

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.*

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

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

