

Need another word that means the same as “dread”? Find 45 synonyms and 30 related words for “dread” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Dread” are: fear, be afraid of, worry about, be anxious about, have forebodings about, feel apprehensive about, stand in awe of, regard with awe, revere, reverence, venerate, respect, apprehension, apprehensiveness, fearfulness, trepidation, anxiety, worry, concern, foreboding, disquiet, disquietude, unease, uneasiness, angst, awful, dire, direful, dreaded, dreadful, fearful, fearsome, frightening, horrendous, horrific, terrible, alarming, terrifying, frightful, horrible, awe-inspiring, awesome, impressive, amazing**

## **Dread as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Dread" as a noun**

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “dread” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Dreadlocks.*
- *Fearful expectation or anticipation.*
- *A person with dreadlocks.*

- A sudden take-off and flight of a flock of gulls or other birds.
- Great fear or apprehension.



## Synonyms of "Dread" as a noun (14 Words)

<b>angst</b>	A feeling of persistent worry about something trivial. <i>Rock and pop have a tradition of celebrating adolescent <b>angst</b>.</i>
<b>anxiety</b>	A relatively permanent state of worry and nervousness occurring in a variety of mental disorders, usually accompanied by compulsive behavior or attacks of panic. <i>He felt a surge of <b>anxiety</b>.</i>
<b>apprehension</b>	Anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen. <i>They acted with intent to prevent lawful <b>apprehension</b>.</i>
<b>apprehensiveness</b>	Fearful expectation or anticipation.
<b>concern</b>	Something or someone that causes anxiety; a source of unhappiness. <i>New York traffic is a constant <b>concern</b>.</i>

<b>disquiet</b>	A feeling of worry or unease. <i>Public <b>disquiet</b> about animal testing.</i>
<b>disquietude</b>	Feelings of anxiety that make you tense and irritable. <i>Such passages reflect a sense of <b>disquietude</b> of alienation even.</i>
<b>fear</b>	A mixed feeling of dread and reverence. <i><b>Fear</b> of unemployment is paralysing the economy.</i>
<b>fearfulness</b>	The trait of being afraid.
<b>foreboding</b>	A feeling of evil to come. <i>A steadily escalating sense of <b>foreboding</b>.</i>
<b>trepidation</b>	A feeling of alarm or dread. <i>The men set off in fear and <b>trepidation</b>.</i>
<b>unease</b>	Anxiety or discontent. <i>Public <b>unease</b> about defence policy.</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>worry</b>	A strong feeling of anxiety. <i>It is not work but <b>worry</b> that kills.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Dread" as a noun

- *Lyon combed his fingers through Curtis' dreads.*
- *The band appeals to dreads and baldheads alike.*
- *The thought of returning to London filled her with dread.*
- *Flocks of wood sandpiper, often excitable, noisy, and given to dreads.*
- *I used to have a dread of Friday afternoons.*



## Dread as a Verb

### Definitions of "Dread" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "dread" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Anticipate with great apprehension or fear.*
- *Regard with great awe or reverence.*
- *Be afraid or scared of; be frightened of.*





## Synonyms of "Dread" as a verb (12 Words)

<b>be afraid of</b>	Represent, as of a character on stage.
<b>be anxious about</b>	Be identical to; be someone or something.
<b>fear</b>	Regard with feelings of respect and reverence; consider hallowed or exalted or be in awe of. <i>I shall buy her book though not I <b>fear</b> the hardback version.</i>
<b>feel apprehensive about</b>	Pass one's hands over the sexual organs of.
<b>have forebodings about</b>	Cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner.
<b>regard with awe</b>	Look at attentively.
<b>respect</b>	Show respect towards. <i>The crown and its ministers ought to <b>respect</b> the ordinary law.</i>
<b>revere</b>	Regard with feelings of respect and reverence consider hallowed or exalted or be in awe of. <i>C zanne s still lifes were <b>revered</b> by his contemporaries.</i>
<b>reverence</b>	Regard with feelings of respect and reverence consider hallowed or exalted or be in awe of. <i>The many divine beings <b>reverenced</b> by Hindu tradition.</i>
<b>stand in awe of</b>	Have or maintain a position or stand on an issue.
<b><u>venerate</u></b>	Regard with feelings of respect and reverence; consider hallowed or exalted or be in awe of. <i>Philip of Beverley was <b>venerated</b> as a saint.</i>
<b>worry about</b>	Touch or rub constantly.



## Usage Examples of "Dread" as a verb

- *The man whom Henry dreaded as the future champion of English freedom.*
- *I dread to think what Russell will say.*
- *Jane was dreading the party.*





## **Dread as an Adjective**

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

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

- *Regarded with awe; greatly revered.*
- *Causing fear or dread or terror.*
- *Greatly feared; dreadful.*



## Synonyms of "Dread" as an adjective (19 Words)

<b><u>alarming</u></b>	Frightening because of an awareness of danger. <i>Our countryside is disappearing at an <b>alarming</b> rate.</i>
<b>amazing</b>	Very impressive; excellent. <i>She does an <b>amazing</b> amount of work.</i>
<b>awe-inspiring</b>	Inspiring awe or admiration or wonder.
<b>awesome</b>	Inspiring awe or admiration or wonder. <i>The <b>awesome</b> complexity of the universe.</i>
<b>awful</b>	Inspired by a feeling of fearful wonderment or reverence. <i>I look <b>awful</b> in a swimsuit.</i>
<b><u>dire</u></b>	Of a very poor quality. <i>The concert was <b>dire</b>.</i>
<b>direful</b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>A career or vengeance so <b>direful</b> that London was shocked.</i>

<b><u>dreaded</u></b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>The <b>dreaded</b> news came that Joe had been wounded.</i>
<b><u>dreadful</u></b>	Extremely disagreeable. <i>I feel <b>dreadful</b> I hate myself.</i>
<b>fearful</b>	Lacking courage; ignobly timid and faint-hearted. <i><b>Fearful</b> of criticism.</i>
<b>fearsome</b>	Frightening, especially in appearance. <i>The cat mewed displaying a <b>fearsome</b> set of teeth.</i>
<b><u>frightening</u></b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>A <b>frightening</b> experience.</i>
<b>frightful</b>	Provoking horror- Winston Churchill. <i>There s been a most <b>frightful</b> accident.</i>
<b><u>horrendous</u></b>	Extremely unpleasant, horrifying, or terrible. <i>She suffered <b>horrendous</b> injuries.</i>
<b>horrible</b>	Provoking horror. <i>War is beyond all words <b>horrible</b>.</i>
<b><u>horrific</u></b>	Grossly offensive to decency or morality; causing horror. <i><b>Horrific</b> conditions in the mining industry.</i>
<b><u>impressive</u></b>	Making a strong or vivid impression. <i><b>Impressive</b> achievements in science.</i>
<b>terrible</b>	Very unskilful. <i>The <b>terrible</b> conditions in which the ordinary people lived.</i>
<b><u>terrifying</u></b>	Causing extreme fear. <i>A <b>terrifying</b> wail.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Dread" as an adjective

- *That dread being we dare oppose.*
- *He was stricken with the dread disease and died.*
- *Polio is no longer the dreaded disease it once was.*
- *The dread presence of the headmaster.*
- *A dreadful storm.*



## Associations of "Dread" (30 Words)

<b><u>afraid</u></b>	Filled with regret or concern; used often to soften an unpleasant statement. <i>She was <b>afraid</b> that he would be angry.</i>
<b><u>alarm</u></b>	An alarm clock. <i>I set my <b>alarm</b> for 6 30.</i>
<b><u>alarming</u></b>	Frightening because of an awareness of danger. <i>Our countryside is disappearing at an <b>alarming</b> rate.</i>
<b><u>angst</u></b>	An acute but unspecific feeling of anxiety; usually reserved for philosophical anxiety about the world or about personal freedom. <i>My hair causes me <b>angst</b>.</i>
<b>appall</b>	Strike with disgust or revulsion.
<b>apprehension</b>	Anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen. <i>She had some <b>apprehensions</b> about the filming.</i>
<b><u>awe</u></b>	Inspire with awe. <i>They were both <b>awed</b> by the vastness of the forest.</i>
<b><u>chilling</u></b>	Horrifying or frightening. <i>A <b>chilling</b> account of the prisoners fate.</i>
<b>claustrophobia</b>	Extreme or irrational fear of confined places. <i>The small stuffy room had begun to give him <b>claustrophobia</b>.</i>
<b><u>dreadful</u></b>	(of a person) unwell or troubled. <i>The weather was <b>dreadful</b>.</i>
<b>fear</b>	A feeling of profound respect for someone or something. <i>The love and <b>fear</b> of God.</i>
<b>fearfulness</b>	The trait of being afraid.
<b>fearsome</b>	Frightening, especially in appearance. <i>The cat mewed displaying a <b>fearsome</b> set of teeth.</i>
<b>fright</b>	Frighten. <i>The stranger who hangs around the building <b>frightens</b> me.</i>
<b>frighten</b>	Drive out by frightening. <i>The government denies legal responsibility presumably to <b>frighten</b> off other claimants.</i>
<b><u>frightening</u></b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>A <b>frightening</b> experience.</i>
<b><u>haunt</u></b>	Haunt like a ghost pursue. <i>Cities <b>haunted</b> by the shadow of cholera.</i>



<b><u>horrific</u></b>	Causing horror. <i><b>Horrific</b> injuries.</i>
<b><u>horror</u></b>	Something that inspires horror something horrible. <i>Children screamed in <b>horror</b>.</i>
<b><u>monstrosity</u></b>	A thing, especially a building, which is very large and unsightly. <i>The shopping centre a multi storey <b>monstrosity</b> of raw concrete.</i>
<b><u>panic</u></b>	Drive someone through panic into hasty action. <i>He ran to the library in a blind <b>panic</b>.</i>
<b>petrify</b>	Change into stone. <i>Slogans <b>petrify</b> our thinking.</i>
<b><u>scare</u></b>	Become scared. <i>The event was postponed earlier this year due to the foot and mouth <b>scare</b>.</i>
<b>scared</b>	Made afraid. <i>I wasn't <b>scared</b> at all.</i>
<b>scary</b>	Provoking fear terror. <i>A <b>scary</b> movie.</i>
<b>terrible</b>	Extremely unpleasant or disagreeable. <i>A <b>terrible</b> curse.</i>
<b>terrify</b>	Fill with terror; frighten greatly. <i>The thought <b>terrifies</b> me.</i>
<b><u>terrifying</u></b>	Causing extreme fear. <i>A <b>terrifying</b> wail.</i>
<b>terror</b>	Terrorism. <i>People fled in <b>terror</b>.</i>
<b>thriller</b>	A novel, play, or film with an exciting plot, typically involving crime or espionage. <i>A tense <b>thriller</b> about a diamond heist that goes badly wrong.</i>

