

Need another word that means the same as “unfamiliar”? Find 39 synonyms and 30 related words for “unfamiliar” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Unfamiliar” are: unknown, new, strange, queer, foreign, alien, unusual, uncommon, unconventional, novel, different, exotic, alternative, unorthodox, odd, peculiar, curious, atypical, uncharacteristic, unwonted, abnormal, anomalous, aberrant, out of the ordinary, unacquainted with, unused to, unaccustomed to, unpractised in, inexperienced in, unskilled in, unversed in, uninformed about, unenlightened about, ignorant of, uninitiated in, new to, fresh to, strange to, unaware of

Unfamiliar as an Adjective

Definitions of "Unfamiliar" as an adjective

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

- *Not known or recognized.*
- *Unusual or uncharacteristic.*
- *Not having knowledge or experience of.*
- *Not known or well known.*



Synonyms of "Unfamiliar" as an adjective (39 Words)

aberrant

Diverging from the normal type.
Aberrant behavior.

abnormal

Much greater than the normal.
Abnormal ambition.

alien

Being or from or characteristic of another place or part of the world.
*They found the world of further education a little **alien**.*

alternative

Serving or used in place of another.
*The various **alternative** methods for resolving disputes.*

anomalous

Deviating from the general or common order or type.
*Advanced forms of life may be **anomalous** in the universe.*

atypical

Not representative of a group, class, or type.
*A sample of people who are rather **atypical** of the target audience.*

curious

Having curiosity aroused; eagerly interested in learning more.
*She was **curious** to know what had happened.*

different

Novel and unusual.
*This meeting was **different** from the earlier one.*

exotic	(especially of metals or fuels) of a kind not ordinarily encountered; specially produced. <i>Protons neutrons electrons and all their exotic variants.</i>
foreign	Of, from, in, or characteristic of a country or language other than one's own. <i>A visit to a foreign clan.</i>
fresh to	Free from impurities.
ignorant of	Uneducated in the fundamentals of a given art or branch of learning; lacking knowledge of a specific field.
inexperienced in	Lacking practical experience or training.
new	Gratuitously new. <i>A bottle of pills would make him a new man.</i>
new to	Not of long duration; having just (or relatively recently) come into being or been made or acquired or discovered.
novel	Pleasantly new or different. <i>The computer produced a completely novel proof of a well known theorem.</i>
odd	Not used up. <i>Some odd dollars left.</i>
out of the ordinary	Knocked unconscious by a heavy blow.
peculiar	Markedly different from the usual. <i>I felt a little peculiar for a while.</i>
strange	Slightly or undefinably unwell or ill at ease. <i>What a strange sense of humor she has.</i>
strange to	Being definitely out of the ordinary and unexpected; slightly odd or even a bit weird.
unaccustomed to	Not habituated to; unfamiliar with.
unacquainted with	Having little or no knowledge of.
unaware of	Not aware.
uncharacteristic	Distinctive and not typical. <i>A book uncharacteristic of its author.</i>
uncommon	Marked by an uncommon quality especially superlative or extreme of its kind. <i>Prostate cancer is not uncommon in men over 60.</i>
unconventional	Not conforming to accepted rules or standards. <i>Unconventional life styles.</i>
unenlightened about	On the move.

uninformed about	On the move.
uninitiated in	Not initiated; deficient in relevant experience.
unknown	Being or having an unknown or unnamed source. <i>A poem by an unknown author.</i>
unorthodox	Independent in behavior or thought. <i>He frequently upset other scholars with his unorthodox views.</i>
unpractised in	Currently fashionable.
unskilled in	Lacking professional skill or expertise.
unused to	Not in active use.
unusual	Not usual or common or ordinary. <i>The government has taken the unusual step of calling home its ambassador.</i>
unversed in	Holding office.
unwonted	Out of the ordinary. <i>An unwonted softness in her face.</i>

Usage Examples of "Unfamiliar" as an adjective

- *He seems unfamiliar with recent research on this topic.*
- *He felt a stranger among the crowd of unfamiliar faces.*
- *The yellow taxicab was an unfamiliar sight on these roads.*
- *Be alert at night especially in unfamiliar surroundings.*
- *His voice was unfamiliar to her.*
- *A name unfamiliar to most.*

Associations of "Unfamiliar" (30 Words)

anonymous	Having no outstanding, individual, or unusual features; unremarkable or impersonal. <i>Brown anonymous houses.</i>
baffle	Totally bewilder or perplex. <i>You can cut out glare from a strip light by concealing it behind a baffle.</i>
befuddle	Make stupid with alcohol. <i>This question befuddled even the teacher.</i>
confound	Overthrow (an enemy). <i>God chose to use natural disorders to confound Pharaoh and the gods of Egypt.</i>

confuse	Make (someone) bewildered or perplexed. <i>These questions confuse even the experts.</i>
enigmatic	Difficult to interpret or understand; mysterious. <i>An enigmatic smile.</i>
freshness	An alert and refreshed state. <i>The freshness of the memory.</i>
inexperienced	Having little knowledge or experience of a particular thing. <i>He is still relatively young and inexperienced.</i>
inglorious	Not famous or renowned. <i>An inglorious episode in British imperial history.</i>
nameless	(of a child) illegitimate. <i>Some pictures were taken by a nameless photographer.</i>
<u>newfound</u>	Newly discovered. <i>Hudson pointed his ship down the coast of the newfound sea.</i>
<u>occult</u>	Supernatural practices and techniques. <i>An occult ceremony.</i>
<u>odd</u>	Not easily explained. <i>We have the odd drink together.</i>
perplex	Be a mystery or bewildering to. <i>They were perplexing a subject plain in itself.</i>
<u>puzzling</u>	Not clear to the understanding. <i>A puzzling statement.</i>
<u>shameful</u>	Worthy of or causing shame or disgrace. <i>The wicked rascally shameful conduct of the bankrupt.</i>
strange	Not known before. <i>A strange exaltation that was indefinable.</i>
stupefy	Make (someone) unable to think or feel properly. <i>The offence of administering drugs to a woman with intent to stupefy her.</i>
<u>unappreciated</u>	Not likely to be rewarded. <i>She had been brought up in a family where she felt unappreciated and undervalued.</i>
<u>undetected</u>	Not perceived or discerned. <i>They feared some undetected trace of poison.</i>
undiagnosed	Not diagnosed or having been subject to diagnosis. <i>Some patients have diseases that go undiagnosed and therefore untreated.</i>

<u>undiscovered</u>	Not yet discovered. <i>With earth based telescopes many stars remain undiscovered.</i>
unidentified	Being or having an unknown or unnamed source. <i>An unidentified witness.</i>
uninitiated	Without special knowledge or experience. <i>It seemed a bizarre ceremony to uninitiated western eyes.</i>
<u>unintentionally</u>	Not on purpose. <i>She hit him unintentionally.</i>
unknown	An unknown person or thing. <i>An unknown writer.</i>
<u>unnamed</u>	Being or having an unknown or unnamed source. <i>The unnamed man was found unconscious.</i>
<u>unrelated</u>	Not related or linked. <i>Households containing two or more unrelated people.</i>
unsung	Not celebrated or praised. <i>Harvey is one of the unsung heroes of the industrial revolution.</i>
whereabouts	Where or approximately where. <i>His whereabouts remain secret.</i>