Need another word that means the same as “foreboding”? Find 51 synonyms and 30 related words for “foreboding” in this overview.

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**Foreboding as a Noun**

**Definitions of "Foreboding" as a noun**

According to the *Oxford Dictionary of English*, “foreboding” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- A *feeling of evil to come*.
- A *feeling that something bad will happen; fearful apprehension*.
- An *unfavorable omen*. 
Synonyms of "Foreboding" as a noun (23 Words)

alarm
An alarm clock.
*Oliver smelled smoke and gave the alarm.*

anxiety
A relatively permanent state of worry and nervousness occurring in a variety of mental disorders, usually accompanied by compulsive behavior or attacks of panic.
*He felt a surge of anxiety.*

apprehension
Understanding; grasp.
*They acted with intent to prevent lawful apprehension.*

apprehensiveness
Fearful expectation or anticipation.

boding
A feeling of evil to come.
*A steadily escalating sense of foreboding.*

disquiet
A feeling of worry or unease.
*Public disquiet about animal testing.*

disquietude
A state of uneasiness or anxiety.
*Such passages reflect a sense of disquietude of alienation even.*

dread
Dreadlocks.
*I used to have a dread of Friday afternoons.*

fear
An anxious feeling.
*The love and fear of God.*

fearfulness
The trait of being afraid.

feeling
The capacity to experience the sense of touch.
*A feeling grew that justice had not been done.*

hunch
A feeling or guess based on intuition rather than fact.
*I have a hunch that someone is telling lies.*

inkling
A slight suggestion or vague understanding.
*The records give us an inkling of how people saw the world.*

intuition
The ability to understand something instinctively, without the need for conscious reasoning.
*We shall allow our intuition to guide us.*

misgiving
Painful expectation.
*I felt a sense of misgiving at the prospect of retirement.*

perturbation
A minor deviation in the course of a celestial body, caused by the attraction of a neighbouring body.
*Frank s atheism was more than a perturbation to Michael.*
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<td>An intuitive feeling about the future, especially one of foreboding. <em>A presentiment of disaster.</em></td>
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<td>suspicion</td>
<td>A feeling or belief that someone is guilty of an illegal, dishonest, or unpleasant action. <em>Police would not say what aroused their suspicions.</em></td>
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<td>trepidation</td>
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<td>The trait of seeming ill at ease. <em>Public unease about defence policy.</em></td>
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Usage Examples of "Foreboding" as a noun

- With a sense of foreboding she read the note.
- A steadily escalating sense of foreboding.

Foreboding as an Adjective

Definitions of "Foreboding" as an adjective

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, “foreboding” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- Ominously prophetic.
• Implying that something bad is going to happen.

Synonyms of "Foreboding" as an adjective (28 Words)

**baleful** Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments.  
*The Florida eagles have a fierce **baleful** look.*

**black** Of a ski run of the highest level of difficulty as indicated by black markers positioned along it.  
*His shirt was **black** within an hour.*

**brooding** Deeply or seriously thoughtful.  
*The **brooding** moorland.*

**dangerous** Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm.  
*A **dangerous** criminal.*

**dark** Having a dark hue.  
*Dark glasses.*

**dire** Fraught with extreme danger; nearly hopeless.  
*Misuse of drugs can have **dire** consequences.*

**doomy** Suggesting or predicting disaster; ominous.  
*Doomy forecasts.*

**evil** Of a force or spirit embodying or associated with the forces of the devil.  
*Stories about the **evil** effects of television on children make good copy.*

**fateful** Having momentous consequences; of decisive importance- Saturday Rev.  
*That **fateful** meeting of the U N when it declared war on North Korea.*

**forbidding** Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments.  
*A **forbidding** scowl.*

**gloomy** Causing or feeling depression or despondency.  
*Gloomy forecasts about the economy.*

**glowering** Showing a brooding ill humor.  

**heavy** Large and powerful especially designed for heavy loads or rough work.  
*A **heavy** pudding.*

**ill** Suffering from an illness or disease or feeling unwell.  
*It s an **ill** wind that blows no good.*

**ill-fated** Marked by or promising bad fortune- W.H.Prescott.  

**inauspicious** Presaging ill fortune- P.B.Shelley.  
*Following this **inauspicious** start the British outnumbered withdrew.*

**menacing** Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments.  
*His tone became **menacing**.*
ominous
- Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments.
  
  *A dead and ominous silence prevailed.*

pessimistic
- Tending to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen.
  
  *He was pessimistic about the prospects.*

portentous
- Of momentous or ominous significance—Herman Melville.
  
  *Such a portentous monster raised all my curiosity.*

sinister
- Giving the impression that something harmful or evil is happening or will happen.
  
  *The scheme of some sinister intelligence bent on punishing him.*

thunderous
- Very loud.
  
  *Thunderous applause.*

unfavourable
- Expressing or showing a lack of approval or support.
  
  *Unfavourable economic conditions.*

unlucky
- Marked by or promising bad fortune—W.H. Prescott.
  
  *An unlucky defeat.*

unpromising
- Not giving hope of future success or good results.
  
  *The boy’s natural intellect had survived in unpromising circumstances.*

unpropitious
- (of a circumstance) not giving or indicating a good chance of success;
  
  *His reports were submitted at a financially unpropitious time.*

wintry
- Characteristic of winter, especially in feeling or looking very cold and bleak.
  
  *A wintry landscape.*

Usage Examples of "Foreboding" as an adjective

*• When the Doctor spoke, his voice was dark and foreboding.*

Associations of "Foreboding" (30 Words)

**augur**
- A religious official who interpreted omens to guide public policy.
  
  *The end of the cold war seemed to augur well.*

**augury**
- A sign of what will happen in the future; an omen.
  
  *He hoped it was an augury.*

**bode**
- Indicate, as with a sign or an omen.
  
  *These signs bode bad news.*

**boding**
- A feeling of evil to come.
  
  *A steadily escalating sense of foreboding.*
Circumstances: Your overall circumstances or condition in life including everything that happens to you.
A victim of circumstances.

Destiny: An event (or a course of events) that will inevitably happen in the future.
She was unable to control her own destiny.

Fateful: Ominously prophetic.
That fateful meeting of the UN when it declared war on North Korea.

Hapless: Deserving or inciting pity—Galsworthy.
A hapless victim.

Harbinger: A person or thing that announces or signals the approach of another.
Witch hazels are the harbingers of spring.

Herald: Acclaim.
They considered the first primroses as the herald of spring.

Inauspicious: Not conducive to success; unpromising.
Following this inauspicious start the British outnumbered withdrew.

Minatory: Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments.
He is unlikely to be deterred by minatory finger wagging.

Omen: Indicate as with a sign or an omen.
He looked for an omen before going into battle.

Ominous: Presaging ill fortune.
There were ominous dark clouds gathering overhead.

Portend: Indicate by signs.
The eclipses portend some major events.

Portent: Future significance.
An omen of grave portent for the tribe.

Portentous: Of or like a portent; of momentous significance.
Such a portentous monster raised all my curiosity.

Premonition: A strong feeling that something is about to happen, especially something unpleasant.
He had a premonition of imminent disaster.

Presentiment: A feeling of evil to come.
A presentiment of disaster.

Prognosticate: Indicate, as with a sign or an omen.
The economists were prognosticating financial Armageddon.

Prognostication: The action of prophesying future events.
An unprecedented amount of soul searching and prognostication.
| **prophetic** | Accurately predicting what will happen in the future.  
*His warnings proved prophetic.* |
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| **sign** | Make the sign of the cross over someone in order to call on God for protection consecrate.  
*He signed to play the casino on Dec 18.* |
| **sinister** | Evil or criminal.  
*Bar sinister.* |
| **superstition** | An irrational belief arising from ignorance or fear.  
*He dismissed the ghost stories as mere superstition.* |
| **telepathy** | Apparent communication from one mind to another without using sensory perceptions. |
| **threatening** | Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments.  
*His threatening behavior.* |
| **unfortunate** | Not indicating a good chance of success; inauspicious.  
*The delay at the airport was an unfortunate start to our holiday.* |
| **unlucky** | Having, bringing, or resulting from bad luck.  
*An unlucky defeat.* |
| **unpropitious** | (of a circumstance) not giving or indicating a good chance of success; unfavourable.  
*His reports were submitted at a financially unpropitious time.* |