

Need another word that means the same as “dreaded”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “dreaded” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Dreaded” are: awful, dire, direful, dread, dreadful, fearful, fearsome, frightening, horrendous, horrific, terrible, alarming, terrifying, frightful, horrible

Dreaded as an Adjective

Definitions of "Dreaded" as an adjective

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

- *Regarded with great fear or apprehension.*
- *Causing fear or dread or terror.*



Synonyms of "Dreaded" as an adjective (15 Words)

<u>alarming</u>	Worrying or disturbing. <i>Our countryside is disappearing at an alarming rate.</i>
awful	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>The awful war.</i>
<u>dire</u>	Extremely serious or urgent. <i>A career or vengeance so direful that London was shocked.</i>
direful	Extremely bad; dreadful. <i>A career or vengeance so direful that London was shocked.</i>
<u>dread</u>	Greatly feared dreadful. <i>He was stricken with the dread disease and died.</i>
<u>dreadful</u>	Very unpleasant. <i>Don't go out the weather is dreadful.</i>
fearful	Lacking courage; ignobly timid and faint-hearted- P.B.Shelley. <i>A fearful accident.</i>
fearsome	Frightening, especially in appearance. <i>The cat mewed displaying a fearsome set of teeth.</i>
<u>frightening</u>	Making someone afraid or anxious; terrifying. <i>A frightening experience.</i>
frightful	Extreme in degree or extent or amount or impact. <i>A frightful crime of decapitation.</i>
<u>horrendous</u>	Extremely unpleasant, horrifying, or terrible. <i>She suffered horrendous injuries.</i>
horrible	Provoking horror. <i>War is beyond all words horrible.</i>
<u>horrific</u>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>Horrific conditions in the mining industry.</i>
terrible	Extremely unpleasant or disagreeable. <i>Despite passing my driving test first time I m a terrible driver.</i>
<u>terrifying</u>	Causing extreme fear. <i>The terrifying events of the past few weeks.</i>



Usage Examples of "Dreaded" as an adjective

- *Polio is no longer the dreaded disease it once was.*
- *The dreaded fax machine.*
- *The dreaded news came that Joe had been wounded.*



Associations of "Dreaded" (30 Words)

afraid

Having feelings of aversion or unwillingness.
*She was **afraid** that I might be embarrassed.*

alarm

Fill with apprehension or alarm cause to be unpleasantly surprised.
*I hammered on several doors to raise the **alarm**.*

alarming

Frightening because of an awareness of danger.
*Our countryside is disappearing at an **alarming** rate.*

angst

A feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general.
*The existential **angst** of the middle classes.*

appall

Fill with apprehension or alarm; cause to be unpleasantly surprised.

apprehension

The action of arresting someone.
*She had some **apprehensions** about the filming.*

<u>awe</u>	Capacity to inspire awe. <i>He stared over the edge with a feeling of awe.</i>
<u>chilling</u>	The process of becoming cooler; a falling temperature. <i>A chilling account of the prisoners fate.</i>
claustrophobia	Extreme or irrational fear of confined places. <i>The small stuffy room had begun to give him claustrophobia.</i>
<u>dreadful</u>	(of a person) unwell or troubled. <i>You re a dreadful flirt.</i>
fear	Be afraid or feel anxious or apprehensive about a possible or probable situation or event. <i>We should not fear the Communists.</i>
fearfulness	An emotion experienced in anticipation of some specific pain or danger (usually accompanied by a desire to flee or fight).
fearsome	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>The cat mewed displaying a fearsome set of teeth.</i>
fright	Frighten. <i>I got the fright of my life seeing her in the hotel.</i>
frighten	Drive out by frightening. <i>At his age I guess he doesn t frighten any more.</i>
<u>frightening</u>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>A frightening experience.</i>
<u>haunt</u>	Haunt like a ghost pursue. <i>She haunts the ballet.</i>
<u>horrific</u>	Causing horror. <i>Horrific injuries.</i>
<u>horror</u>	A thing causing a feeling of horror. <i>Photographs showed the horror of the tragedy.</i>
<u>monstrosity</u>	Something hideous or frightful. <i>Had my tone of reason in the face of monstrosity finally registered.</i>
<u>panic</u>	Feel or cause to feel panic. <i>Panic selling.</i>
petrify	Change into stone. <i>Slogans petrify our thinking.</i>
<u>scare</u>	Become scared. <i>Gosh that gave me a scare.</i>
scared	Made afraid. <i>Too shocked and scared to move.</i>

scary	Uncannily striking or surprising. <i>It was scary the way they bonded with each other.</i>
terrible	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>The weather was terrible.</i>
terrify	Fill with terror; frighten greatly. <i>She was terrified he would drop her.</i>
<u>terrifying</u>	Causing extreme fear. <i>A terrifying wail.</i>
terror	Terrorism. <i>She had a terror of darkness.</i>
thriller	A novel, play, or film with an exciting plot, typically involving crime or espionage. <i>Spy thrillers.</i>

