

Need another word that means the same as “nightmare”? Find 7 synonyms and 30 related words for “nightmare” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Nightmare” are: incubus, bad dream, night terrors, ordeal, horror, torment, trial

Nightmare as a Noun

Definitions of "Nightmare" as a noun

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

- *A person or situation that is very difficult to deal with.*
- *A frightening or unpleasant dream.*
- *A very unpleasant or frightening experience or prospect.*
- *A terrifying or deeply upsetting dream.*
- *A situation resembling a terrifying dream.*



Synonyms of "Nightmare" as a noun (7 Words)

bad dream That which is below standard or expectations as of ethics or decency.

horror Something that inspires horror something horrible.
*To her **horror** she found that a thief had stolen the machine.*

incubus	A cause of difficulty or anxiety. <i>Debt is a big incubus in developing countries.</i>
night terrors	The time between sunset and midnight.
<u>ordeal</u>	An ancient test of guilt or innocence by subjection of the accused to severe pain, survival of which was taken as divine proof of innocence. <i>Ordeals conducted in the twelfth century.</i>
torment	A feeling of intense annoyance caused by being tormented. <i>Their deaths have left both families in torment.</i>
<u>trial</u>	The act of testing something. <i>Clinical trials must establish whether the new hip replacements are working.</i>



Usage Examples of "Nightmare" as a noun

- *Developing thunderclouds are a balloonist's worst nightmare.*
- *The nightmare of racial hatred.*
- *I had nightmares after watching the horror movie.*
- *Buying wine can be a nightmare if you don't know enough about it.*



Associations of "Nightmare" (30 Words)

alarm	Fill with apprehension or alarm cause to be unpleasantly surprised. <i>The empty house alarmed him.</i>
alarming	Frightening because of an awareness of danger. <i>Our countryside is disappearing at an alarming rate.</i>
awake	Mentally perceptive and responsive. <i>Lay awake thinking about his new job.</i>
awaken	Stop sleeping. <i>He sighed but did not awaken.</i>
bed	Fix firmly embed. <i>A bed of straw.</i>
bedtime	The time you go to bed. <i>It was well past her bedtime.</i>
conscious	Showing realization or recognition of something- Thomas Hardy. <i>Conscious of his faults.</i>
day	The part of a day spent working. <i>In Shakespeare s day.</i>

dream	Experience dreams during sleep. <i>She had dreamed of a trip to Italy.</i>
dreaming	Imaginative thoughts indulged in while awake.
hesitantly	With hesitation; in a hesitant manner. <i>A young guard hesitantly stepped into the room.</i>
incubus	A male demon believed to lie on sleeping persons and to have sexual intercourse with sleeping women. <i>Debt is a big incubus in developing countries.</i>
insomnia	An inability to sleep; chronic sleeplessness.
morning	Every morning. <i>I ve got a meeting this morning.</i>
nap	A card game similar to whist; usually played for stakes. <i>She naps everyday after lunch for an hour.</i>
oversleep	Sleep longer than intended. <i>We talked until the early hours and consequently I overslept.</i>
restlessly	In a restless manner.
rouse	Cause to be agitated excited or roused. <i>The crowds were roused to fever pitch by the drama of the race.</i>
scared	Made afraid. <i>I was scared that people were going to take pictures of me.</i>
sleep	Be asleep. <i>He didn t get enough sleep last night.</i>
sleepless	Experiencing or accompanied by sleeplessness. <i>Another sleepless night.</i>
slumber	Sleep. <i>The village street slumbered under the afternoon sun.</i>
tonight	The evening or night of the present day. <i>Tonight is a night to remember.</i>
uneasily	In a way that shows anxiety or discomfort. <i>Quite luxurious enclaves coexist uneasily with slums and ghettos.</i>
uneasy	Relating to bodily unease that causes discomfort. <i>An uneasy silence fell on the group.</i>
wakeful	Easily disturbed. <i>A restless wakeful night.</i>
waken	Stop sleeping. <i>She wakened the child and dressed her.</i>

waking The state of remaining awake.
*He hangs between sleeping and **waking**.*

worry Be concerned with.
*I began to **worry** whether I had done the right thing.*

worst The greatest damage or wickedness of which one is capable.
*It was the **worst** he had ever done on a test.*

