

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

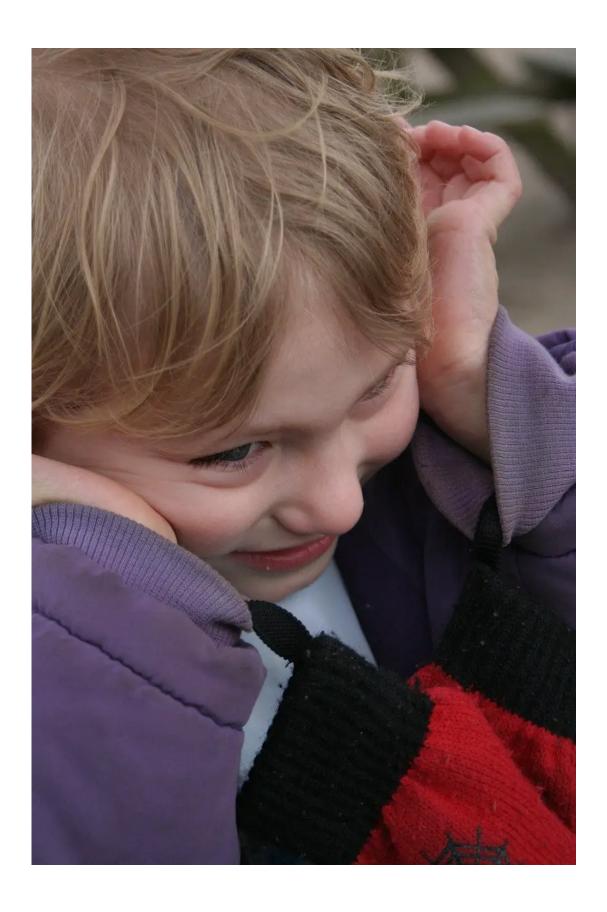
# Cringing as an Adjective

### 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 **admit**ting 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.

Show submission or fear.

Children **cower**ed in terror as the shoot out erupted.

Swim by doing the crawl.

The floor was dirty and **crawl**ing with bugs.

Show submission or fear.

I thought he was a nasty little **creep**.

crouch A crouching stance or posture.

Leo was **crouch**ed before the fire.

duck A female duck.

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



Excuse overlook or make allowances for be lenient with.

You must **excuse** my brother.

flinch An act of flinching.

He had faced death without **flinch**ing.

A part of a garment that is gathered.

The harvest of wheat and barley had been **gather**ed in.

grovel Show submission or fear.

They criticized leaders who **grovel**led to foreign patrons.

**groveling** Totally submissive.

heartfelt (of a feeling or its expression) deeply and strongly felt; sincere.

**Heartfelt** condolences.

huddle A close grouping of people or things.

She huddled up close to him.

Be in or assume a position in which the body is supported by a knee or the

**kneel** knees, as when praying or showing submission.

*In church you have to kneel during parts of the service.* 

Assume a posture as for artistic purposes.

Trade unions adopted a more militant **posture** in wage negotiations.

make off with belongings of others.

He must have managed to **purloin** a copy of the key.

The act of securing possession of the rebounding basketball after a missed

**rebound** shot.

They revealed a big **rebound** in profits for last year.

**recoil** The action of recoiling.

The rifle **recoil**ed.

(of clothes or material) become smaller as a result of being immersed in

**shrink** water.

I don t **shrink** from my responsibilities.

silently Without speaking.

He **silently** cursed himself for his actions.

Sincere Open and genuine; not deceitful.

He was a good man decent and **sincere**.

Cause someone to sit.

When does the court of law **sit**.

sneak Someone who prowls or sneaks about usually with unlawful intentions.

**Sneak** a cigarette.



squat

In gymnastics an exercise involving a squatting movement or action.

He can **squat** 850 pounds.

stealthily In a stealthy manner.

I woke up and **stealthily** crept downstairs.

stoop

Have the head and shoulders habitually bent forwards.

Craig wouldn't stoop to this ying.

Craig wouldn t **stoop** to thieving.

wince Make a face indicating disgust or dislike.

He winced at the disgust in her voice.