

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)

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

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

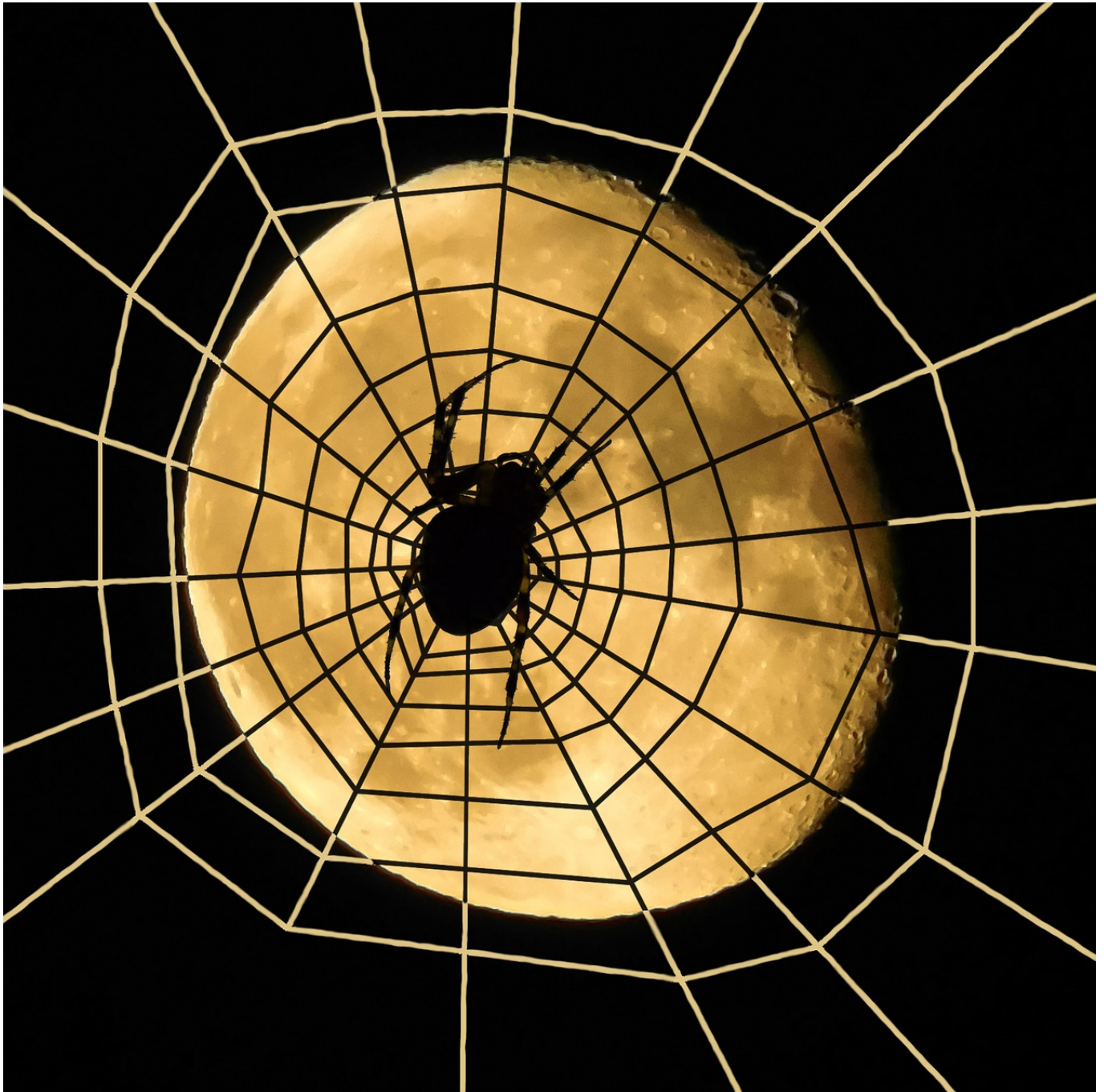
twitch A sudden muscle spasm; especially one caused by a nervous condition.
*His mouth gave a slight **twitch**.*

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.

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

