

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)

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

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

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

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

