

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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The synonyms of “Foreboding” are: boding, premonition, presentiment, apprehension, apprehensiveness, anxiety, perturbation, trepidation, disquiet, disquietude, unease, uneasiness, misgiving, suspicion, worry, fear, fearfulness, dread, alarm, intuition, feeling, inkling, hunch, fateful, portentous, ominous, glowering, brooding, sinister, menacing, black, thunderous, dark, wintry, gloomy, heavy, dire, ill, evil, baleful, forbidding, doomy, ugly, unpromising, unpropitious, pessimistic, inauspicious, unfavourable, unlucky, ill-fated, dangerous

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. <i>Oliver smelled smoke and gave the alarm.</i>
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. <i>He felt a surge of anxiety.</i>
apprehension	Understanding; grasp. <i>They acted with intent to prevent lawful apprehension.</i>
apprehensiveness	Fearful expectation or anticipation.
boding	A feeling of evil to come. <i>A steadily escalating sense of foreboding.</i>
disquiet	A feeling of worry or unease. <i>Public disquiet about animal testing.</i>
disquietude	A state of uneasiness or anxiety. <i>Such passages reflect a sense of disquietude of alienation even.</i>
dread	Dreadlocks. <i>I used to have a dread of Friday afternoons.</i>
fear	An anxious feeling. <i>The love and fear of God.</i>
fearfulness	The trait of being afraid.
feeling	The capacity to experience the sense of touch. <i>A feeling grew that justice had not been done.</i>
hunch	A feeling or guess based on intuition rather than fact. <i>I have a hunch that someone is telling lies.</i>
inkling	A slight suggestion or vague understanding. <i>The records give us an inkling of how people saw the world.</i>
intuition	The ability to understand something instinctively, without the need for conscious reasoning. <i>We shall allow our intuition to guide us.</i>
misgiving	Painful expectation. <i>I felt a sense of misgiving at the prospect of retirement.</i>
perturbation	A minor deviation in the course of a celestial body, caused by the attraction of a neighbouring body. <i>Frank's atheism was more than a perturbation to Michael.</i>

premonition	An early warning about a future event. <i>He had a premonition of imminent disaster.</i>
presentiment	An intuitive feeling about the future, especially one of foreboding. <i>A presentiment of disaster.</i>
<u>suspicion</u>	A feeling or belief that someone is guilty of an illegal, dishonest, or unpleasant action. <i>Police would not say what aroused their suspicions.</i>
<u>trepidation</u>	A feeling of fear or anxiety about something that may happen. <i>The men set off in fear and trepidation.</i>
<u>unease</u>	The trait of seeming ill at ease. <i>Public unease about defence policy.</i>
uneasiness	Embarrassment deriving from the feeling that others are critically aware of you. <i>I sensed the uneasiness of people around me.</i>
<u>worry</u>	A strong feeling of anxiety. <i>He s demented with worry.</i>



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. <i>The Florida eagles have a fierce baleful look.</i>
black	Of a ski run of the highest level of difficulty as indicated by black markers positioned along it. <i>His shirt was black within an hour.</i>
brooding	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <i>The brooding moorland.</i>
dangerous	Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm. <i>A dangerous criminal.</i>
dark	Having a dark hue. <i>Dark glasses.</i>
dire	Fraught with extreme danger; nearly hopeless. <i>Misuse of drugs can have dire consequences.</i>
doomy	Suggesting or predicting disaster; ominous. <i>Doomy forecasts.</i>
evil	Of a force or spirit embodying or associated with the forces of the devil. <i>Stories about the evil effects of television on children make good copy.</i>
fateful	Having momentous consequences; of decisive importance- Saturday Rev. <i>That fateful meeting of the U N when it declared war on North Korea.</i>
forbidding	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. <i>A forbidding scowl.</i>
gloomy	Causing or feeling depression or despondency. <i>Gloomy forecasts about the economy.</i>
glowering	Showing a brooding ill humor.
heavy	Large and powerful especially designed for heavy loads or rough work. <i>A heavy pudding.</i>
ill	Suffering from an illness or disease or feeling unwell. <i>It s an ill wind that blows no good.</i>
ill-fated	Marked by or promising bad fortune- W.H.Prescott.
inauspicious	Presaging ill fortune- P.B.Shelley. <i>Following this inauspicious start the British outnumbered withdrew.</i>
menacing	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. <i>His tone became menacing.</i>

ominous	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. <i>A dead and ominous silence prevailed.</i>
pessimistic	Tending to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen. <i>He was pessimistic about the prospects.</i>
portentous	Of momentous or ominous significance- Herman Melville. <i>Such a portentous monster raised all my curiosity.</i>
sinister	Giving the impression that something harmful or evil is happening or will happen. <i>The scheme of some sinister intelligence bent on punishing him.</i>
thunderous	Very loud. <i>Thunderous applause.</i>
unfavourable	Expressing or showing a lack of approval or support. <i>Unfavourable economic conditions.</i>
unlucky	Marked by or promising bad fortune- W.H.Prescott. <i>An unlucky defeat.</i>
unpromising	Not giving hope of future success or good results. <i>The boy's natural intellect had survived in unpromising circumstances.</i>
unpropitious	(of a circumstance) not giving or indicating a good chance of success; unfavourable. <i>His reports were submitted at a financially unpropitious time.</i>
wintry	Characteristic of winter, especially in feeling or looking very cold and bleak. <i>A wintry landscape.</i>

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. <i>The end of the cold war seemed to augur well.</i>
augury	A sign of what will happen in the future; an omen. <i>He hoped it was an augury.</i>
bode	Indicate, as with a sign or an omen. <i>These signs bode bad news.</i>
boding	A feeling of evil to come. <i>A steadily escalating sense of foreboding.</i>

circumstances	Your overall circumstances or condition in life including everything that happens to you. <i>A victim of circumstances.</i>
destiny	An event (or a course of events) that will inevitably happen in the future. <i>She was unable to control her own destiny.</i>
fateful	Ominously prophetic. <i>That fateful meeting of the U N when it declared war on North Korea.</i>
hapless	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>A hapless victim.</i>
harbinger	A person or thing that announces or signals the approach of another. <i>Witch hazels are the harbingers of spring.</i>
herald	Acclaim. <i>They considered the first primroses as the herald of spring.</i>
inauspicious	Not conducive to success; unpromising. <i>Following this inauspicious start the British outnumbered withdrew.</i>
minatory	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. <i>He is unlikely to be deterred by minatory finger wagging.</i>
omen	Indicate as with a sign or an omen. <i>He looked for an omen before going into battle.</i>
ominous	Presaging ill fortune. <i>There were ominous dark clouds gathering overhead.</i>
portend	Indicate by signs. <i>The eclipses portend some major events.</i>
portent	Future significance. <i>An omen of grave portent for the tribe.</i>
portentous	Of or like a portent; of momentous significance. <i>Such a portentous monster raised all my curiosity.</i>
premonition	A strong feeling that something is about to happen, especially something unpleasant. <i>He had a premonition of imminent disaster.</i>
presentiment	A feeling of evil to come. <i>A presentiment of disaster.</i>
prognosticate	Indicate, as with a sign or an omen. <i>The economists were prognosticating financial Armageddon.</i>
prognostication	The action of prophesying future events. <i>An unprecedented amount of soul searching and prognostication.</i>

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