

Need another word that means the same as “startle”? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for “startle” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Startle” are: jump, start, galvanise, galvanize, surprise, frighten, scare, alarm, give someone a shock, give someone a fright, give someone a jolt, make someone jump**

## **Startle as a Noun**

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

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

- *A sudden involuntary movement.*



## Synonyms of "Startle" as a noun (2 Words)

**jump** The act of jumping propelling yourself off the ground.  
*A 51 per cent **jump** in annual profits.*

**start** A turn to be a starter in a game at the beginning.  
*You hear of some rum **starts** there.*



## Startle as a Verb

### Definitions of "Startle" as a verb

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

- *Cause to feel sudden shock or alarm.*
- *Move or jump suddenly, as if in surprise or alarm.*
- *To stimulate to action.*



## Synonyms of "Startle" as a verb (12 Words)

### alarm

Be fitted or protected with an alarm.

*This door is locked and **alarmed** between 11 p m and 6 a m.*

### frighten

Drive out by frightening.

*The stranger who hangs around the building **frightens** me.*

### galvanise

Stimulate (muscles) by administering a shock.

### galvanize

To stimulate to action.

*The urgency of his voice **galvanized** them into action.*

### give someone a fright

Guide or direct, as by behavior of persuasion.

### give someone a jolt

Convey, as of a compliment, regards, attention, etc.; bestow.

**give someone a shock**

Submit for consideration, judgment, or use.

**jump**

Pass over an obstacle or barrier by jumping.

*The bar is **jumping** on Fridays and Saturdays.*

**make someone jump**

Represent fictitiously, as in a play, or pretend to be or act like.

**scare**

Become scared.

*The rapid questions were designed to **scare** her into blurting out the truth.*

**start**

Give a signal to competitors to start in a race.

*The blood shed **started** when the partisans launched a surprise attack.*

**surprise**

Cause to be surprised.

*He **surprised** a gang stealing scrap metal.*



## Usage Examples of "Startle" as a verb

- *She startled when I walked into the room.*
- *The loud noise startled him awake.*
- *A sudden sound in the doorway startled her.*
- *He was startled to see a column of smoke.*



## Associations of "Startle" (30 Words)

### **amaze**

Surprise (someone) greatly; fill with astonishment.

*She **amazed** doctors by fighting back when her deteriorating condition caused her to suffer heart failure.*

### **amazed**

Filled with the emotional impact of overwhelming surprise or shock.

*An **amazed** audience gave the magician a standing ovation.*

### **astonish**

Affect with wonder.

*It **astonished** her that he was so anxious.*

<b>astound</b>	Shock or greatly surprise. <i>Her bluntness <b>astounded</b> him.</i>
<b><u>astounding</u></b>	Surprisingly impressive or notable. <i>An <b>astounding</b> achievement.</i>
<b><u>awe</u></b>	Capacity to inspire awe. <i>The famous professor <b>awed</b> the undergraduates.</i>
<b>daunt</b>	Make (someone) feel intimidated or apprehensive. <i>Some people are <b>daunted</b> by technology.</i>
<b><u>daze</u></b>	To cause someone to lose clear vision, especially from intense light. <i>His mother's death left him in a <b>daze</b>.</i>
<b>faze</b>	Disturb or disconcert (someone). <i>She was not <b>fazed</b> by his show of anger.</i>
<b><u>flabbergasted</u></b>	Greatly surprised or astonished. <i><b>Flabbergasted</b> fans took to the streets to celebrate the team's big win.</i>
<b>fright</b>	Frighten. <i>She's had a nasty <b>fright</b>.</i>
<b><u>horrific</u></b>	Causing horror. <i><b>Horrific</b> conditions in the mining industry.</i>
<b>impact</b>	Influencing strongly. <i>An asteroid <b>impacted</b> the earth some 60 million years ago.</i>
<b>intimidate</b>	To compel or deter by or as if by threats. <i>Her boss <b>intimidates</b> her.</i>
<b><u>jolt</u></b>	Give a surprise or shock to (someone) in order to make them act or change. <i>The train <b>jolted</b> into motion.</i>
<b><u>panic</u></b>	Feel or cause to feel panic. <i>He caused an economic <b>panic</b> by his sudden resignation.</i>
<b>phobia</b>	An extreme or irrational fear of or aversion to something. <i>Phobic disorder is a general term for all <b>phobias</b>.</i>
<b><u>scare</u></b>	Become scared. <i>The rapid questions were designed to <b>scare</b> her into blurting out the truth.</i>
<b>serendipity</b>	The occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way. <i>A fortunate stroke of <b>serendipity</b>.</i>
<b>shock</b>	Affect with physiological shock or with an electric shock. <i>They were deeply <b>shocked</b> by the murder.</i>
<b><u>shocked</u></b>	Struck with fear, dread, or consternation.

<b>skittish</b>	(of a person) playfully frivolous or unpredictable. <i>My <b>skittish</b> and immature mother.</i>
<b>staggering</b>	So surprisingly impressive as to stun or overwhelm. <i>Suffered a <b>staggering</b> defeat.</i>
<b>stun</b>	Overcome as with astonishment or disbelief. <i><b>Stun</b> fish.</i>
<b>stupefy</b>	Make senseless or dizzy by or as if by a blow. <i>The offence of administering drugs to a woman with intent to <b>stupefy</b> her.</i>
<b>surprise</b>	Cause to be surprised. <i>I was <b>surprised</b> at his statement.</i>
<b>surprised</b>	Feeling or showing surprise. <i>There was a <b>surprised</b> silence.</i>
<b>terrify</b>	Cause to feel extreme fear. <i>The thought <b>terrifies</b> me.</i>
<b>twitch</b>	Use a twitch to subdue a horse. <i>The dog <b>twitched</b> his ears.</i>

