

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)

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| <b><u>aberrant</u></b> | Diverging from the normal type.<br><i><b>Aberrant</b> behavior.</i>   |
| <b>abnormal</b>        | Much greater than the normal.<br><i><b>Abnormal</b> ambition.</i>   |
| <b>alien</b>           | Being or from or characteristic of another place or part of the world.<br><i>They found the world of further education a little <b>alien</b>.</i> |
| <b>alternative</b>     | Serving or used in place of another.<br><i>The various <b>alternative</b> methods for resolving disputes.</i>                                     |
| <b>anomalous</b>       | Deviating from the general or common order or type.<br><i>Advanced forms of life may be <b>anomalous</b> in the universe.</i>                     |
| <b><u>atypical</u></b> | Not representative of a group, class, or type.<br><i>A sample of people who are rather <b>atypical</b> of the target audience.</i>                |
| <b>curious</b>         | Having curiosity aroused; eagerly interested in learning more.<br><i>She was <b>curious</b> to know what had happened.</i>                        |
| <b>different</b>       | Novel and unusual.<br><i>This meeting was <b>different</b> from the earlier one.</i>  |

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

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

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

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

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