

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

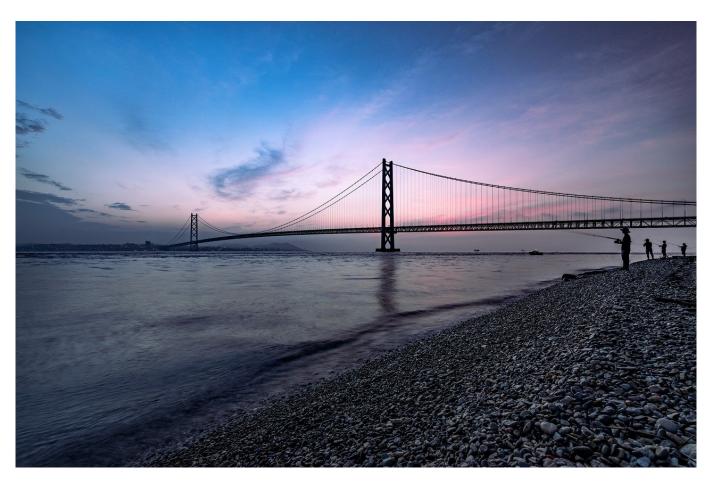
### Suspense as a Noun

### Definitions of "Suspense" as a noun

According to the <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "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.

Her eyes sparkled with anticipation.

A feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something with

**anxiety** an uncertain outcome.

The housekeeper's eager **anxiety** to please.

Painful expectation.

apprehension

He felt sick with apprehension.

**apprehensiveness** Fearful expectation or anticipation.



keyed up

doubt The state of being unsure of something.

They had **doubt**s that they would ever win.

**doubtfulness** The state of being unsure of something.

**excitement** Something that arouses a feeling of excitement.

The **excitement**s of the previous night.

The state of thinking or hoping that something, especially

**expectancy** 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.

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.

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

**remission** 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 **reserve**s.

A severe or excessive demand on the strength, resources, or

**strain** 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.

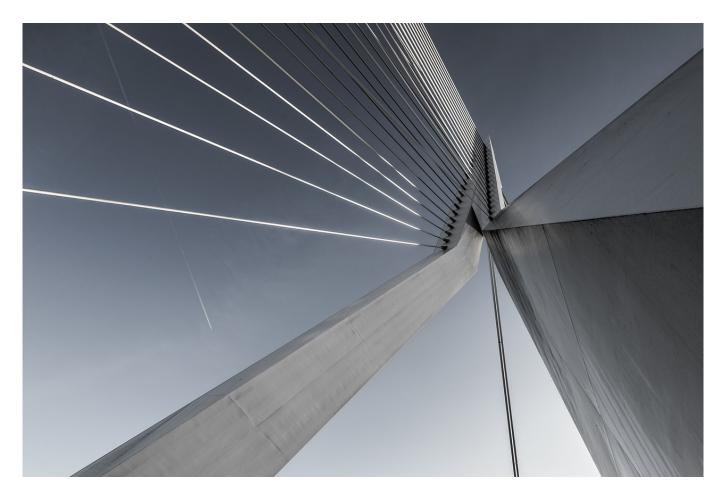




## Usage Examples of "Suspense" as a noun

- ullet 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)

Open to more than one interpretation; not having one obvious meaning. ambiguous

An **ambiguous** situation with no frame of reference.

(of a person) hesitate to do or accept. boggle

The inflated salary of a star **boggle**s the mind.

A situation of panic or disorder. confusion

The **confusion** of tongues at the Tower of Babel.

Consider unlikely or have doubts about. doubt

I **doubt** that she will accept his proposal of marriage.

Open to doubt or suspicion. dubious

**Dubious** about agreeing to go.

Something that arouses a feeling of excitement. excitement

His face was flushed with **excitement** and his hands trembled.



Grope or feel in search of something.

feel I cry at everything even the types of movies you wouldn t expect to give

you all the **feel**s.

Causing or affected by anxiety or stress. fraught

There was a **fraught** silence.

A kind of literary or artistic work.

**genre** Genre scenes.

Pause in indecision before saying or doing something. hesitate

He **hesitate**d to spoil the mood by being inquisitive.

With hesitation: in a hesitant manner. hesitatingly

Indecision in speech or action. hesitation

There was a **hesitation** in his speech.

Doubt concerning two or more possible alternatives or courses of action. indecision

A gesture of **indecision**.

Not definitely settling something. **indecisive** 

A long and **indecisive** war.

(of a shoot) not having all the axes terminating in a flower bud and so

**indeterminate** potentially of indefinite length.

The influence of environment is **indeterminate**.

The anxiety you experience when you feel vulnerable and insecure. insecurity

Growing job **insecurity**.

Hesitancy; uncertainty. irresolution

A moment of **irresolution**.

Uneasiness about the fitness of an action. misgiving

I felt a sense of **misgiving** at the prospect of retirement.

Of, affecting, or arising in the mind; related to the mental and emotional

state of a person. psychological

**Psychological** warfare.

Lacking clarity of meaning; causing confusion or perplexity. puzzling

A **puzzling** statement.

Not as expected.

**suspicious** He was **suspicious** of her motives.

(especially of muscles or nerves) tense; not relaxed. taut

Taut sails.

Cause to be thrilled by some perceptual input. thrill

To ride a winner is always a **thrill**.



thriller A very exciting contest or experience.

A seven goal **thriller**.

uncertain Not able to be relied on; not known or definite.

An **uncertain** future.

**uncertainty**The state of being uncertain.

The **uncertainty** of the outcome.

unclear Poorly stated or described.

Users are still **unclear** about what middleware does.

undecided Characterized by indecision.

The jury remained undecided.

**vacillating**Wavering between different opinions or actions; irresolute.

He was accused of **vacillating** leadership.

Shake, quiver, or throb; move back and forth rapidly, usually in an

**vibrate** uncontrolled manner.

The cabin started to **vibrate**.

