

Need another word that means the same as “suspense”? Find 23 synonyms and 30 related words for “suspense” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Suspense” are: with bated breath, on edge, keyed up, tension, uncertainty, doubt, doubtfulness, anticipation, expectation, expectancy, excitement, anxiety, nervousness, apprehension, apprehensiveness, strain, suspension, a state of suspension, a state of dormancy, a state of latency, a state of uncertainty, remission, reserve**

## Suspense as a Noun

### Definitions of "Suspense" as a noun

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

- *Excited anticipation of an approaching climax.*
- *A state or feeling of excited or anxious uncertainty about what may happen.*
- *An uncertain cognitive state.*
- *A quality in a work of fiction that arouses excited expectation or uncertainty about what may happen.*
- *The temporary cessation or suspension of something.*
- *Apprehension about what is going to happen.*



## Synonyms of "Suspense" as a noun (23 Words)

<b>a state of dormancy</b>	The way something is with respect to its main attributes.
<b>a state of latency</b>	A politically organized body of people under a single government.
<b>a state of suspension</b>	The federal department in the United States that sets and maintains foreign policies.
<b>a state of uncertainty</b>	A politically organized body of people under a single government.
<b>anticipation</b>	Something expected (as on the basis of a norm). <i>Her eyes sparkled with <b>anticipation</b>.</i>
<b>anxiety</b>	A feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something with an uncertain outcome. <i>The housekeeper's eager <b>anxiety</b> to please.</i>
<b>apprehension</b>	Painful expectation. <i>He felt sick with <b>apprehension</b>.</i>
<b>apprehensiveness</b>	Fearful expectation or anticipation.

doubt

The state of being unsure of something.

*They had **doubts** that they would ever win.*

**doubtfulness**

The state of being unsure of something.

**excitement**

Something that arouses a feeling of excitement.

*The **excitements** of the previous night.*

**expectancy**

The state of thinking or hoping that something, especially something good, will happen.

*They waited with an air of **expectancy**.*

**expectation**

A strong belief that something will happen or be the case.

*I sat down in **expectation** of a feast of nostalgia.*

**keyed up**

United States lawyer and poet who wrote a poem after witnessing the British attack on Baltimore during the War of 1812; the poem was later set to music and entitled 'The Star-Spangled Banner' (1779-1843).

nervousness

The quality or state of being nervous.

*There was a trace of **nervousness** in his voice.*

**on edge**

A slight competitive advantage.

**remission**

A payment of money sent to a person in another place.

*For every two days they work the prisoners earn one day's **remission** of their sentence.*

reserve

A district that is reserved for particular purpose.

*Playing in the first team has been a big step up after the **reserves**.*

**strain**

A severe or excessive demand on the strength, resources, or abilities of someone or something.

*The telltale signs of nervous **strain**.*

**suspension**

Temporary cessation or suspension.

*A **suspension** of maize starch in arachis oil.*

**tension**

The physical condition of being stretched or strained.

*The basic **tension** between freedom and control.*

uncertainty

Something that is uncertain or that causes one to feel uncertain.

*Times of **uncertainty** and danger.*

**with bated breath**

A slight movement of the air.





## Usage Examples of "Suspense" as a noun

- *The play kept the audience in suspense.*
- *Come on, Fran, don't keep me in suspense!*
- *A tale of mystery and suspense.*
- *The matter remained in suspense for several years.*



## Associations of "Suspense" (30 Words)

<b>ambiguous</b>	Open to more than one interpretation; not having one obvious meaning. <i>An <b>ambiguous</b> situation with no frame of reference.</i>
<b>boggle</b>	(of a person) hesitate to do or accept. <i>The inflated salary of a star <b>boggles</b> the mind.</i>
<b>confusion</b>	A situation of panic or disorder. <i>The <b>confusion</b> of tongues at the Tower of Babel.</i>
<b>doubt</b>	Consider unlikely or have doubts about. <i>I <b>doubt</b> that she will accept his proposal of marriage.</i>
<b>dubious</b>	Open to doubt or suspicion. <i><b>Dubious</b> about agreeing to go.</i>
<b>excitement</b>	Something that arouses a feeling of excitement. <i>His face was flushed with <b>excitement</b> and his hands trembled.</i>



<b>feel</b>	Grope or feel in search of something. <i>I cry at everything even the types of movies you wouldn't expect to give you all the <b>feels</b>.</i>
<b>fraught</b>	Causing or affected by anxiety or stress. <i>There was a <b>fraught</b> silence.</i>
<b>genre</b>	A kind of literary or artistic work. <b>Genre</b> scenes.
<b>hesitate</b>	Pause in indecision before saying or doing something. <i>He <b>hesitated</b> to spoil the mood by being inquisitive.</i>
<b>hesitatingly</b>	With hesitation; in a hesitant manner.
<b>hesitation</b>	Indecision in speech or action. <i>There was a <b>hesitation</b> in his speech.</i>
<b>indecision</b>	Doubt concerning two or more possible alternatives or courses of action. <i>A gesture of <b>indecision</b>.</i>
<b>indecisive</b>	Not definitely settling something. <i>A long and <b>indecisive</b> war.</i>
<b>indeterminate</b>	(of a shoot) not having all the axes terminating in a flower bud and so potentially of indefinite length. <i>The influence of environment is <b>indeterminate</b>.</i>
<b>insecurity</b>	The anxiety you experience when you feel vulnerable and insecure. <i>Growing job <b>insecurity</b>.</i>
<b>irresolution</b>	Hesitancy; uncertainty. <i>A moment of <b>irresolution</b>.</i>
<b>misgiving</b>	Uneasiness about the fitness of an action. <i>I felt a sense of <b>misgiving</b> at the prospect of retirement.</i>
<b>psychological</b>	Of, affecting, or arising in the mind; related to the mental and emotional state of a person. <b>Psychological</b> warfare.
<b>puzzling</b>	Lacking clarity of meaning; causing confusion or perplexity. <i>A <b>puzzling</b> statement.</i>
<b>suspicious</b>	Not as expected. <i>He was <b>suspicious</b> of her motives.</i>
<b>taut</b>	(especially of muscles or nerves) tense; not relaxed. <b>Taut</b> sails.
<b>thrill</b>	Cause to be thrilled by some perceptual input. <i>To ride a winner is always a <b>thrill</b>.</i>

<b>thriller</b>	A very exciting contest or experience. <i>A seven goal <b>thriller</b>.</i>
<b><u>uncertain</u></b>	Not able to be relied on; not known or definite. <i>An <b>uncertain</b> future.</i>
<b><u>uncertainty</u></b>	The state of being uncertain. <i>The <b>uncertainty</b> of the outcome.</i>
<b><u>unclear</u></b>	Poorly stated or described. <i>Users are still <b>unclear</b> about what middleware does.</i>
<b><u>undecided</u></b>	Characterized by indecision. <i>The jury remained <b>undecided</b>.</i>
<b>vacillating</b>	Wavering between different opinions or actions; irresolute. <i>He was accused of <b>vacillating</b> leadership.</i>
<b><u>vibrate</u></b>	Shake, quiver, or throb; move back and forth rapidly, usually in an uncontrolled manner. <i>The cabin started to <b>vibrate</b>.</i>

