

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.*

<b>incubus</b>	A cause of difficulty or anxiety. <i>Debt is a big <b>incubus</b> in developing countries.</i>
<b>night terrors</b>	The time between sunset and midnight.
<u><b>ordeal</b></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><b>Ordeals</b> conducted in the twelfth century.</i>
<b>torment</b>	A feeling of intense annoyance caused by being tormented. <i>Their deaths have left both families in <b>torment</b>.</i>
<u><b>trial</b></u>	The act of testing something. <i>Clinical <b>trials</b> 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)

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

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

