

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

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The synonyms of “Shaky” are: precarious, rickety, wobbly, wonky, shivering, trembling, tremulous, quivering, quivery, unsteady, weak, faint, dizzy, light-headed, giddy, unstable, rocky, flimsy, frail, faltering, uncertain, tentative, wobbling, tottering, tottery, doddering, doddery, staggering, unreliable, untrustworthy, questionable, dubious, doubtful, tenuous, suspect, unsubstantial, nebulous, unsound, undependable, unsupported, unsubstantiated, ungrounded, unfounded

Shaky as an Adjective

Definitions of "Shaky" as an adjective

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

- *Unstable because of poor construction or heavy use.*
- *Shaking or trembling.*
- *Inclined to shake as from weakness or defect.*
- *Not secure; beset with difficulties.*
- *Not safe or reliable; liable to fail or falter.*
- *Vibrating slightly and irregularly; as e.g. with fear or cold or like the leaves of an aspen in a breeze.*



Synonyms of "Shaky" as an adjective (43 Words)

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| dizzy | Lacking seriousness; given to frivolity. <i>Jonathan had begun to suffer dizzy spells.</i> |
| doddering | Moving in a feeble or unsteady way, especially because of old age. <i>That doddering old fool.</i> |
| doddery | Mentally or physically infirm with age. <i>He s a bit doddery on his legs and doesn t get about much.</i> |
| doubtful | Improbable. <i>It is doubtful whether these schemes have any lasting effect.</i> |
| dubious | Hesitating or doubting. <i>Dubious about agreeing to go.</i> |
| faint | Lacking clarity or distinctness. <i>A faint clue to the origin of the mystery.</i> |
| faltering | Unsteady in speech or action. <i>He is now all set to take his first faltering steps.</i> |

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| flimsy | Not convincing. <i>A flimsy barrier.</i> |
| <u>frail</u> | (of a person) weak and delicate. <i>The balcony is frail.</i> |
| giddy | Lacking seriousness; given to frivolity. <i>Isobel s giddy young sister in law.</i> |
| light-headed | Lacking seriousness; given to frivolity. |
| nebulous | Lacking definite form or limits- H.T.Moore. <i>Nebulous concepts like quality of life.</i> |
| <u>precarious</u> | Fraught with danger. <i>He made a precarious living as a painter.</i> |
| <u>questionable</u> | Doubtful as regards truth or validity. <i>Questionable motives.</i> |
| quivering | Trembling or shaking with a slight rapid motion. <i>A man with a quivering voice.</i> |
| quivery | Shaking or trembling slightly. <i>Her thin and quivery lips.</i> |
| rickety | Affected with, suffering from, or characteristic of rickets. <i>We went carefully up the rickety stairs.</i> |
| <u>rocky</u> | Difficult and full of problems. <i>Older types of sash windows are a bit rocky.</i> |
| shivering | Vibrating slightly and irregularly; as e.g. with fear or cold or like the leaves of an aspen in a breeze. <i>He bought a warm winter coat for a shivering man.</i> |
| <u>staggering</u> | Deeply shocking; astonishing. <i>The amount of money required was staggering.</i> |
| <u>suspect</u> | Not as expected. <i>A suspect package was found on the platform.</i> |
| <u>tentative</u> | Done without confidence; hesitant. <i>Just a tentative schedule.</i> |
| <u>tenuous</u> | Very thin in gauge or diameter. <i>A tenuous thread.</i> |
| tottering | (of a structure) shaking or swaying as if about to collapse. <i>A tottering skeleton of a horse.</i> |
| tottery | Unsteady in gait as from infirmity or old age. <i>A tottery old man.</i> |

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| trembling | Shaking or quivering, typically as a result of anxiety, excitement, or frailty. <i>Trembling hands.</i> |
| tremulous | (of the voice) quivering as from weakness or fear. <i>He gave a tremulous smile.</i> |
| uncertain | Subject to change. <i>Changes of great if uncertain consequences.</i> |
| undependable | Not worthy of reliance or trust. <i>An undependable assistant.</i> |
| unfounded | Having no foundation or basis in fact. <i>Unfounded suspicions.</i> |
| ungrounded | Not properly instructed or proficient in (a subject or activity). <i>Ungrounded fears.</i> |
| unreliable | Not worthy of reliance or trust. <i>Unreliable information.</i> |
| unsound | Physically unsound or diseased. <i>Activities deemed to be environmentally unsound.</i> |
| unstable | Likely to change or fail; not firmly established. <i>An unstable government.</i> |
| unsteady | Not regular in pitch or rhythm. <i>His hand was unsteady as he poured the wine.</i> |
| unsubstantial | Having little or no solidity, reality, or factual basis. <i>A pretty if unsubstantial cubist composition.</i> |
| unsubstantiated | Unsupported by other evidence. <i>Unsubstantiated claims.</i> |
| unsupported | Not given financial or other assistance. <i>A toddler who can stand unsupported.</i> |
| untrustworthy | Not able to be relied on as honest or truthful. <i>An untrustworthy person.</i> |
| weak | Relating to or denoting the weakest of the known kinds of force between particles which acts only at distances less than about 10 cm is very much weaker than the electromagnetic and the strong interactions and conserves neither strangeness parity nor isospin. <i>The salamander's tail may be broken off at a weak spot near the base.</i> |
| wobbling | Fluctuating unsteadily. <i>A low pitched wobbling sound.</i> |

wobbly

(of a line or handwriting) not straight or regular.
*The ladder felt a little **wobbly**.*

wonky

(of a thing) unsteady.
*You have a **wonky** nose and a crooked mouth.*



Usage Examples of "Shaky" as an adjective

- *She managed a shaky laugh.*
- *A shaky marriage.*
- *After a shaky start the Scottish team made superb efforts.*
- *A wobbly chair with shaky legs.*
- *Thoroughly shaky evidence.*
- *A cracked, dangerously shaky table.*
- *Seemed shaky on her feet.*



Associations of "Shaky" (30 Words)

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| anxiety | A relatively permanent state of worry and nervousness occurring in a variety of mental disorders, usually accompanied by compulsive behavior or attacks of panic. <i>The housekeeper s eager anxiety to please.</i> |
| chill | Chilly. <i>They like to get home have a bath and chill out.</i> |
| dangerous | Involving or causing danger or risk; liable to hurt or harm. <i>It is dangerous to convict on his evidence.</i> |
| destabilize | Make unstable. <i>The economy destabilized rapidly.</i> |
| feeble | Lacking strength- Nathaniel Hawthorne. <i>Her feeble cries of pain.</i> |
| fickle | Changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties or affections. <i>Fickle friends.</i> |
| hazardous | Involving risk or danger. <i>It is hazardous to personal safety.</i> |
| insecure | Lacking in security or safety. <i>A financially insecure period.</i> |
| parlous | Full of danger or uncertainty; precarious. <i>A parlous journey on stormy seas.</i> |
| perilous | Fraught with danger. <i>The economy is in a perilous state.</i> |
| precarious | Dependent on chance; uncertain. <i>The precarious life of an undersea diver.</i> |
| rickety | Affected with, suffering from, or characteristic of rickets. <i>Poverty was evident in undernourished faces or rickety legs.</i> |
| risk | Take a risk in the hope of a favorable outcome. <i>He saw the rewards but not the risks of crime.</i> |
| risky | Not financially safe or secure. <i>It was much too risky to try to disarm him.</i> |
| shivering | A sensation of cold that often marks the start of an infection and the development of a fever. <i>Gradually his shivering slowed.</i> |
| spineless | Having no spine or backbone; invertebrate. <i>Spineless forms of prickly pear have been selected.</i> |

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| straddle | A simultaneous purchase of options to buy and to sell a security or commodity at a fixed price, allowing the purchaser to make a profit whether the price of the security or commodity goes up or down. <i>A man who had straddled the issue of taxes.</i> |
| threatened | (of flora or fauna) likely in the near future to become endangered. <i>The spotted owl is a threatened species not yet an endangered one.</i> |
| <u>uncertain</u> | Not established or confirmed. <i>Uncertain of his convictions.</i> |
| <u>uncertainty</u> | The state of being unsure of something. <i>Times of uncertainty and danger.</i> |
| <u>uneasy</u> | Relating to bodily unease that causes discomfort. <i>Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown.</i> |
| <u>unrest</u> | A state of dissatisfaction, disturbance, and agitation, typically involving public demonstrations or disorder. <i>Social unrest.</i> |
| unsafe | Lacking in security or safety. <i>Drinking water in some areas may be unsafe.</i> |
| unsettled | (of an area) having no settlers or inhabitants. <i>An unsettled childhood.</i> |
| <u>unsound</u> | Physically unsound or diseased. <i>The tower is structurally unsound.</i> |
| <u>unstable</u> | Disposed to psychological variability. <i>An unstable government.</i> |
| <u>unsteady</u> | Not regular in pitch or rhythm. <i>Climbing carefully up the unsteady ladder.</i> |
| volatility | Being easily excited. <i>The volatility of the market drove many investors away.</i> |
| <u>vulnerable</u> | Susceptible to criticism or persuasion or temptation. <i>Small fish are vulnerable to predators.</i> |
| weakly | Lacking bodily or muscular strength or vitality. <i>If the lambs were weakly we had to feed them by hand.</i> |

