

fear

1. [fiə] *n*
 1. страх, боязнь
 needless fears - напрасные страхи
 in fear - в страхе, со страхом; в тревоге
 to be in fear - бояться; тревожиться
 in fear and trembling - со страхом и трепетом
 for fear - из страха, из боязни
 she daren't enter for fear of the dog - она не решается войти, боясь собаки
 in /for/ fear of one's life - в страхе за свою жизнь
 the fear of death was upon him - им овладел страх смерти
 to put smb. in fear, to put fear in smb.'s heart - нагонять страх на кого-л.
 2. опасение
 there is not the slightest fear of rain today - нет никаких опасений, что сегодня будет дождь
 I had a fear that you had missed the train - я опасался, что вы опоздали на поезд
 shut the window for fear of rain - закройте окошко, как бы не пошёл дождь /на случай дождя/
 they are in daily fear of dismissal - им каждый день грозит увольнение
 no fear - *разг.* конечно, нет, ни в коем случае; опасаться не приходится
 you will not fail me. - No fear - вы не подведёте меня. - Нет, не беспокойтесь
 3. благоговейный страх, трепет
 to put the fear of God into smb. - нагнать страх на кого-л., расправиться с кем-л.; ≅ держать в страхе божьем
 without fear or favour - беспристрастно, объективно
2. [fiə] *v*
 1. бояться; пугаться
 she feared for the boy when she saw him at the top of the tree - она испугалась за мальчика, увидев, что он влез на дерево
 neverfear - *разг.* не бойтесь [*ср. тж.* 2]
 2. 1) опасаться, ожидать (*чего-л. нежелательного*)
 to fear the worst - ожидать наихудшего
 you shall know, neverfear - вам сообщат, не беспокойтесь [*ср. тж.* 1]
 I fear the guests are late - боюсь, что гости опоздают
 two are feared drowned - есть основания опасаться, что двое утонули
 - 2) *разг.* сожалеть
 I fear - ≅ к сожалению
 is there enough money? - I fear not - хватит ли денег? - К сожалению, нет /Боюсь, что нет/
 it is raining I fear - кажется, идёт дождь
 3. почитать; относиться с благоговейным страхом
 to fear God - бояться бога

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fear [fear fears feared fearing] *noun, verb* *BrE* [fiə(r)] ^m *NAmE* [fɪr] ^m

noun uncountable, countable

the bad feeling that you have when you are in danger, when sth bad might happen, or when a particular thing frightens you

- Her eyes showed no fear.
- The child was shaking **with fear** .
- ~ **(of sb/sth) (a) fear of the dark/spiders/flying, etc.**
- We lived **in constant fear of** losing our jobs.
- ~ **(for sb/sth)** her fears for her son's safety
- Alan spoke of his **fears for the future** .
- ~ **(that...)** the fear that he had cancer
- The doctor's report confirmed our worst fears.

more at fools rush in (where angels fear to tread) **at** ↑*fool* _{n.}, strike fear etc. into sb/sb's heart **at** ↑*strike* _{v.}

Word Origin:
 Old English fæor 'calamity, danger', fæoran 'frighten', also 'revere', of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *gevaar* and German *Gefahr* 'danger' .

Thesaurus:
fear *noun* **U, C**
 • The child was shaking with fear.
fright • • **dread** • • **terror** • • **alarm** • • **panic** • • **phobia** •
Opp: hope
 a fear/dread/terror of sth
 in fear/fright/dread/terror/alarm/panic
 be filled with fear/dread/terror/alarm/panic
Fear or fright? Fright is a reaction to sth that is happening or has just happened. Use **fear** to talk about things that always frighten you and things that may happen in the future.:
 • She cried out in fear/fright
 • I have a fear of spiders.
 ✗ I have a fright of spiders.

Synonyms:

fear

terror • panic • alarm • fright

These are all words for the bad feeling you have when you are afraid.

fear • the bad feeling that you have when you are in danger, when sth bad might happen, or when a particular thing frightens you:

▪ (a) fear of flying ◇▪ She showed no fear.

terror • a feeling of extreme fear: ▪ Her eyes were wild with terror.

panic • a sudden feeling of great fear that cannot be controlled and prevents you from thinking clearly: ▪ I had a sudden moment of panic.

alarm • fear or worry that sb feels when sth dangerous or unpleasant might happen: ▪ The doctor said there was ▪ no cause for alarm ▪.

fright • a feeling of fear, usually sudden: ▪ She cried out in fright.

fear or fright?

Fright is a reaction to sth that has just happened or is happening now. Use **fear**, but not **fright**, to talk about things that always frighten you and things that may happen in the future: I have a fright of spiders. ◇his fright of what might happen

a fear/terror of sth

in fear/terror/panic/alarm/fright

fear/terror/panic/alarm that...

to be filled with fear/terror/panic/alarm

a feeling of fear/terror/panic/alarm

Example Bank:

- Doctors have voiced fears that we may be facing an epidemic.
- Fears are growing of a new oil embargo.
- He lied out of fear.
- He ran away in fear.
- His face was white with fear.
- It was the first time she had experienced real fear.
- My biggest fear was that my children would get sick.
- My worst fears were confirmed.
- Nobody refused for fear of being fired.
- Nobody refused for fear of losing their job.
- Our fears proved unfounded.
- Public fears about the disease increased.
- She did not know why she should feel such fear.
- She managed to overcome her fear.
- She stared at him without fear.
- The boy showed no fear.
- The government is anxious to allay the public's fears.
- The men hesitated in fear of whatever was to come next.
- The men set off in fear and trepidation.
- The people live in fear of attack by the bandits.
- The pupils obeyed through fear of punishment.
- The sound of gunfire struck fear into the hearts of the villagers.
- They have a terrible fear of failure.
- This incident has fuelled fears of a full-scale war.
- This stoked fears of financial difficulties.
- When she heard the news, some of her fear subsided.
- his fear about what might happen
- my fear for her safety
- new fears over terrorism
- the constant fear of discovery
- the fear that her mother had instilled in her
- the girl's childhood fear of being eaten by monsters
- the most primal fear, that of death
- (a) fear of the dark/spiders/flying
- He spoke of his fears for the future.
- I had to run away for fear that he might one day kill me.
- The child was shaking with fear.
- The doctor's report confirmed our worst fears.

Idioms: ↑for fear of doing something ▪ ↑for fear ... ▪ ↑in fear of your life ▪ ↑no fear ▪ ↑put the fear of God into somebody ▪

↑without fear or favour

Derived ↑fear for somebody

verb

1. transitive to be frightened of sb/sth or frightened of doing sth

- ~ **sb/sth** All his employees fear him.
- to fear death/persecution/the unknown

- Everyone feared the coming war.
 - Don't worry, you have **nothing to fear from** us.
 - ~ **to do sth** (formal) She feared to tell him the truth.
 - ~ **doing sth** (formal) She feared going out at night.
2. **transitive, intransitive** to feel that sth bad might have happened or might happen in the future
- ~ **sth** She has been missing for three days now and police are beginning to **fear the worst** (= think that she is dead) .
 - ~ **sb/sth + adj.** Hundreds of people are feared dead.
 - **be feared to be/have sth** Women and children are feared to be among the victims.
 - **it is feared (that)...** It is feared (that) he may have been kidnapped.
 - ~ **(that)...** She feared (that) he might be dead.
 - **Never fear/Fear not** (= Don't worry) , I shall return.
3. **I fear intransitive** (formal) used to tell sb that you think that sth bad has happened or is true
- They are unlikely to get here on time, I fear.
 - 'He must be dead then?' ' **I fear so** . '
 - 'She's not coming back?' ' **I fear not** . '

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	fear
	BrE /fɪə(r)/
	NAmE /fɪr/
he / she /it	fears
	BrE /fɪəz/
	NAmE /fɪrz/
past simple, past participle	feared
	BrE /fɪəd/
	NAmE /fɪrd/
-ing form	fearing
	BrE /fɪərɪŋ/
	NAmE /fɪrɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Everyone rightly feared the coming war.
- He learned to fear and respect this force of nature.
- I have reason to fear that you might abuse your power.
- I really feared that this might be the end.
- This disease is greatly feared.
- We feared for their safety.
- You have nothing to fear from him.
- Don't worry, you have nothing to fear from us.
- Never fear/Fear not, I shall return.
- She has been missing for three days now and police are beginning to fear the worst.
- to fear death/danger/persecution

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1. **fear**¹ **S3 W1** /fɪə \$ fɪr/ **BrE** " **AmE** " **noun**

[Word Family: **noun:** ↑fear, ↑fearfulness ≠ ↑fearlessness; **adjective:** ↑fearful ≠ ↑fearless, ↑fearsome; **verb:** ↑fear; **adverb:** ↑fearfully ≠ ↑fearlessly]

[Language: Old English; Origin: fæor 'sudden danger']

1. [uncountable and countable] the feeling you get when you are afraid or worried that something bad is going to happen

fear of
" a fear of flying

fear that
" There are fears that share prices could decrease still further.

fear for
" The girl's parents expressed fears for her safety.

in fear
" The children looked at her in fear.

without fear
" People must be able to express their views without fear of criticism.

2. **for fear (that), for fear of something** because you are worried that you will make something happen:

" She finally ran away for fear that he would kill her.

for fear of doing something
" He got to the station early, for fear of missing her.

3. **no fear!** **British English informal** used humorously to say that you are definitely not going to do something:

" 'Are you going to Bill's party tonight?' 'No fear!'

4. [uncountable] the possibility or danger that something bad might happen:

There's no fear of revolt now.

5. **put the fear of God into somebody** *informal* to make someone feel that they must do something, by making sure they know what will happen if they do not do it:

" The Italian manager must have put the fear of God into his team.

6. **without fear or favour** *British English formal* in a fair way:

" The law must be enforced without fear or favour.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **sb's worst/greatest fear** Her worst fear was never seeing her children again.
- **an irrational fear** (=one that is not reasonable) He grew up with an irrational fear of insects.
- **a deep-seated fear** (=very strong and difficult to change) He exploited people's deep-seated fears about strangers.
- **groundless** (=without any reason) As it turned out, these fears were groundless.

■ verbs

- **conquer/overcome your fear** (=stop being afraid) She managed to conquer her fear of flying.
- **shake/tremble with fear** He was shaking with fear after being held at gunpoint.
- **show fear** She was determined not to show fear.
- **be gripped by fear** (=be very afraid) We were gripped by fear as the boat was tossed around by the waves.
- **be paralysed with fear** (=be so afraid that you cannot move) Bruce was paralysed with fear when he saw the snake.
- **confirm sb's fears** (=show that what you were afraid of has actually happened) The look on Colin's face confirmed all my worst fears.
- **ease/allay/dispel sb's fears** (=help someone stop being afraid) Frank eased my fears about not being able to speak the local language.

■ phrases

- **be in fear of/for your life** (=be afraid that you may be killed) Celia was in fear of her life when she saw the truck coming toward her.
- **be full of fear** The residents are too full of fear to leave their houses.
- **be/live in fear of something** (=be always afraid of something) They were constantly in fear of an enemy attack.
- **have no fear of something** He had no fear of death.
- **sb's hopes and fears** We each had different hopes and fears about the trip.

■ COMMON ERRORS

- ▶ Do not say that someone 'has fear'. Say that someone **is frightened** or **is afraid**.

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THESAURUS

- **fear** a feeling of being frightened: He was trembling with fear. | Fear of failure should not stop you trying.
- **terror** a feeling of great fear, because you think that something terrible is about to happen: She let out a scream of pure terror.
- **fright** a sudden feeling of fear, or a situation that makes you feel this: My body was shaking with fright. | You gave me a fright! | He's had a bit of fright, that's all.
- **panic** a sudden feeling of fear or nervousness that makes you unable to think clearly or behave sensibly: She was in such a panic that she hardly knew what she was doing! | There were scenes of sheer panic immediately following the bomb blast.
- **alarm** a feeling of fear or worry which shows in your voice or behaviour, because you think something bad might happen: When I mentioned her name, he looked up at me in alarm. | The streets were calm and there was no sign of alarm.
- **foreboding** /fɔːrɒbɪdɪŋ/ a feeling that something bad or unpleasant might happen although there is no obvious reason why it should: She felt the same sense of foreboding she had before her father died.
- **phobia** /'fəʊbiə/ a permanent strong unreasonable fear of something: I had a phobia about going to the dentist.

II. **fear**² *W2 BrE AmE verb*

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1. **[intransitive and transitive]** to feel afraid or worried that something bad may happen:

" Fearing violence, the group asked for police protection.

fear (that)

" Police fear that there may be further terrorist attacks.

fear to do something *formal*:

" Women feared to go out at night.

fear for somebody

" His wife seemed depressed, and he feared for his children.

fear for sb's safety/life

" a terrifying ordeal in which she feared for her life

" Hundreds of people are feared dead in the ferry disaster.

2. **fear the worst** to think that the worst possible thing has happened or might happen:

" When Tom heard about the accident he immediately feared the worst.

3. **[transitive]** to be afraid of someone and what they might do:

" As a leader, he was distrusted and even feared.

4. **I fear** *formal* used when telling someone that you think that something bad has happened or is true

I fear (that)

" I fear that there is little more we can do.

I fear so/I fear not

" 'Were they satisfied?' 'I fear not.'

5. **fear** not/never **fear** *formal* used to tell someone not to worry:

Neverfear, he'll be with us soon.

⇒ †God-fearing

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