

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)

<b><u>alarming</u></b>	Worrying or disturbing. <i>Our countryside is disappearing at an <b>alarming</b> rate.</i>
<b>awful</b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>The <b>awful</b> war.</i>
<b><u>dire</u></b>	Extremely serious or urgent. <i>A career or vengeance so <b>direful</b> that London was shocked.</i>
<b>direful</b>	Extremely bad; dreadful. <i>A career or vengeance so <b>direful</b> that London was shocked.</i>
<b><u>dread</u></b>	Greatly feared dreadful. <i>He was stricken with the <b>dread</b> disease and died.</i>
<b><u>dreadful</u></b>	Very unpleasant. <i>Don't go out the weather is <b>dreadful</b>.</i>
<b>fearful</b>	Lacking courage; ignobly timid and faint-hearted- P.B.Shelley. <i>A <b>fearful</b> accident.</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>	Making someone afraid or anxious; terrifying. <i>A <b>frightening</b> experience.</i>
<b>frightful</b>	Extreme in degree or extent or amount or impact. <i>A <b>frightful</b> crime of decapitation.</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>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i><b>Horrific</b> conditions in the mining industry.</i>
<b>terrible</b>	Extremely unpleasant or disagreeable. <i>Despite passing my driving test first time I m a <b>terrible</b> driver.</i>
<b><u>terrifying</u></b>	Causing extreme fear. <i>The <b>terrifying</b> 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.*

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

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

