

Need another word that means the same as “shudder”? Find 33 synonyms and 30 related words for “shudder” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Shudder” are: shiver, thrill, throb, shake, tremble, quiver, quaver, vibrate, palpitate, flutter, quake, heave, convulse, chill, frisson, tingle, tremor, trembling, quivering, start, vibration, palpitation, convulsion, spasm, twitch, jerk**

## **Shudder as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Shudder" as a noun**

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

- *An act of shuddering.*
- *An almost pleasurable sensation of fright.*
- *An involuntary vibration (as if from illness or fear).*



## Synonyms of "Shudder" as a noun (20 Words)

<b>chill</b>	A depressing influence. <i>He was confined to bed with a severe <b>chill</b>.</i>
<b>convulsion</b>	A violent social or political upheaval. <i>The <b>convulsions</b> of 1939 45.</i>
<b>flutter</b>	An act of fluttering. <i>Her insides were in a <b>flutter</b>.</i>
<b>frisson</b>	An almost pleasurable sensation of fright. <i>A <b>frisson</b> of surprise shot through him.</i>
<b>palpitation</b>	A shaky motion. <i>The stimulants gave me <b>palpitations</b>.</i>
<b>quaver</b>	A note having the time value of an eighth of a semibreve or half a crotchet, represented by a large dot with a hooked stem. <i>It was impossible to hide the slight <b>quaver</b> in her voice.</i>
<b>quiver</b>	A slight trembling movement or sound, especially one caused by a sudden strong emotion. <i>She couldn't help the <b>quiver</b> in her voice.</i>
<b>quivering</b>	Case for holding arrows. <i>To minimize her <b>quivering</b> she pressed her chin against her chest.</i>
<b>shake</b>	A milkshake. <i>Camera <b>shake</b> causes the image to become blurred.</i>
<b>shiver</b>	A spell or an attack of trembling, typically as a result of fear or horror. <i>A look that gave him the <b>shivers</b>.</i>
<b>spasm</b>	A sudden and brief spell of an activity or sensation. <i>A <b>spasm</b> of coughing woke him.</i>
<b>start</b>	The act of starting something. <i>An early <b>start</b> enabled us to avoid the traffic.</i>
<b>thrill</b>	An almost pleasurable sensation of fright. <i>The <b>thrill</b> of jumping out of an aeroplane.</i>
<b>tingle</b>	A somatic sensation as from many tiny prickles. <i>A <b>tingle</b> of anticipation.</i>
<b>tremble</b>	A physical or emotional condition marked by trembling. <i>There was a slight <b>tremble</b> in his voice.</i>
<b>trembling</b>	A reflex motion caused by cold or fear or excitement. <i>The disease is a degenerative disorder that causes <b>trembling</b> of the hands arms or legs.</i>

**tremor** A sudden feeling of fear or excitement.  
*A disorder that causes **tremors** and muscle rigidity.*

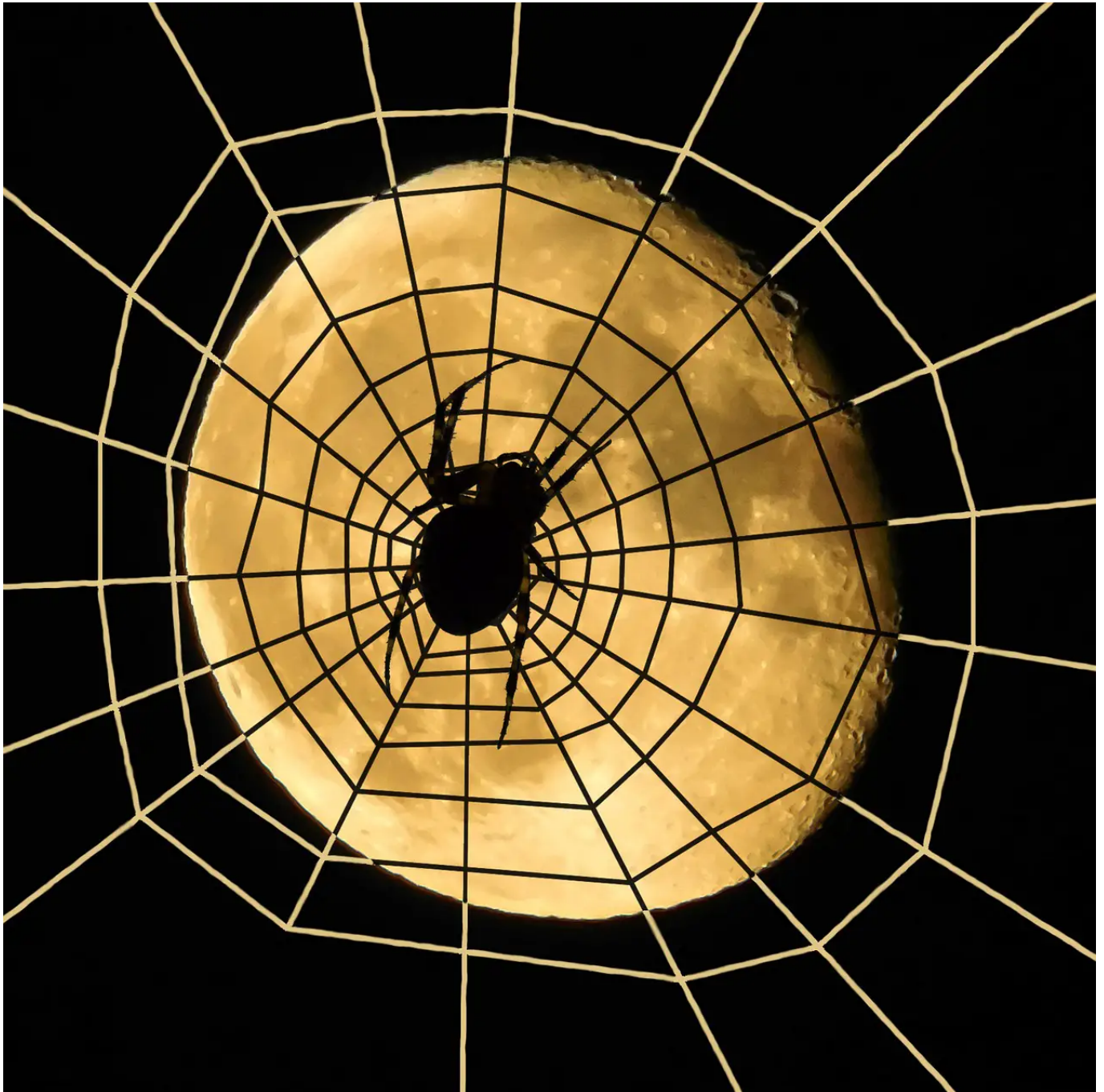
**twitch** A sudden muscle spasm; especially one caused by a nervous condition.  
*His mouth gave a slight **twitch**.*

**vibration** The act of vibrating.  
*I picked up no unusual **vibrations** as to the envelope's contents.*



### Usage Examples of "Shudder" as a noun

- *The pound's devaluation sent shudders through the market.*
- *The elevator rose with a shudder.*



## **Shudder as a Verb**

### **Definitions of "Shudder" as a verb**

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "shudder" as a verb can have the following

definitions:

- *Tremble convulsively, as from fear or excitement.*
- *(of a person) tremble convulsively, typically as a result of fear or revulsion.*
- *Shake, as from cold.*
- *(especially of a vehicle, machine, or building) shake or vibrate violently.*



### Synonyms of "Shudder" as a verb (13 Words)

**convulse** Make someone convulse with laughter.  
*She rocked backwards and forwards **convulsed** with helpless mirth.*

**flutter** Flap the wings rapidly or fly with flapping movements.  
*A couple of butterflies **fluttered** around the garden.*

- heave** Utter a sound, as with obvious effort.  
*Martin thought he might be able to **heave** the lifeboat in closer.*
- palpitate** Cause to throb or beat rapidly.  
*Her violent feelings **palpitated** the young woman's heart.*  
(especially of the earth) shake or tremble.
- quake** *He was a large man with a flaming temper and I was quaking as I ran to his office.*
- quaver** Sing or play with trills, alternating with the half note above or below.  
*I'm not safe here am I she said in a **quavering** voice.*
- quiver** Tremble or shake with a slight rapid motion.  
*The tree's branches stopped **quivering**.*
- shake** Shake a body part to communicate a greeting feeling or cognitive state.  
*My faith has been **shaken**.*
- shiver** Shake slightly and uncontrollably as a result of being cold, frightened, or excited.  
*The children are **shivering** turn on the heat.*
- thrill** Cause to be thrilled by some perceptual input.  
*The men were **thrilled** by a loud whistle blow.*
- throb** Beat or sound with a strong, regular rhythm; pulsate steadily.  
*Her heart was **throbbing**.*
- tremble** Be in a state of extreme apprehension.  
*I **tremble** to think that we could ever return to conditions like these.*
- vibrate** (of a pendulum) swing to and fro.  
*A low rumbling sound that began to **vibrate** through the car.*



## Usage Examples of "Shudder" as a verb

- *She still shuddered at the thought of him.*
- *I shuddered with horror.*
- *The building cracked and shuddered.*
- *The train shuddered and edged forward.*





## Associations of "Shudder" (30 Words)

- aftershock** A smaller earthquake following the main shock of a large earthquake.
- careen** Pitching dangerously to one side.  
*An electric golf cart **careened** around the corner.*
- earthquake** A sudden violent shaking of the ground, typically causing great destruction, as a result of movements within the earth's crust or volcanic action.  
*A political **earthquake**.*
- flutter** An act of fluttering.  
*Mavis **fluttered** about nervously.*
- gyroscope** A device consisting of a wheel or disc mounted so that it can spin rapidly about an axis which is itself free to alter in direction The orientation of the axis is not affected by tilting of the mounting so gyroscopes can be used to provide stability or maintain a reference direction in navigation systems automatic pilots and stabilizers.

<b>oscillation</b>	A regular periodic variation in value about a mean. <i>Electromagnetic <b>oscillations</b>.</i>
<b>palpitate</b>	Shake with fast, tremulous movements. <i>His nostrils <b>palpitated</b>.</i>
<b>pulsate</b>	Move with or as if with a regular alternating motion. <i>Blood vessels throb and <b>pulsate</b>.</i>
<b>quake</b>	An earthquake. <i>A little <b>quake</b> of delayed shock nudged her.</i>
<b>quaver</b>	Give off unsteady sounds, alternating in amplitude or frequency. <i>His voice <b>quavered</b> with rage.</i>
<b>quiver</b>	An almost pleasurable sensation of fright. <i>The bird runs along in a zigzag path <b>quivering</b> its wings.</i>
<b>seesaw</b>	Move up and down as if on a seesaw.
<b>seismic</b>	Relating to earthquakes or other vibrations of the earth and its crust. <i><b>Seismic</b> data show the deep structure of rift systems.</i>
<b>shake</b>	Shake or vibrate rapidly and intensively. <i>Add a few <b>shakes</b> of sea salt and black pepper.</i>
<b>shaking</b>	A shaky motion. <i>The <b>shaking</b> of his fingers as he lit his pipe.</i>
<b>shiver</b>	A momentary trembling movement. <i>The way he looked at her sent <b>shivers</b> down her spine.</i>
<b>sway</b>	Move or walk in a swinging or swaying manner. <i>He s easily <b>swayed</b> by other people.</i>
<b>swing</b>	A seat suspended by ropes or chains on which someone may sit and swing back and forth. <i>The flaws in his <b>swing</b> weren t evident when he was an amateur.</i>
<b>teeter</b>	A plaything consisting of a board balanced on a fulcrum; the board is ridden up and down by children at either end. <i>She <b>teetered</b> after him in her high heeled sandals.</i>
<b>tremble</b>	A reflex motion caused by cold or fear or excitement. <i>The earth <b>trembled</b> beneath their feet.</i>
<b>tremor</b>	Undergo a tremor or tremors. <i>A muscle in my jaw <b>tremored</b> uncontrollably.</i>
<b>tremulous</b>	Shaking or quivering slightly. <i>Barbara s voice was <b>tremulous</b>.</i>
<b>upheaval</b>	Disturbance usually in protest. <i>The first <b>upheaval</b> produced a hill which was called Roof Mountain.</i>

**vacillate** Waver between different opinions or actions; be indecisive.  
*The line on the monitor **vacillated**.*

**vibe** A distinctive emotional aura experienced instinctively.  
*We've been picking up some bad **vibes** on that guy.*

**vibrate** Quiver with (a quality or emotion).  
*His voice **vibrated** with terror.*

**vibration** (physics) a regular periodic variation in value about a mean.  
*The big capacity engine generated less **vibration**.*

**wag** Causing to move repeatedly from side to side.  
*His tail began to **wag**.*

**waver** Sway to and fro.  
*His love for her had never **wavered**.*

**wobble** A moment of indecision or instability.  
*His knees **wobbled**.*

