

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)

### dizzy

Lacking seriousness; given to frivolity.  
*Jonathan had begun to suffer **dizzy** spells.*

### **doddering**

Moving in a feeble or unsteady way, especially because of old age.  
*That **doddering** old fool.*

### **doddery**

Mentally or physically infirm with age.  
*He s a bit **doddery** on his legs and doesn t get about much.*

### **doubtful**

Improbable.  
*It is **doubtful** whether these schemes have any lasting effect.*

### dubious

Hesitating or doubting.  
***Dubious** about agreeing to go.*

### faint

Lacking clarity or distinctness.  
*A **faint** clue to the origin of the mystery.*

### **faltering**

Unsteady in speech or action.  
*He is now all set to take his first **faltering** steps.*

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

<b>trembling</b>	Shaking or quivering, typically as a result of anxiety, excitement, or frailty. <i><b>Trembling</b> hands.</i>
<b>tremulous</b>	(of the voice) quivering as from weakness or fear. <i>He gave a <b>tremulous</b> smile.</i>
<b>uncertain</b>	Subject to change. <i>Changes of great if <b>uncertain</b> consequences.</i>
<b>undependable</b>	Not worthy of reliance or trust. <i>An <b>undependable</b> assistant.</i>
<b>unfounded</b>	Having no foundation or basis in fact. <i><b>Unfounded</b> suspicions.</i>
<b>ungrounded</b>	Not properly instructed or proficient in (a subject or activity). <i><b>Ungrounded</b> fears.</i>
<b>unreliable</b>	Not worthy of reliance or trust. <i><b>Unreliable</b> information.</i>
<b>unsound</b>	Physically unsound or diseased. <i>Activities deemed to be environmentally <b>unsound</b>.</i>
<b>unstable</b>	Likely to change or fail; not firmly established. <i>An <b>unstable</b> government.</i>
<b>unsteady</b>	Not regular in pitch or rhythm. <i>His hand was <b>unsteady</b> as he poured the wine.</i>
<b>unsubstantial</b>	Having little or no solidity, reality, or factual basis. <i>A pretty if <b>unsubstantial</b> cubist composition.</i>
<b>unsubstantiated</b>	Unsupported by other evidence. <i><b>Unsubstantiated</b> claims.</i>
<b>unsupported</b>	Not given financial or other assistance. <i>A toddler who can stand <b>unsupported</b>.</i>
<b>untrustworthy</b>	Not able to be relied on as honest or truthful. <i>An <b>untrustworthy</b> person.</i>
<b>weak</b>	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 <b>weak</b> spot near the base.</i>
<b>wobbling</b>	Fluctuating unsteadily. <i>A low pitched <b>wobbling</b> 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)

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



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

