

Need another word that means the same as “shyness”? Find 31 synonyms and 30 related words for “shyness” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Shyness” are: bashfulness, diffidence, sheepishness, reserve, introversion, reticence, timidity, timidness, timorousness, fearfulness, nervousness, apprehension, hesitancy, hesitation, reluctance, doubt, insecurity, wariness, suspicion, chariness, lack of confidence, constraint, repression, self-effacement, self-consciousness, embarrassment, coyness, demureness, modesty, humility, meekness

Shyness as a Noun

Definitions of "Shyness" as a noun

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

- *A quick throw.*
- *A feeling of fear of embarrassment.*
- *The quality or state of being shy.*



Synonyms of "Shyness" as a noun (31 Words)

apprehension	The cognitive condition of someone who understands. <i>She had some apprehensions about the filming.</i>
bashfulness	Feeling embarrassed due to modesty.
chariness	The trait of being cautious and watchful.
constraint	The state of being physically constrained. <i>The availability of water is the main constraint on food production.</i>
coyness	The quality of feigning shyness or modesty in an attempt to seem alluring. <i>The company's coyness about their spring offering.</i>
demureness	The trait of behaving with reserve and decorum.
diffidence	Lack of self-confidence. <i>I say this with some diffidence.</i>
doubt	The state of being unsure of something. <i>Some doubt has been cast upon the authenticity of this account.</i>
embarrassment	A person or thing causing feelings of embarrassment. <i>The outcome of the vote was an embarrassment for the liberals.</i>
fearfulness	The trait of being afraid.
hesitancy	A certain degree of unwillingness. <i>Jackson took advantage of some hesitancy in the defence to rifle in a shot.</i>
hesitation	The action of pausing before saying or doing something. <i>There was a hesitation in his speech.</i>
humility	The quality of having a modest or low view of one's importance. <i>Not everyone regards humility as a virtue.</i>
insecurity	The state of being open to danger or threat; lack of protection. <i>She had a deep sense of insecurity.</i>
introversion	(psychology) an introverted disposition; concern with one's own thoughts and feelings. <i>We expected our sample to show elevated neuroticism and introversion.</i>
lack of confidence	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
meekness	The feeling of patient, submissive humbleness. <i>All his best friends make fun of him for his meekness.</i>

modesty	Behaviour, manner, or appearance intended to avoid impropriety or indecency. <i>Modesty forbade her to undress in front of so many people.</i>
<u>nervousness</u>	A sensitive or highly strung temperament. <i>There was a trace of nervousness in his voice.</i>
<u>reluctance</u>	A certain degree of unwillingness. <i>A reluctance to commit himself.</i>
<u>repression</u>	A state of forcible subjugation. <i>An extraordinary panoply of sexual repressions and desires.</i>
<u>reserve</u>	A member of the military reserve. <i>A reserve was allocated to the tribe on Bear Island.</i>
reticence	The trait of being uncommunicative; not volunteering anything more than necessary. <i>The traditional emotional reticence of the British.</i>
self-consciousness	Embarrassment deriving from the feeling that others are critically aware of you.
self-effacement	Withdrawing into the background; making yourself inconspicuous.
sheepishness	Feeling embarrassed about yourself.
<u>suspicion</u>	Being of a suspicious nature. <i>He tried to shield me from suspicion.</i>
timidity	Lack of courage or confidence. <i>She believes everyone can overcome their timidity.</i>
timidness	Fear of the unknown or unfamiliar or fear of making decisions.
timorousness	Fearfulness in venturing into new and unknown places or activities.
wariness	The trait of being cautious and watchful. <i>Her mother s wariness of computers.</i>



Usage Examples of "Shyness" as a noun

- *Gradually he overcame his natural shyness.*



Associations of "Shyness" (30 Words)

bashful	Disposed to avoid notice blate is a Scottish term for bashful. <i>Everything you need to know but have been too bashful to ask.</i>
coy	Making a pretence of shyness or modesty that is intended to be alluring (typically used of a woman). <i>He is coy about his age.</i>
demure	Reserved, modest, and shy (typically used of a woman). <i>A demure young lady.</i>
diffident	Showing modest reserve. <i>Stood in the doorway diffident and abashed.</i>
fainthearted	Lacking conviction or boldness or courage.

<u>finicky</u>	(of a person) fussy about their needs or requirements. <i>A finicky eater.</i>
inactive	Lacking activity; lying idle or unused. <i>The inactive X chromosome.</i>
inarticulate	Not expressed in words. <i>Fay gave a faint inarticulate cry.</i>
<u>introspective</u>	Characterized by or given to introspection. <i>He grew withdrawn and introspective.</i>
introversion	The quality of being shy and reticent. <i>I struggle with introversion and shyness.</i>
<u>introvert</u>	Turn inside. <i>He introverted his feelings.</i>
introverted	Of, denoting, or typical of an introvert.
modesty	Behaviour, manner, or appearance intended to avoid impropriety or indecency. <i>Modesty forbade her to undress in front of so many people.</i>
<u>passive</u>	The passive voice. <i>Passive sensors detect the emissions from enemy radar.</i>
prim	Assume a prim appearance. <i>Laurie primmed up his mouth.</i>
prissy	Exaggeratedly proper. <i>A middle class family with two prissy children.</i>
prudery	Excessive or affected modesty.
prudish	Exaggeratedly proper. <i>The prudish moral climate of the late 19th century.</i>
puritan	Someone who adheres to strict religious principles; someone opposed to sensual pleasures. <i>As the puritan ethic has weakened hedonism has replaced it.</i>
<u>reserved</u>	Slow to reveal emotion or opinions. <i>A reserved seat.</i>
<u>reticent</u>	Cool and formal in manner. <i>She was extremely reticent about her personal affairs.</i>
retiring	Not arrogant or presuming. <i>A shy retiring girl.</i>
<u>taciturn</u>	Habitually reserved and uncommunicative. <i>After such gatherings she would be taciturn and morose.</i>

timid

Showing fear and lack of confidence.
*Whitewater rafting is not for the **timid**.*

timorous

Timid by nature or revealing timidity.
***Timorous** little mouse.*

unassertive

Inclined to timidity or lack of self-confidence.
*A shy **unassertive** person.*

uncommunicative

Unwilling to talk or impart information.
*The **uncommunicative** Emily disappeared.*

unutterable

Too sacred to be uttered.
***Unutterable** consonant clusters.*

withdrawn

Withdrawn from society seeking solitude.
*When her husband died she became very **withdrawn**.*

