

Need another word that means the same as “distrustful”? Find 7 synonyms and 30 related words for “distrustful” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Distrustful” are: mistrustful, suspicious, chary, apprehensive, lacking trust, lacking confidence, lacking faith**

## **Distrustful as an Adjective**

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

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

- *Having or showing distrust.*
- *Feeling or showing distrust of someone or something.*



## Synonyms of "Distrustful" as an adjective (7 Words)

### apprehensive

Quick to understand- Nathaniel Hawthorne.  
*He felt **apprehensive** about going home.*

### chary

Characterized by great caution and wariness.  
*A **chary** investor.*

**lacking confidence** Inadequate in amount or degree.

**lacking faith** Inadequate in amount or degree.

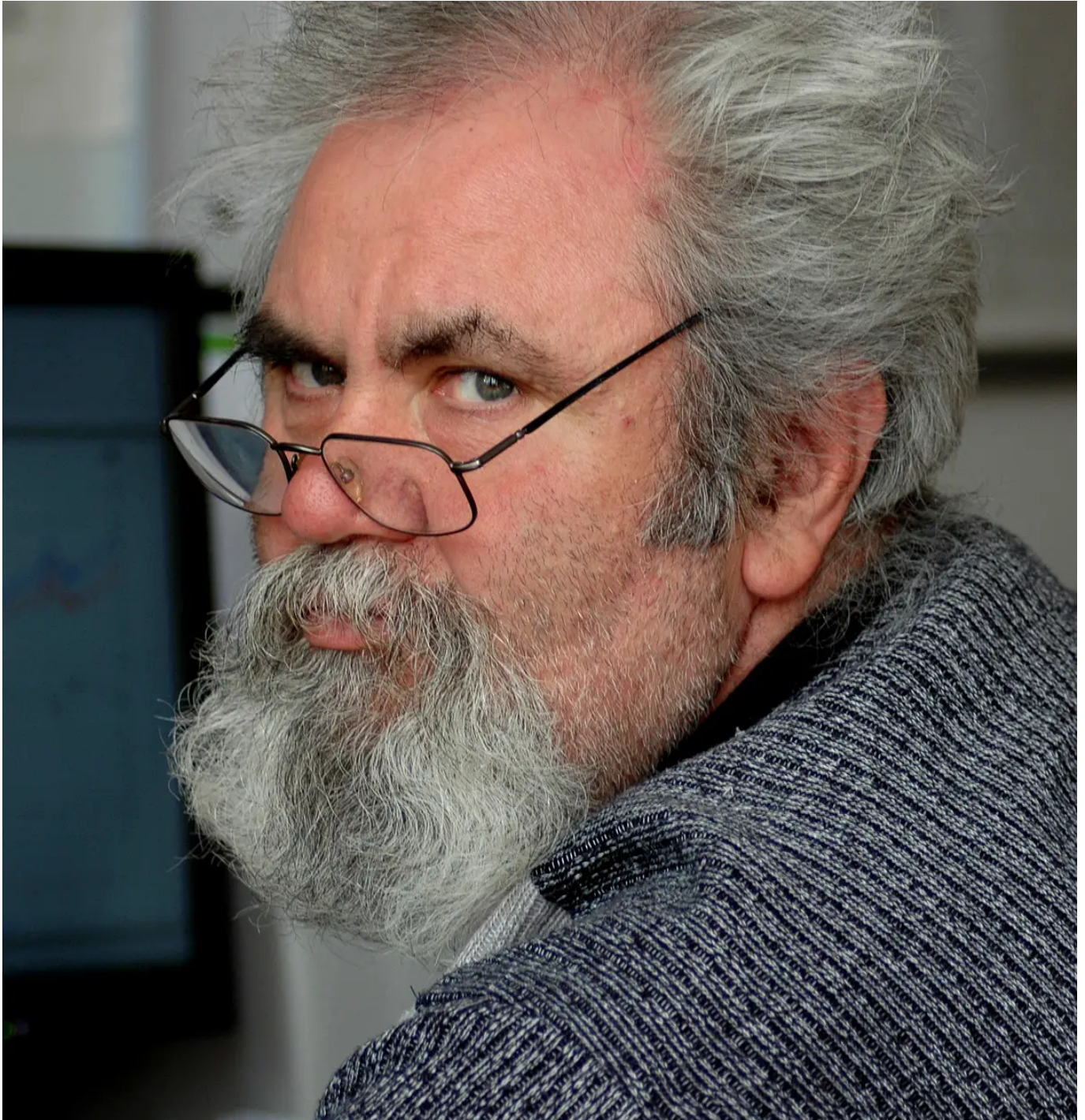
**lacking trust** Nonexistent.

### **mistrustful**

Openly distrustful and unwilling to confide.  
*He wondered if he had been unduly **mistrustful** of her.*

### suspicious

Not as expected.  
*They are not treating the fire as **suspicious**.*



## Usage Examples of "Distrustful" as an adjective

- *I have grown up to be distrustful of men.*
- *Vigilant and distrustful superintendence.*

- *A man of distrustful nature.*
- *My experience...in other fields of law has made me distrustful of rules of thumb generally.*



## Associations of "Distrustful" (30 Words)

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| <b>accusation</b> | The action or process of accusing someone.<br><i>There was <b>accusation</b> in Brian s voice.</i>                                                      |
| <b>allegation</b> | A claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong, typically one made without proof.<br><i>An <b>allegation</b> of malpractice.</i> |
| <b>anger</b>      | Fill someone with anger provoke anger in.<br><i>She was <b>angered</b> by his terse answer.</i>                                                         |
| <b>antagonism</b> | Active hostility or opposition.<br><i>The <b>antagonism</b> between them.</i>                                                                           |

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| <b>censure</b>       | The formal expression of severe disapproval.<br><i>The company was heavily <b>censured</b> by inspectors from the Department of Trade.</i>                         |
| <b>collusion</b>     | Collusion between ostensible opponents in a lawsuit.<br><i>The armed forces were working in <b>collusion</b> with drug traffickers.</i>                            |
| <b>disbelief</b>     | Doubt about the truth of something.<br><i>I ll burn in hell for <b>disbelief</b>.</i>                                                                              |
| <b>doubt</b>         | Lack confidence in or have doubts about.<br><i>They had <b>doubts</b> that they would ever win.</i>                                                                |
| <b>doubtful</b>      | Not known with certainty.<br><i>The fire was of <b>doubtful</b> origin.</i>                                                                                        |
| <b>dubiety</b>       | The state or quality of being doubtful; uncertainty.<br><i>His enemies made much of the <b>dubiety</b> of his paternity.</i>                                       |
| <b>dubious</b>       | Not to be relied upon; suspect.<br><i>He holds the <b>dubious</b> distinction of being relegated with every club he has played for.</i>                            |
| <b>illegality</b>    | The state of being contrary to or forbidden by law, especially criminal law.<br><i>Proceedings will be required to establish the <b>illegality</b> of the act.</i> |
| <b>inability</b>     | Lacking the power to perform.<br><i>His <b>inability</b> to accept new ideas.</i>                                                                                  |
| <b>incredulous</b>   | Not disposed or willing to believe; unbelieving.<br><i>An <b>incredulous</b> gasp.</i>                                                                             |
| <b>incrimination</b> | An accusation that you are responsible for some lapse or misdeed.<br><i>His <b>incrimination</b> was based on my testimony.</i>                                    |
| <b>leery</b>         | Openly distrustful and unwilling to confide.<br><i>A city <b>leery</b> of gang violence.</i>                                                                       |
| <b>misdeed</b>       | A wicked or illegal act.<br><i>His past <b>misdeeds</b> were forgiven.</i>                                                                                         |
| <b>misgiving</b>     | Doubt about someone's honesty.<br><i>We have <b>misgivings</b> about the way the campaign is being run.</i>                                                        |
| <b>mistrust</b>      | Doubt about someone's honesty.<br><i>She had no cause to <b>mistrust</b> him.</i>                                                                                  |
| <b>qualm</b>         | A momentary faint or sick feeling.<br><i>Military regimes generally have no <b>qualms</b> about controlling the press.</i>                                         |
| <b>recrimination</b> | An accusation in response to one from someone else.<br><i>There are no tears no <b>recriminations</b>.</i>                                                         |

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| <b>reproach</b>           | In the Roman Catholic Church a set of antiphons and responses for Good Friday representing the reproaches of Christ to his people.<br><i>His elegance is a living <b>reproach</b> to our slovenly habits.</i> |
| <b>reproof</b>            | Censure severely or angrily.<br><i>A look of <b>reproof</b>.</i>                                                                                                                                              |
| <b><u>scold</u></b>       | Someone (especially a woman) who annoys people by constantly finding fault.<br><i>Mum took Anna away <b>scolding</b> her for her bad behaviour.</i>                                                           |
| <b>skeptic</b>            | Someone who habitually doubts accepted beliefs.                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b><u>suspect</u></b>     | Imagine to be the case or true or probable.<br><i>A broker whose honesty he had no reason to <b>suspect</b>.</i>                                                                                              |
| <b><u>suspicion</u></b>   | A feeling or thought that something is possible, likely, or true.<br><i>He tried to shield me from <b>suspicion</b>.</i>                                                                                      |
| <b><u>suspicious</u></b>  | Not as expected.<br><i>They are not treating the fire as <b>suspicious</b>.</i>                                                                                                                               |
| <b><u>uncertainty</u></b> | Being unsettled or in doubt or dependent on chance.<br><i>The <b>uncertainty</b> of the outcome.</i>                                                                                                          |
| <b>unwillingness</b>      | The quality or state of being unwilling to do something; reluctance.<br><i>He deplored the Government's <b>unwillingness</b> to provide adequate funds.</i>                                                   |

