

Need another word that means the same as “cringing”? Find 4 synonyms and 30 related words for “cringing” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Cringing” are: groveling, grovelling, wormlike, wormy**

## **Cringing as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Cringing" as an adjective**

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

- *Totally submissive.*
- *Experiencing embarrassment or disgust.*
- *Bent in fear or apprehension.*
- *Obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree.*



## Synonyms of "Cringing" as an adjective (4 Words)

**groveling** Totally submissive.

**grovelling** Totally submissive.  
*His **grovelling** references to great historians.*

**wormlike** Totally submissive.

**wormy** (of a person) weak, abject, or repulsive.  
*This room with its **wormy** beams and eaved ceiling is most attractive.*

## Usage Examples of "Cringing" as an adjective

- *He lugged his carry-on bag and computer case past cringing passengers wary of being hit.*
- *We are surrounded by cringing yes-men and sycophants.*
- *He was left cringing with embarrassment after stumbling over his lines during a West End performance of Macbeth.*

## Associations of "Cringing" (30 Words)

**admit** Admit into a group or community.  
*He was sentenced to prison after **admitting** 47 charges of burglary.*

**apology** A poor example.  
*We owe you an **apology**.*

**boggle** Cause (a person or their mind) to be astonished.  
*You never **boggle** at plain speaking.*

**compensation** The action or process of awarding compensation.  
*He is seeking **compensation** for injuries suffered at work.*

**cower** Show submission or fear.  
*Children **cowered** in terror as the shoot out erupted.*

**crawl** Swim by doing the crawl.  
*The floor was dirty and **crawling** with bugs.*

**creep** Show submission or fear.  
*I thought he was a nasty little **creep**.*

**crouch** A crouching stance or posture.  
*Leo was **crouched** before the fire.*

**duck** A female duck.  
*A tangy stew of **duck** lamb and sausage.*

<b><u>excuse</u></b>	Excuse overlook or make allowances for be lenient with. <i>You must <b>excuse</b> my brother.</i>
<b><u>flinch</u></b>	An act of flinching. <i>He had faced death without <b>flinching</b>.</i>
<b><u>gather</u></b>	A part of a garment that is gathered. <i>The harvest of wheat and barley had been <b>gathered</b> in.</i>
<b>grovel</b>	Show submission or fear. <i>They criticized leaders who <b>grovelled</b> to foreign patrons.</i>
<b>groveling</b>	Totally submissive.
<b>heartfelt</b>	(of a feeling or its expression) deeply and strongly felt; sincere. <i><b>Heartfelt</b> condolences.</i>
<b>huddle</b>	A close grouping of people or things. <i>She <b>huddled</b> up close to him.</i>
<b>kneel</b>	Be in or assume a position in which the body is supported by a knee or the knees, as when praying or showing submission. <i>In church you have to <b>kneel</b> during parts of the service.</i>
<b><u>posture</u></b>	Assume a posture as for artistic purposes. <i>Trade unions adopted a more militant <b>posture</b> in wage negotiations.</i>
<b>purloin</b>	Make off with belongings of others. <i>He must have managed to <b>purloin</b> a copy of the key.</i>
<b><u>rebound</u></b>	The act of securing possession of the rebounding basketball after a missed shot. <i>They revealed a big <b>rebound</b> in profits for last year.</i>
<b><u>recoil</u></b>	The action of recoiling. <i>The rifle <b>recoiled</b>.</i>
<b><u>shrink</u></b>	(of clothes or material) become smaller as a result of being immersed in water. <i>I don t <b>shrink</b> from my responsibilities.</i>
<b>silently</b>	Without speaking. <i>He <b>silently</b> cursed himself for his actions.</i>
<b><u>sincere</u></b>	Open and genuine; not deceitful. <i>He was a good man decent and <b>sincere</b>.</i>
<b><u>sit</u></b>	Cause someone to sit. <i>When does the court of law <b>sit</b>.</i>
<b><u>sneak</u></b>	Someone who prowls or sneaks about usually with unlawful intentions. <i><b>Sneak</b> a cigarette.</i>

<b>squat</b>	In gymnastics an exercise involving a squatting movement or action. <i>He can <b>squat</b> 850 pounds.</i>
<b>stealthily</b>	In a stealthy manner. <i>I woke up and <b>stealthily</b> crept downstairs.</i>
<b>stoop</b>	Have the head and shoulders habitually bent forwards. <i>Craig wouldn't <b>stoop</b> to thieving.</i>
<u><a href="#">wince</a></u>	Make a face indicating disgust or dislike. <i>He <b>winc</b>ed at the disgust in her voice.</i>