

Need another word that means the same as “leery”? Find 11 synonyms and 30 related words for “leery” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Leery” are: mistrustful, suspicious, untrusting, wary, cautious, careful, circumspect, chary, alert, on the alert, prudent

Leery as an Adjective

Definitions of "Leery" as an adjective

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

- *Cautious or wary due to realistic suspicions.*
- *Openly distrustful and unwilling to confide.*



Synonyms of "Leery" as an adjective (11 Words)

- alert** Engaged in or accustomed to close observation.
***Alert** enough to spot the opportunity when it came.*
- careful** Making sure of avoiding potential danger, mishap, or harm; cautious.
*They were **careful** when crossing the busy street.*
- cautious** Showing careful forethought.
*Firms have been unusually **cautious** about hiring new workers.*
- chary** Cautiously or suspiciously reluctant to do something.
*She had been **chary** of telling the whole truth.*
- circumspect** Heedful of potential consequences.
*The officials were very **circumspect** in their statements.*

mistrustful	Lacking in trust; suspicious. <i>He wondered if he had been unduly mistrustful of her.</i>
on the alert	Engaged in or accustomed to close observation.
prudent	Acting with or showing care and thought for the future. <i>More prudent to hide than to fight.</i>
suspicious	Not as expected. <i>He was suspicious of her motives.</i>
untrusting	Not tending to believe in other people's honesty or sincerity; suspicious. <i>Kate became wary furtive and untrusting.</i>
wary	Openly distrustful and unwilling to confide. <i>They were wary in their movements.</i>

Usage Examples of "Leery" as an adjective

- A city leery of gang violence.

Associations of "Leery" (30 Words)

agnostic	Relating to agnostics or agnosticism. <i>Many common file formats JPEG MP3 etc are platform agnostic.</i>
alleged	Said, without proof, to have taken place or to have a specified illegal or undesirable quality. <i>The alleged conspirators.</i>
attentive	Taking heed; giving close and thoughtful attention. <i>Ministers should be more attentive to the interests of taxpayers.</i>
chary	Characterized by great caution and wariness. <i>Chary of the risks involved.</i>
circumspect	Heedful of potential consequences. <i>Circumspect actions.</i>
controversial	Giving rise or likely to give rise to controversy or public disagreement. <i>Rushdie s controversial book.</i>
cynical	Contemptuous; mocking. <i>Most residents are cynical about efforts to clean mobsters out of their city.</i>
disputable	Open to argument or debate. <i>Whether it can be described as art criticism may be disputable.</i>
distrust	The feeling that someone or something cannot be relied upon. <i>The public s distrust of politicians.</i>

doubt	Consider unlikely or have doubts about. <i>I doubt that she will accept his proposal of marriage.</i>
doubtful	Unsettled in mind or opinion. <i>They were doubtful that the cord would hold.</i>
dubious	Not to be relied upon; suspect. <i>They admitted the force of my argument but remained dubious.</i>
freethinker	A person who rejects accepted opinions, especially those concerning religious belief.
incredulity	Doubt about the truth of something. <i>He stared down the street in incredulity.</i>
incredulous	Not disposed or willing to believe; unbelieving. <i>An incredulous gasp.</i>
mistrust	The trait of not trusting others. <i>The public mistrust of government.</i>
pessimist	A person who tends to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen. <i>He finds solace in the writings of pessimist philosophers.</i>
questionable	Doubtful as regards truth or validity. <i>A fire of questionable origin.</i>
sceptical	Marked by or given to doubt. <i>The public were deeply sceptical about some of the proposals.</i>
shady	Giving shade from sunlight. <i>He was involved in his grandmother's shady deals.</i>
skeptic	Someone who habitually doubts accepted beliefs.
skeptical	Denying or questioning the tenets of especially a religion. <i>A skeptical approach to the nature of miracles.</i>
skepticism	The disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge.
suspect	Regard as untrustworthy; regard with suspicion; have no faith or confidence in. <i>A suspect package was found on the platform.</i>
suspicious	Not as expected. <i>Suspicious behavior.</i>
suspiciously	With suspicion. <i>The group was suspiciously quiet about their activities.</i>
uncertain	Ambiguous (especially in the negative). <i>Everything is uncertain about the army.</i>

- uncertainty** The state of being unsure of something.
*Times of **uncertainty** and danger.*
- wary** Openly distrustful and unwilling to confide.
*A **wary** look.*
- watchful** Experiencing or accompanied by sleeplessness.
*They attended dances under the **watchful** eye of their father.*