless manufacturing process.</i>
ineptitude	Unskillfulness resulting from a lack of training. <i>The sheer ineptitude of their economic plan.</i>
<u>insecurity</u>	The anxiety you experience when you feel vulnerable and insecure. <i>Growing job insecurity.</i>
intemperance	Consumption of alcoholic drinks. <i>A warning about female intemperance.</i>
misgiving	Painful expectation. <i>I felt a sense of misgiving at the prospect of retirement.</i>
<u>negligence</u>	Breach of a duty of care which results in damage. <i>His injury was due to the negligence of his employers.</i>
phobic	A person with an extreme or irrational fear of or aversion to something. <i>A snake phobic.</i>
<u>procrastination</u>	The act of procrastinating; putting off or delaying or deferring an action to a later time. <i>Your first tip is to avoid procrastination.</i>

seriously	With earnest intent; not lightly or superficially. <i>The doctor looked seriously at him.</i>
stiffness	The physical property of being inflexible and hard to bend. <i>A charming host without any touch of stiffness or pomposity.</i>
stressed	Strengthened by the application of stress during manufacture prestressed. <i>Stressed workers reported smoking more.</i>
trouble	Take the trouble to do something concern oneself. <i>He wanted to die and end his troubles.</i>
<u>troubled</u>	Characterized by or indicative of distress or affliction or danger or need. <i>His troubled private life.</i>
uneasiness	The trait of seeming ill at ease. <i>The media often express a general uneasiness with animal research.</i>
<u>uneasy</u>	Lacking or not affording physical or mental rest. <i>She fell into an uneasy sleep.</i>
unpleasantness	Bad feeling or quarrelling between people. <i>Their faces were filled with unpleasantness.</i>
worried	Anxious or troubled about actual or potential problems. <i>Not used to a city and worried about small things.</i>

