

Need another word that means the same as “skittish”? Find 10 synonyms and 30 related words for “skittish” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Skittish” are: flighty, nervous, spooky, restive, excitable, playful, lively, high-spirited, frisky, coltish

Skittish as an Adjective

Definitions of "Skittish" as an adjective

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

- *(of an animal, especially a horse) nervous or excitable; easily scared.*
- *(of a person) playfully frivolous or unpredictable.*
- *Unpredictably excitable (especially of horses).*



Synonyms of "Skittish" as an adjective (10 Words)

coltish

Energetic but awkward in one's movements or behaviour.
*Their impossibly **coltish** legs.*

<u>excitable</u>	(of tissue or a cell) responsive to stimulation. <i>A rather excitable young man.</i>
<u>flighty</u>	Guided by whim and fancy. <i>Her mother was a flighty Southern belle.</i>
frisky	Playful like a lively kitten. <i>He bounds about like a frisky pup.</i>
high-spirited	Joyously unrestrained.
lively	Full of zest or vigor. <i>This whole lively world.</i>
<u>nervous</u>	Of or relating to the nervous system. <i>Nervous disease.</i>
<u>playful</u>	Intended for one's own or others' amusement rather than seriously. <i>A playful tomboy who loves to dress up.</i>
restive	Impatient especially under restriction or delay. <i>He reiterated his determination to hold the restive republics together.</i>
<u>spooky</u>	Unpredictably excitable (especially of horses). <i>I bet this place is really spooky late at night.</i>



Usage Examples of "Skittish" as an adjective

- *A skittish chestnut mare.*
- *Skittish investors withdrew their money from equity markets.*
- *My skittish and immature mother.*



Associations of "Skittish" (30 Words)

<u>afraid</u>	Filled with fear or apprehension. <i>Afraid to ask questions.</i>
<u>amaze</u>	Affect with wonder. <i>Your ability to speak six languages amazes me.</i>
amazed	Filled with the emotional impact of overwhelming surprise or shock. <i>He was amazed at how modern everything was.</i>
astonish	Surprise or impress (someone) greatly. <i>You never fail to astonish me.</i>
<u>astonished</u>	Greatly surprised or impressed; amazed. <i>We were astonished to hear of this decision.</i>
<u>astounding</u>	So surprisingly impressive as to stun or overwhelm. <i>An astounding achievement.</i>

coward	A person who is contemptibly lacking in the courage to do or endure dangerous or unpleasant things. <i>They had run away the cowards.</i>
cowardice	Lack of bravery. <i>His 11th hour decision not to hold an election led to accusations of cowardice.</i>
daze	A state of stunned confusion or bewilderment. <i>She was dazed by his revelations.</i>
eerie	Suggestive of the supernatural; mysterious. <i>An eerie green glow in the sky.</i>
excitable	Easily excited. <i>A rather excitable young man.</i>
fear	Avoid doing something because one is afraid. <i>I cowered in fear as bullets whizzed past.</i>
fearful	Lacking courage; ignobly timid and faint-hearted- P.B.Shelley. <i>Fearful slum conditions.</i>
flighty	Fickle and irresponsible. <i>Flighty young girls.</i>
gruesome	Causing repulsion or horror; grisly. <i>The most gruesome murder.</i>
nervous	Of or relating to the nervous system. <i>Staying in the house on her own made her nervous.</i>
paralyze	Cause to be paralyzed and immobile. <i>The poison paralyzed him.</i>
redoubtable	Inspiring fear- G.H.Johnston. <i>The redoubtable ladies.</i>
scare	Become scared. <i>I don t think I scare easily.</i>
scared	Made afraid. <i>He s scared to come to you and ask for help.</i>
shock	Collect or gather into shocks. <i>The old car needed a new set of shocks.</i>
shocked	Struck with fear, dread, or consternation.
spooky	Easily frightened; nervous. <i>Some horses are more spooky by nature than others.</i>
startle	Move or jump suddenly, as if in surprise or alarm. <i>She startled when I walked into the room.</i>

stun	Knock unconscious or into a dazed or semi-conscious state. <i>The man was stunned by a blow to the head.</i>
stupefy	Make senseless or dizzy by or as if by a blow. <i>The amount they spend on clothes would appal their parents and stupefy their grandparents.</i>
stupor	The feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally. <i>A drunken stupor.</i>
surprise	Cause to be surprised. <i>Joe was surprised that he enjoyed the journey.</i>
surprised	Taken unawares or suddenly and feeling wonder or astonishment. <i>There was a surprised silence.</i>
uneasy	Socially uncomfortable; unsure and constrained in manner. <i>An uneasy silence.</i>

