

nervous[ˈnɜːvəs] *a*

- анат.** нервный, относящийся к нервам
nervous system [tissue] - нервная система [ткань]
- мед.** нервный, перевозный, нервический
nervous excitement - нервное возбуждение
nervous breakdown - нервное расстройство, поражение нервной системы
nervous prostration /debility/ - неврастения
nervous chill - нервный озноб, нервная дрожь
nervous case - человек, страдающий нервным заболеванием; невропат, невротик
to make smb. nervous - нервировать, раздражать кого-л. [*см. тж.* 3]
you make me nervous with your continual record-playing - меня раздражает твой проигрыватель, который никогда не умолкает
- боязливый, робкий, слаонервный, беспокоящийся (о чём-л.)**
don't be nervous! - не бойтесь!
nervous at the idea - обеспокоенный этой мыслью
to feel nervous about the future - беспокоиться за будущее
to feel nervous over smb.'s absence - волноваться из-за чьего-л. отсутствия
nervous of every telephone ring - вздрагивающий от каждого телефонного звонка
the child was nervous of the big dog - ребёнок испугался большой собаки
to make smb. nervous - пугать кого-л. [*см. тж.* 2]
you make me nervous with your stories of how hard the examination is - ты меня запугал своими рассказами о том, как трудно выдержать этот экзамен
- 1) **нервирующий, действующий на нервы**
2) **неприятный**
a nervous moment for us all - ≅ в эту минуту нам всем стало не по себе
- 1) **выразительный (о стиле)**
2) **арх.** сильный, мускулистый
- неустойчивый, нестабильный, изменчивый, колеблющийся**
◇ nervous Nellie /Nelly/ - а) робкая личность, трус; б) пессимист; человек постоянно волнующийся за что-л., кого-л.
nervous pudding - *амер. сл.* желе

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ner·vous *BrE* [ˈnɜːvəs] *NAme* [ˈnɜːrvəs] **adjective**

- anxious about sth or afraid of sth**
 - ~ **(about/of sth)** Consumers are very nervous about the future.
 - The horse may be nervous of cars.
 - ~ **(about/of doing sth)** He had been nervous about inviting us.
 - I felt really nervous before the interview.
 - a **nervous glance/smile/voice** (= one that shows that you feel anxious)
 - By the time the police arrived, I was a **nervous wreck** .
 - easily worried or frightened**
 - She was a thin, nervous girl.
 - He's not the nervous type.
 - She was **of a nervous disposition** .
 - connected with the body's nerves and often affecting you mentally or emotionally**
 - a **nervous condition/disorder/disease**
 - She was in a state of **nervous exhaustion** .
- see** frightened/nervous/scared of your own shadow **at** ↑shadow *n.*

Derived Words ↑nervously ▪ ↑nervousnessWord Origin:late Middle English (in the senses 'containing nerves' and 'relating to the nerves'): from Latin **nervosus** 'sinewy, vigorous', from **nervus** 'sinew'; related to Greek **neuron** 'nerve'. Senses 1 and 2 date from the mid 18th cent.Thesaurus:**nervous** [**nervous nervously nervousness**] **adj.**

- I was very nervous before the exam.
 - worried** • **anxious** • **uneasy** • **afraid** • **frightened** • **agitated** • **flustered** • |informal **scared** • |formal **apprehensive** • **fearful** •
 - Opp: relaxed**
nervous/worried/anxious/uneasy/frightened/agitated/flustered/scared/apprehensive/fearful **about** sth
nervous/worried/anxious/afraid/frightened/scared/apprehensive/fearful **that...**
get nervous/worried/anxious/frightened/scared/apprehensive
- He's not the nervous type.
 - neurotic** • **on edge** • |informal **edgy** • **jittery** •
 - Opp: relaxed**

a nervous/neurotic **man/woman**
feel nervous/on edge/edgy/jittery

Synonyms:

nervous

neurotic • on edge • jittery

These words all describe people who are easily frightened or are behaving in a frightened way.

nervous • easily worried or frightened ▪ She was ▪ of a nervous disposition ▪

See also the entry for **worried**.

neurotic • not behaving in a reasonable, calm way, because you are worried about sth: ▪ She became neurotic about keeping the house clean.

on edge • nervous or bad-tempered: ▪ She was always on edge before an interview.

jittery • (informal) anxious and nervous ▪ All this talk of job losses was making him jittery.

a nervous/neurotic **man/woman/girl**

to **feel** nervous/on edge/jittery

a **bit** nervous/on edge/jittery

Synonyms:

worried

concerned • nervous • anxious • uneasy

These words all describe feeling unhappy and afraid because you are thinking about unpleasant things that might happen or might have happened.

worried • thinking about unpleasant things that might happen or might have happened and therefore feeling unhappy and afraid

concerned • worried and feeling concern about sth

worried or concerned?

Concerned is usually used when you are talking about a problem that affects another person, society, the world, etc, while **worried** can be used for this or for more personal matters.

nervous • feeling worried about sth or slightly afraid of sth

anxious • feeling worried or nervous about sth

worried, nervous or anxious?

Worried is the most frequent word to describe how you feel when you are thinking about a problem or something bad that might happen. **Anxious** can describe a stronger feeling and is more formal. **Nervous** is more often used to describe how you feel before you do something very important such as an exam or an interview, or something unpleasant or difficult. **Nervous** can describe sb's personality: ▪ a very nervous girl is often or usually nervous ▪ a worried girl is worried on a particular occasion or about a particular thing. **Worried** describes her feelings, not her personality. **Anxious** may describe feelings or personality.

uneasy • feeling worried or unhappy about a particular situation, especially because you think sth bad may happen or because you are not sure that what you are doing is right

worried/concerned/nervous/anxious/uneasy **about (doing)** sth

worried/concerned/anxious **for** sb/sth

worried/concerned/nervous/anxious **that...**

a(n) worried/concerned/nervous/anxious/uneasy **expression/look/smile**

to **get** worried/nervous/anxious

Example Bank:

- He had worked himself up into a highly nervous state.
- I was slightly nervous of him.
- Sit down— you're making me nervous
- nervous about the wedding
- nervous at what might happen
- By the time the police arrived I was a nervous wreck.
- He's not the nervous type.
- She was of a nervous disposition.

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nervous **S3 W3** /'nɜːvəs/ 'nɜːv-BrE " AmE " adjective

[**Word Family:** adjective: ↑nervous, ↑nerveless, ↑nerve-racking, ↑nervy, ↑unnerving noun: ↑nerve, nerves, ↑nervousness; verb: ↑nerve, ↑unnerve adverb: ↑nervously]

1. worried or frightened about something, and unable to relax ⇒ **anxious**

nervous about

" She was so nervous about her exams that she couldn't sleep.

" I wish you'd stop looking at me like that. You're making me nervous.

feel/get nervous

" Paul always gets nervous whenever he has to give a presentation.

nervous smile/laugh/look/glance

" 'Don't be silly,' she said with a nervous laugh. 'There's no such thing as ghosts.'

" By the time I got into the interview I was a nervous wreck (=was extremely nervous).

nervous of

" We were all a bit nervous of him at first (=frightened of him).

2. often becoming worried or frightened, and easily upset:

She's a nervous, sensitive child.

The film is unsuitable for people of a nervous disposition (=who are easily frightened).

3. [only before noun] related to the nerves in your body

nervous condition/illness/disorder

She was suffering from a nervous condition.

He had a nervous twitch (=his body made small uncontrolled movements).

4. **nervous exhaustion/strain** a mental condition in which you feel very tired, usually caused by working too hard or by a difficult emotional problem

—**nervously** *adverb*:

She smiled nervously.

—**nervousness** *noun* [uncountable]:

Mike's nervousness showed in his voice.

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COLLOCATIONS

verbs

- **feel nervous** He looked at her for so long that she began to feel nervous.
- **get/become nervous** Everyone gets nervous before a big game.
- **seem/appear nervous** She seemed nervous at first, but her presentation was good.
- **look/sound nervous** He sounded nervous and uncertain.
- **make somebody nervous** Being alone in the house made her nervous.

adverbs

- **slightly nervous** Looking slightly nervous, Paul began to speak.
- **a little/a bit nervous** I was a little nervous before the interview.
- **extremely nervous** The policeman noticed that the driver seemed extremely nervous.

nouns

- **a nervous smile/laugh/giggle** 'It doesn't matter,' she said, with a nervous smile.
- **nervous laughter** His comment was met with nervous laughter.
- **a nervous look/glance** Lucy swallowed as she sent him a nervous glance.
- **nervous tension** (=a feeling of being very tense and nervous) It was the play's opening night, and Gloria was in a state of nervous tension.

phrases

- **be a nervous wreck** (=be so nervous or worried that you cannot deal with a situation) By the end of the rehearsal I was a nervous wreck.

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THESAURUS

- **nervous** worried or a little frightened about something and unable to relax: Kelly was so nervous about her exam that she couldn't sleep. | It makes me nervous when you drive that fast.
- **tense** worried and unable to relax in a way that makes you get angry or upset easily: Mary's problems at work were making her tense and irritable.
- **uneasy** nervous because you feel that something bad might happen, so that you are unable to relax until the danger has passed: I began to feel uneasy when he still hadn't phoned by 11 o'clock.
- **on edge** if you are on edge or your nerves are on edge, you feel nervous because you are worried about what might happen: My nerves were on edge, waiting for the results of the test. | Redundancies and other work upheavals have put employees on edge.
- **neurotic** nervous and anxious in a way that is not normal or reasonable: She's completely neurotic about food hygiene. | a neurotic mother
- **edgy/jumpy/jittery** nervous because you are worried about what might happen: Investors are a little edgy about the financial markets these days. | There was a lot of pressure on the team tonight and that's why they were a little jumpy.
- **highly-strung** *British English*, **high-strung** *American English* becoming nervous or upset easily because that is your character: Like many musicians, he's very sensitive and highly-strung.
- **be a nervous wreck** to feel extremely nervous and unable to relax: After 10 months of teaching, I was a total nervous wreck.
- **have butterflies (in your stomach)** *informal* to feel nervous about something that you are going to do very soon because it is important and you want to do it well: Actors often have butterflies before going on stage.

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