

Need another word that means the same as “timid”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “timid” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Timid” are: faint, faint-hearted, fainthearted, diffident, shy, unsure, lacking courage, fearful, apprehensive, afraid, frightened, scared, cautious

Timid as a Noun

Definitions of "Timid" as a noun

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

- *People who are fearful and cautious.*



Synonyms of "Timid" as a noun (1 Word)

cautious People who are fearful and cautious.



Usage Examples of "Timid" as a noun

- *Whitewater rafting is not for the timid.*



Timid as an Adjective

Definitions of "Timid" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "timid" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Showing fear and lack of confidence.*
- *Lacking conviction or boldness or courage.*
- *Lacking self-confidence.*
- *Showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened.*



Synonyms of "Timid" as an adjective (12 Words)

afraid

Feeling fear or anxiety; frightened.

*She tried to think about the future without feeling **afraid**.*

apprehensive

Quick to understand- Nathaniel Hawthorne.

*He felt **apprehensive** about going home.*

diffident	Modest or shy because of a lack of self-confidence. <i>Stood in the doorway diffident and abashed.</i>
faint	Lacking clarity or distinctness. <i>A faint aroma.</i>
faint-hearted	Lacking conviction or boldness or courage.
fainthearted	Lacking conviction or boldness or courage.
fearful	Very great. <i>Fearful of criticism.</i>
frightened	Thrown into a state of intense fear or desperation. <i>I m not frightened of him.</i>
lacking courage	Inadequate in amount or degree.
scared	Made afraid. <i>Too shocked and scared to move.</i>
shy	(of a plant) not bearing flowers or fruit well or prolifically. <i>I was pretty shy at school.</i>
unsure	Lacking or indicating lack of confidence or assurance. <i>The date is unsure.</i>



Usage Examples of "Timid" as an adjective

- *I was too timid to ask for what I wanted.*
- *Problems that call for bold not timid responses.*



Associations of "Timid" (30 Words)

afraid	Anxious about the well-being or safety of. <i>Afraid to show emotion.</i>
bashful	Disposed to avoid notice blate is a Scottish term for bashful. <i>Don t be bashful about telling folk how you feel.</i>
caitiff	A cowardly and despicable person. <i>A caitiff knight.</i>
cowardly	Lacking courage; ignobly timid and faint-hearted- P.B.Shelley. <i>A cowardly attack on a helpless victim.</i>
coy	Affectedly modest or shy especially in a playful or provocative way. <i>She treated him to a coy smile of invitation.</i>
craven	A cowardly person. <i>The craven fellow turned and ran.</i>

dastard	Despicably cowardly. <i>The unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on December 7th.</i>
demure	(of clothing) giving a modest appearance. <i>Antonia was pensive and demure.</i>
diffident	Modest or shy because of a lack of self-confidence. <i>A diffident youth.</i>
fainthearted	Lacking conviction or boldness or courage.
fear	Be afraid or scared of; be frightened of. <i>He urged his listeners to fear God.</i>
fearful	Causing or likely to cause people to be afraid; horrifying. <i>A fearful glance.</i>
frightened	Afraid or anxious. <i>The frightened child cowered in the corner.</i>
introversion	The tendency to be concerned with one's own thoughts and feelings rather than with external things. <i>The tongue tied introversion of the self conscious artist.</i>
irresolute	Showing or feeling hesitancy; uncertain. <i>The committee was timid and mediocre and irresolute.</i>
loath	(usually followed by `to') strongly opposed. <i>Loath to admit a mistake.</i>
passive	The passive voice. <i>Passive resistance.</i>
prissy	Fussily and excessively respectable. <i>A middle class family with two prissy children.</i>
prudery	Excessive or affected modesty.
prudish	Having or revealing a tendency to be easily shocked by matters relating to sex or nudity; excessively concerned with sexual propriety. <i>The prudish moral climate of the late 19th century.</i>
pusillanimous	Lacking in courage and manly strength and resolution; contemptibly fearful.
reserved	Slow to reveal emotion or opinions. <i>Was habitually reserved in speech withholding her opinion.</i>
retiring	Shy and fond of being on one's own. <i>A gentle retiring person who avoided conflict.</i>
scared	Made afraid. <i>He s scared to come to you and ask for help.</i>

shy	Nervous or timid in the company of other people. <i>Shy of strangers.</i>
<u>skittish</u>	Unpredictably excitable (especially of horses). <i>My skittish and immature mother.</i>
timidity	Fear of the unknown or unfamiliar or fear of making decisions. <i>She believes everyone can overcome their timidity.</i>
timorous	Timid by nature or revealing timidity. <i>Timorous little mouse.</i>
tremulous	Timid; nervous. <i>He gave a tremulous smile.</i>
unassertive	Inclined to timidity or lack of self-confidence. <i>A shy unassertive person.</i>

