

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.*

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

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