

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)

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

doubt	The state of being unsure of something. <i>They had doubts that they would ever win.</i>
doubtfulness	The state of being unsure of something.
excitement	Something that arouses a feeling of excitement. <i>The excitements of the previous night.</i>
expectancy	The state of thinking or hoping that something, especially something good, will happen. <i>They waited with an air of expectancy.</i>
expectation	A strong belief that something will happen or be the case. <i>I sat down in expectation of a feast of nostalgia.</i>
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. <i>There was a trace of nervousness in his voice.</i>
on edge	A slight competitive advantage.
remission	A payment of money sent to a person in another place. <i>For every two days they work the prisoners earn one day's remission of their sentence.</i>
reserve	A district that is reserved for particular purpose. <i>Playing in the first team has been a big step up after the reserves.</i>
strain	A severe or excessive demand on the strength, resources, or abilities of someone or something. <i>The telltale signs of nervous strain.</i>
suspension	Temporary cessation or suspension. <i>A suspension of maize starch in arachis oil.</i>
tension	The physical condition of being stretched or strained. <i>The basic tension between freedom and control.</i>
uncertainty	Something that is uncertain or that causes one to feel uncertain. <i>Times of uncertainty and danger.</i>
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)

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

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

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

