

Need another word that means the same as “nervous”? Find 43 synonyms and 30 related words for “nervous” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Nervous” are: flighty, skittish, spooky, neural, aflutter, anxious, queasy, uneasy, unquiet, edgy, tense, excitable, jumpy, brittle, neurotic, hysterical, worried, apprehensive, strained, stressed, agitated, in a state of nerves, in a state of agitation, restless, worked up, keyed up, overwrought, wrought up, strung out, fidgety, fearful, frightened, scared, like a cat on a hot tin roof, trembling, shaky, in a cold sweat, fevered, febrile, embarrassed, uncomfortable, ill at ease, neurological**

## Nervous as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Nervous" as an adjective

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

- *Easily agitated or alarmed.*
- *Relating to or affecting the nerves.*
- *Unpredictably excitable (especially of horses).*
- *Of or relating to the nervous system.*
- *Easily agitated.*
- *Anxious or apprehensive.*
- *Causing or fraught with or showing anxiety.*
- *Excited in anticipation.*
- *(of a feeling or reaction) resulting from anxiety or anticipation.*



## Synonyms of "Nervous" as an adjective (43 Words)

<b>aflutter</b>	Excited in anticipation. <i>He has the physique that could send a thousand female hearts <b>aflutter</b>.</i>
<b>agitated</b>	Troubled emotionally and usually deeply. <i><b>Agitated</b> parents.</i>
<b>anxious</b>	Very eager or concerned to do something or for something to happen. <i>There were some <b>anxious</b> moments.</i>
<b><u>apprehensive</u></b>	In fear or dread of possible evil or harm. <i><b>Apprehensive</b> of danger.</i>
<b><u>brittle</u></b>	(of a person's voice) unpleasantly hard and sharp and showing signs of instability or nervousness. <i>Glass is <b>brittle</b>.</i>
<b><u>edgy</u></b>	Being in a tense state. <i>Tremendously <b>edgy</b> brass playing.</i>

<b><u>embarrassed</u></b>	Feeling or caused to feel uneasy and self-conscious. <i>I felt quite <b>embarrassed</b> whenever I talked to her.</i>
<b><u>excitable</u></b>	Responding too readily to something new or stimulating; easily excited. <i>A rather <b>excitable</b> young man.</i>
<b>fearful</b>	Experiencing or showing fear. <i>A <b>fearful</b> howling.</i>
<b>febrile</b>	Having or showing the symptoms of a fever. <i>A <b>febrile</b> reaction caused by an allergen.</i>
<b>fevered</b>	Highly or nervously excited. <i>They mopped his <b>fevered</b> brow.</i>
<b>fidgety</b>	Nervous and unable to relax. <i>I get nervous and <b>fidgety</b> at the dentist.</i>
<b><u>flighty</u></b>	Fickle and irresponsible. <i>Her mother was a <b>flighty</b> Southern belle.</i>
<b>frightened</b>	Made afraid. <i>A <b>frightened</b> child.</i>
<b><u>hysterical</u></b>	Characterized by or arising from psychoneurotic hysteria-Morris Fishbein. <i>Janet became <b>hysterical</b> and began screaming.</i>
<b>ill at ease</b>	Affected by an impairment of normal physical or mental function.
<b>in a cold sweat</b>	Directed or bound inward.
<b>in a state of agitation</b>	Currently fashionable.
<b>in a state of nerves</b>	Directed or bound inward.
<b>jumpy</b>	Causing or characterized by jolts and irregular movements. <i>A <b>jumpy</b> pulse.</i>
<b>keyed up</b>	Serving as an essential component.
<b>like a cat on a hot tin roof</b>	Having the same or similar characteristics.
<b>neural</b>	Relating to a nerve or the nervous system. <i><b>Neural</b> disorder.</i>
<b>neurological</b>	Relating to the anatomy, functions, and organic disorders of nerves and the nervous system. <i><b>Neurological</b> evidence.</i>
<b><u>neurotic</u></b>	Characteristic of or affected by neurosis. <i>He seemed a <b>neurotic</b> self obsessed character.</i>

<b>overwrought</b>	(of a piece of writing or a work of art) too elaborate or complicated in design or construction. <i>She was too <b>overwrought</b> to listen to reason.</i>
<b>queasy</b>	Causing or fraught with or showing anxiety. <i>The <b>queasy</b> swell of the boat.</i>
<u><b>restless</b></u>	Lacking or not affording physical or mental rest. <i>The <b>restless</b> sea.</i>
<b>scared</b>	Made afraid. <i>We re both <b>scared</b> of spiders.</i>
<u><b>shaky</b></u>	Unstable because of poor construction or heavy use. <i>After a <b>shaky</b> start the Scottish team made superb efforts.</i>
<u><b>skittish</b></u>	(of an animal, especially a horse) nervous or excitable; easily scared. <i>A <b>skittish</b> chestnut mare.</i>
<u><b>spooky</b></u>	Unpredictably excitable (especially of horses). <i>I bet this place is really <b>spooky</b> late at night.</i>
<u><b>strained</b></u>	Of a mainly liquid substance having been strained to separate out any solid matter. <i>A <b>constrained</b> smile.</i>
<b>stressed</b>	Strengthened by the application of stress during manufacture prestressed. <i>He dropped out of the race clearly <b>distressed</b> and having difficulty breathing.</i>
<b>strung out</b>	That is on a string.
<u><b>tense</b></u>	Pronounced with relatively tense tongue muscles e g the vowel sound in beat. <i>She tried to relax her <b>tense</b> muscles.</i>
<u><b>trembling</b></u>	Shaking or quivering, typically as a result of anxiety, excitement, or frailty. <i><b>Trembling</b> hands.</i>
<u><b>uncomfortable</b></u>	Causing or feeling unease or awkwardness. <i>Grew <b>uncomfortable</b> beneath his appraising eye.</i>
<u><b>uneasy</b></u>	(of a situation or relationship) not settled; liable to change. <i>She fell into an <b>uneasy</b> sleep.</i>
<b>unquiet</b>	Uneasy; anxious. <i>Poor Amy s <b>unquiet</b> spirit.</i>
<b>worked up</b>	Out of bed.

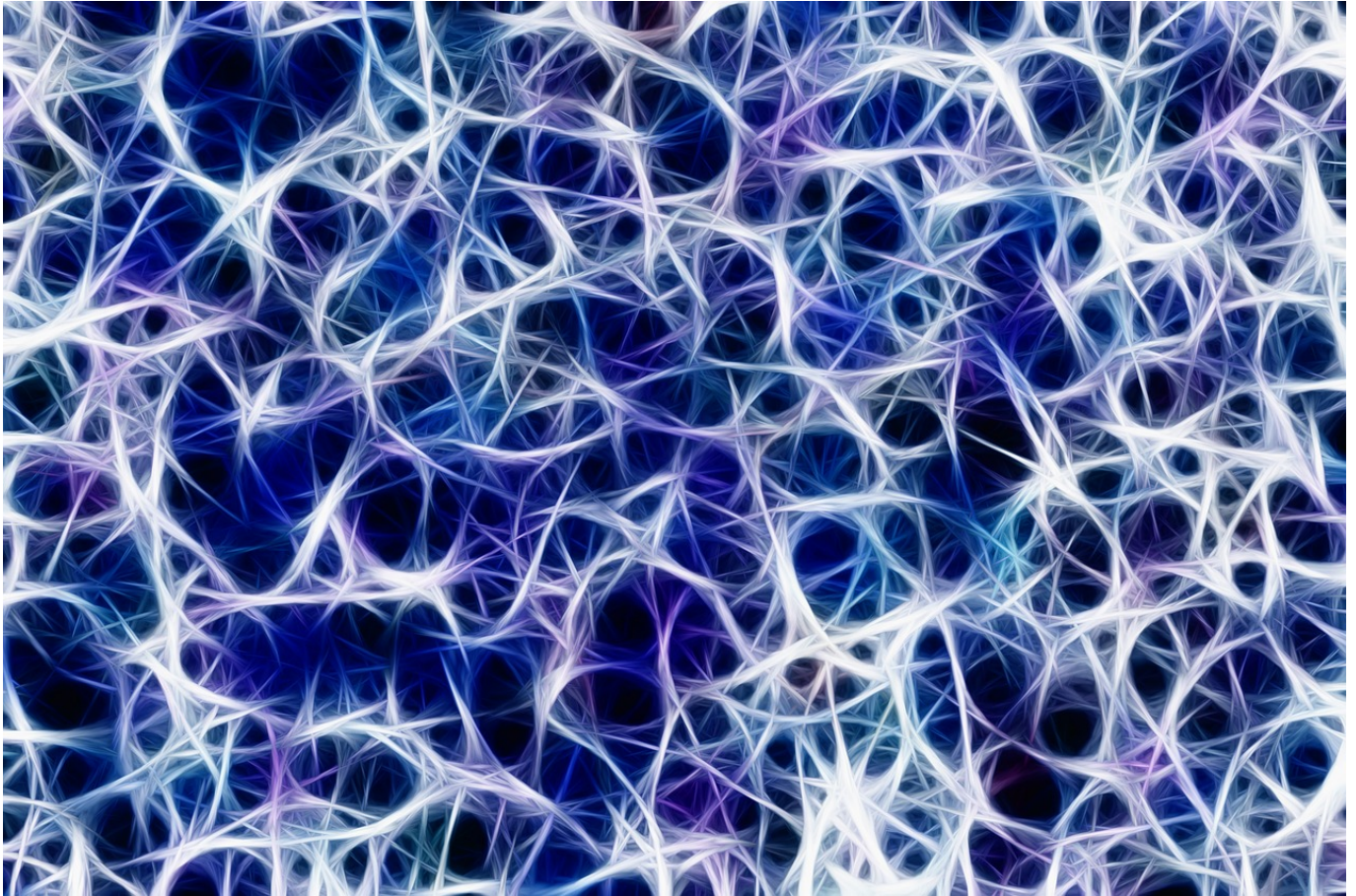
**worried**

Afflicted with or marked by anxious uneasiness or trouble or grief.

*He is **worried** that we are not sustaining high employment.*

**wrought up**

Shaped to fit by or as if by altering the contours of a pliable mass (as by work or effort).



**Usage Examples of "Nervous" as an adjective**

- *A nervous disorder.*
- *Nervous disease.*
- *A nervous addict.*
- *A nervous thoroughbred.*
- *Nervous energy.*
- *He's nervous of speaking in public.*
- *Those nervous moments before takeoff.*
- *A sensitive, nervous person.*
- *Staying in the house on her own made her nervous.*



## Associations of "Nervous" (30 Words)

- apprehensive** Mentally upset over possible misfortune or danger etc.  
***Apprehensive** for one's life.*
- defuse** Make (a situation) less tense or dangerous.  
*Explosives specialists tried to **defuse** the grenade.*
- dejection** Solid excretory product evacuated from the bowels.  
*He was slumped in deep **dejection**.*
- excitability** Being easily excited.
- flighty** Fickle and irresponsible.  
*Her mother was a **flighty** Southern belle.*
- fraught** Marked by distress.  
*There was a **fraught** silence.*
- fretful** Nervous and unable to relax.  
*A constant **fretful** stamping of hooves.*

<b>harried</b>	Feeling strained as a result of having demands persistently made on one; harassed. <i><b>Harried</b> detectives answer ringing phones.</i>
<a href="#"><u>impatience</u></a>	The tendency to be impatient; irritability or restlessness. <i>He was shifting in his seat with <b>impatience</b>.</i>
<a href="#"><u>insecurity</u></a>	The state of being subject to danger or injury. <i>She had a deep sense of <b>insecurity</b>.</i>
<b>irritability</b>	An irritable petulant feeling. <i>Symptoms include insomnia and <b>irritability</b>.</i>
<b>nervously</b>	In an anxiously nervous manner. <i>Kevin <b>nervously</b> glanced at his watch.</i>
<b>nervy</b>	Characterized or produced by apprehension or uncertainty. <i>He was <b>nervy</b> and on edge.</i>
<b>paralyze</b>	Cause to be paralyzed and immobile. <i>The bureaucracy <b>paralyzes</b> the entire operation.</i>
<b>peevish</b>	Having or showing an irritable disposition. <i>A thin <b>peevish</b> voice.</i>
<b>petulance</b>	The quality of being childishly sulky or bad-tempered. <i>A slight degree of <b>petulance</b> had crept into his voice.</i>
<a href="#"><u>preoccupied</u></a>	Having or showing excessive or compulsive concern with something. <i>She seemed a bit <b>preoccupied</b>.</i>
<b>querulous</b>	Habitually complaining. <i>She became <b>querulous</b> and demanding.</i>
<b>restlessly</b>	In a restless manner.
<a href="#"><u>skittish</u></a>	(of a person) playfully frivolous or unpredictable. <i>My <b>skittish</b> and immature mother.</i>
<b>solicitous</b>	Showing hovering attentiveness. <i><b>Solicitous</b> parents.</i>
<a href="#"><u>strained</u></a>	Of a mainly liquid substance having been strained to separate out any solid matter. <i>There was a <b>strained</b> silence.</i>
<b>stressed</b>	Strengthened by the application of stress during manufacture prestressed. <i><b>Stressed</b> concrete walls.</i>
<a href="#"><u>temper</u></a>	Make more temperate acceptable or suitable by adding something else. <i><b>Tempered</b> steel pins.</i>
<a href="#"><u>tense</u></a>	Become tense nervous or uneasy. <i>She tried to relax her <b>tense</b> muscles.</i>

- troubled**      Characterized by or indicative of distress or affliction or danger or need.  
***Troubled** teenagers.*
- uneasy**      Lacking a sense of security or affording no ease or reassurance.  
*She lived in a state of **uneasy** truce with her strict father.*
- uptight**      Anxious or angry in a tense and overly controlled way.  
*He is so **uptight** about everything.*
- volatility**      Tendency of a substance to evaporate at normal temperatures.  
*The **volatility** of the market drove many investors away.*
- worried**      Afflicted with or marked by anxious uneasiness or trouble or grief.  
*A **worried** frown.*

