

Need another word that means the same as “frightening”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “frightening” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Frightening” are: terrorisation, terrorization, awful, dire, direful, dread, dreaded, dreadful, fearful, fearsome, horrendous, horrific, terrible**

## **Frightening as a Noun**

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

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

- *The act of inspiring with fear.*



## Synonyms of "Frightening" as a noun (2 Words)

**terrorisation** The act of inspiring with fear.

**terrorization** An act of terrorism.





## Frightening as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Frightening" as an adjective

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

- *Causing fear or dread or terror.*
- *Making someone afraid or anxious; terrifying.*



### Synonyms of "Frightening" as an adjective (11 Words)

- awful**      Offensive or even (of persons) malicious.  
***Awful** worshippers with bowed heads.*
- [dire](#)**      Of a very poor quality.  
*Misuse of drugs can have **dire** consequences.*
- direful**      Extremely bad; dreadful.  
*A career or vengeance so **direful** that London was shocked.*

- dread** Greatly feared dreadful.  
*Polio is no longer the **dreaded** disease it once was.*
- dreaded** Regarded with great fear or apprehension.  
*The **dreaded** news came that Joe had been wounded.*
- dreadful** Very unpleasant.  
*She looked quite **dreadful** and she was struggling for breath.*
- fearful** Causing or likely to cause people to be afraid; horrifying.  
*A **fearful** accident.*
- fearsome** Causing fear or dread or terror.  
*The cat mewed displaying a **fearsome** set of teeth.*
- horrendous** Extremely unpleasant, horrifying, or terrible.  
*She suffered **horrendous** injuries.*
- horrific** Causing fear or dread or terror.  
***Horrific** injuries.*
- terrible** Extremely bad or serious.  
***Terrible** handwriting.*





## Usage Examples of "Frightening" as an adjective

- A *frightening* experience.



## Associations of "Frightening" (30 Words)

- afraid** Filled with fear or apprehension.  
*She was **afraid** that he would be angry.*
- alarming** Frightening because of an awareness of danger.  
*Our countryside is disappearing at an **alarming** rate.*
- appall** Strike with disgust or revulsion.
- chilling** The process of becoming cooler; a falling temperature.  
*A **chilling** account of the prisoners fate.*
- claustrophobia** A morbid fear of being closed in a confined space.  
*The small stuffy room had begun to give him **claustrophobia**.*

<b><u>dread</u></b>	Dreadlocks. <i>The thought of returning to London filled her with <b>dread</b>.</i>
<b><u>dreadful</u></b>	Extremely disagreeable. <i>A <b>dreadful</b> storm.</i>
<b>fear</b>	The likelihood of something unwelcome happening. <i>I <b>fear</b> she might get aggressive.</i>
<b>fearful</b>	Lacking courage; ignobly timid and faint-hearted. <i>Cast <b>fearful</b> glances at the large dog.</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><u>formidable</u></b>	Inspiring fear. <i>The challenge was <b>formidable</b>.</i>
<b>fright</b>	Frighten. <i>She s had a nasty <b>fright</b>.</i>
<b>frighten</b>	Drive out by frightening. <i>The savagery of his thoughts <b>frightened</b> him.</i>
<b>frightful</b>	Extremely distressing. <i>A <b>frightful</b> mistake.</i>
<b><u>gruesome</u></b>	Shockingly repellent; inspiring horror. <i>The most <b>gruesome</b> murder.</i>
<b>hideous</b>	Extremely unpleasant. <i>A <b>hideous</b> scar.</i>
<b><u>horrific</u></b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i><b>Horrific</b> injuries.</i>
<b><u>horror</u></b>	A literary or film genre concerned with arousing feelings of horror. <i>The mere thought of it gives me the <b>horrors</b>.</i>
<b><u>macabre</u></b>	Disturbing because concerned with or causing a fear of death. <i><b>Macabre</b> tortures conceived by madmen.</i>
<b><u>panic</u></b>	Cause sudden fear in or fill with sudden panic. <i><b>Panic</b> in the stock market.</i>
<b>petrify</b>	Cause to become stonelike or stiff or dazed and stunned from fright. <i>Slogans <b>petrify</b> our thinking.</i>
<b><u>scare</u></b>	Become scared. <i>She has been given the all clear after a breast cancer <b>scare</b>.</i>

<b>scared</b>	Fearful; frightened. <i>I wasn't <b>scared</b> at all.</i>
<b>scary</b>	Uncannily striking or surprising. <i>It was <b>scary</b> the way they bonded with each other.</i>
<b>spooky</b>	Easily frightened; nervous. <i>I bet this place is really <b>spooky</b> late at night.</i>
<b>terrible</b>	Very unwell or troubled. <i>Despite passing my driving test first time I'm a <b>terrible</b> driver.</i>
<b>terrify</b>	Cause to feel extreme fear. <i>He is terrified of spiders.</i>
<b>terrifying</b>	Causing extreme terror. <i>A <b>terrifying</b> wail.</i>
<b>terror</b>	Terrorism. <i>A <b>terror</b> suspect.</i>

