

scare

1. [skeə] *n*

- 1. паника; панический страх
- baseless scare - беспричинный страх
- war scare - военный психоз
- to raise [to create] a scare - поднимать [создавать] панику
- to strike smb. with scare - вселять ужас в кого-л.
- to get a scare - *разг.* перепугаться
- you did give me a scare! - *разг.* вы меня здорово напугали!

2. *уст.* = scarecrow

3. (the scare) *амер. сл.* вымогательство, шантаж

2. [skeə] *v*

- 1. 1) испугать, напугать; перепугать; пугать
- to scare smb. - напугать /испугать/ кого-л.
- a sudden noise scared the children - внезапный шум перепугал детей
- to be scared by smth. - испугаться чего-л.
- you scared me by coming in so quietly - вы так тихо вошли, что я испугался
- to be mortally scared of smth. - смертельно бояться чего-л.
- to be scared to death - *разг.* испугаться до смерти; испытывать смертельный ужас
- to be scared out of one's wits /senses/ - потерять голову от страха
- to scare smb. into grey hair - очень сильно напугать кого-л.; ≅ поседел от ужаса
- to scare the pants off - *сл.* перепугать до потери сознания
- 2) *амер. разг.* испугаться, напугаться, перепугаться
- I don't scare easily - меня не так легко испугать, я не из пугливых
- 2. отпугивать, спугивать (*тж.* scare away, scare off)
- to scare birds from an orchard - отпугивать птиц от фруктового сада
- the dog scared away the tramp - собака прогнала /отогнала/ бродягу
- a lot of visitors are scared off by the look of the hotel - многих гостей отпугивает вид гостиницы

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scare [scare scares scared scaring] *verb, noun* BrE [skeə(r)] ¹ NAmE [sker] ²

verb

- 1. **transitive** to frighten sb
 - ~ **sb** You scared me.
 - **it scares sb to do sth** It scared me to think I was alone in the building.
- 2. **intransitive** to become frightened
 - He doesn't scare easily.

see also ↑scary

more at frighten/scare the (living) daylight(s) out of sb **at** ↑daylights, frighten/scare sb to death **at** ↑death, frighten/scare the life out of sb **at** ↑life

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	scare
	BrE /skeə(r)/
	NAmE /sker/
he / she / it	scares
	BrE /skeəz/
	NAmE /skerz/
past simple, past participle	scared
	BrE /sked/
	NAmE /skerd/
-ing form	scaring
	BrE /skeəriŋ/
	NAmE /skerɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old Norse *skirra* 'frighten', from *skjarr* 'timid'.

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- It scared me to think I was alone in the building.
- frighten** • **alarm** • **terrify** • **traumatize** • |informal **spook** •
- scare/frighten sb/sth **away/off**
- scare/frighten/terrify sb **into** doing sth
- It scares/frightens/alarms/terrifies me that...**

Scare or frighten? **Scare** is more common in spoken English. Both words can be used without an object: **He doesn't scare/frighten easily.**, but it would be more natural to say

- Nothing scares/frightens him.

Synonyms:

frighten

scare • alarm • terrify

These words all mean to make sb afraid.

frighten • to make sb feel afraid, often suddenly: ▪ He brought out a gun and frightened them off.

scare • to make sb feel afraid: ▪ They managed to scare the bears away.

alarm • to make sb anxious or afraid: ▪ It alarms me that nobody takes this problem seriously.

Alarm is used when sb has a feeling that sth unpleasant or dangerous might happen in the future; the feeling is often more one of worry than actual fear.

terrify • to make sb feel extremely afraid: ▪ Flying terrified her.

frighten or scare?

Scare is slightly more informal than **frighten**.

to frighten/scare sb/sth **away/off**

to frighten/scare/terrify sb **into** doing sth

It frightens/scares/alarms/terrifies me **that...**

It frightens/scares/alarms/terrifies me **to** think, see, etc.

Example Bank:

- His name scares off a lot of people.
- The very thought of flying scares me stiff.
- They're just trying to scare us into letting out the secret.
- You don't scare me with your threats!
- You scared the life out of me, hiding like that!
- He doesn't get frightened/scared easily.
- Nothing frightens/scares him

Idioms: ↑scare somebody shitless ▪ ↑scare the shit out of somebody

Derived ↑scare somebody into doing something ▪ ↑scare somebody off ▪ ↑scare up something

noun

1. **countable** (used especially in newspapers) a situation in which a lot of people are anxious or frightened about sth

- a **bomb/health scare**
- recent scares about pesticides in food
- a **scare story** (= a news report that spreads more anxiety or fear about sth than is necessary)
- to cause a major scare
- **scare tactics** (= ways of persuading people to do sth by frightening them)

2. **singular** a sudden feeling of fear

- You **gave me a scare** !
- We've had quite a scare.

see also ↑scary

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- There was a bomb scare at the airport.

fright • • **shock** •

get/have/give sb a scare/fright/shock

Example Bank:

- I got quite a scare when the police called me.
- It wasn't a serious heart attack, but it gave him a terrible scare.
- The ad uses scare tactics to get people to stop smoking.
- The government used scare tactics to get parents to have their children vaccinated against the disease.
- a major health scare
- the scare over British beef
- the scare over bird flu
- Les had a health scare two years ago and was ordered to cut down on drinking.
- There was a bomb scare at the airport.

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I. **scare**¹ /skeə \$ sker/ BrE " AmE " verb

[Word Family: adjective: ↑scared, ↑scary; verb: ↑scare; noun: ↑scare]

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old Norse; Origin: skirra, from skjarr 'shy, fearful']

1. **[transitive]** to make someone feel frightened **SYN** frighten ⇔ afraid:

Loud noises can scare animals or birds.

scare the life/living daylight/hell etc out of somebody (=scare someone very much)

The alarm scared the hell out of me.

scare the pants off somebody (=scare someone very much)

2. **scare easily** to be frightened by things that are not very frightening:

I don't scare easily, you know.

scare somebody into something *phrasal verb*

to make someone do something by frightening them or threatening them

scare somebody into doing something

" You can't scare me into telling you anything.

scare somebody/something ↔ off/away *phrasal verb*

1. to make an animal or person go away by frightening them:

" She moved quietly to avoid scaring the birds away.

2. to make someone uncertain or worried so that they do not do something they were going to do:

" Rising prices are scaring off many potential customers.

scare something ↔ up *phrasal verb American English informal*

to make something although you have very few things to make it from:

" Let me see if I can scare up something for you to eat.

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THESAURUS

- **frighten** to make someone feel afraid: The thought of being in court frightened him.
- **scare especially spoken** to frighten someone. **Scare** is less formal than **frighten**, and is the usual word to use in everyday English: He was driving fast just to scare us. | It scared him to think that his mother might never recover.
- **terrify** to make someone feel extremely frightened: The idea of going down into the caves terrified her. | Robbers terrified bank staff by threatening them at gunpoint.
- **give somebody a fright** to make someone suddenly feel frightened in a way that makes their heart beat more quickly: It gave me a terrible fright when I found him unconscious on the floor.
- **give somebody the creeps** if a person or place gives you the creeps, they make you feel slightly frightened because they are strange: This house gives me the creeps.
- **startle** to frighten someone. Used when you suddenly see someone and did not know they were there, or when you suddenly hear something: I'm sorry. I didn't mean to startle you. | The noise startled him, and he dropped his glass on the floor.
- **alarm** to make someone feel frightened and worried that something bad might happen: I didn't want to alarm her by calling in the middle of the night.
- **intimidate** to deliberately frighten someone, especially so that they will do what you want: Many of the gangs were using dogs to intimidate people.

II. scare² *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

[Word Family: adjective: ↑scared, ↑scary; verb: ↑scare; noun: ↑scare]

1. [singular] a sudden feeling of fear:

" You really gave us a scare!

2. [countable] a situation in which a lot of people become frightened about something:

" a bomb scare

" a health scare

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