

afraid[ə'freɪd] *a predic*

- испуганный, напуганный; боящийся
who is afraid? - кто испугался? кто боится?
to be afraid of smb., smth. - бояться кого-л., чего-л.
to be afraid of hard work - страшиться /чураться/ тяжёлой работы
to be afraid for smb., smth. - бояться /опасаться/ за кого-л., за что-л.
to make smb. afraid - напугать кого-л.
he's afraid for his job - он дрожит за своё место, он боится потерять работу
- 1) сожалеющий, огорчённый
to be afraid (that) ... - бояться, как бы не ...
I am afraid (that) we are late - боюсь, что мы опаздываем
I am afraid that we may be late - боюсь, как бы нам не опоздать,
- 2) к сожалению (*вежливая форма отказа*)
I am afraid I cannot give you his address - к сожалению, я не могу вам дать его адрес
is the boss back yet? - I am afraid not - босс уже вернулся? - К сожалению нет
- не желающий, стесняющийся (*делать что-л.*); нерасположенный, опасующийся
I was afraid of hurting his feelings - я не хотел задевать его чувств /огорчать его/
don't be afraid of asking - ≅ не стесняйтесь, задавайте вопросы
◇ afraid to say **bo** to a goose - боится вымолвить словечко; ≅ пикнуть не смеет

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afraid *BrE* [ə'freɪd] ^{adj} *NAmE* [ə'freɪd] ^{adj} **adjective not before noun**

- feeling fear, frightened because you think that you might be hurt or suffer
 - Don't be afraid.
 - ~ **of sb/sth** It's all over. There's nothing to be afraid of now.
 - Are you afraid of spiders?
 - ~ **of doing sth** I started to feel afraid of going out alone at night.
 - ~ **to do sth** She was afraid to open the door.
- worried about what might happen
 - ~ **of doing sth** She was afraid of upsetting her parents.
 - Tamsin was afraid of making a fool of herself.
 - ~ **to do sth** Don't be afraid to ask if you don't understand.
 - The boy wasn't afraid to say what he believed
 - ~ **(that...)** We were afraid (that) we were going to capsize the boat.
- ~ **for sb/sth** worried or frightened that sth unpleasant, dangerous, etc. will happen to a particular person or thing
 - I'm not afraid for me, but for the baby.
 - They had already fired three people and he was afraid for his job.

Idiom: ↑ I'm afraidWord Origin:Middle English: past participle of the obsolete verb **affray**, from Anglo-Norman French **afraier** 'disturb, startle', based on an element of Germanic origin related to Old English frithu 'peace, safety'.Thesaurus:**afraid** [**afraid**] *adj.*

• He was afraid of the dark.

frightened • **scared** • **terrified** • **alarmed** • **nervous** • **paranoid** • **petrified** • **intimidated** • **cowardly** • •**apprehensive** • |informal **chicken** • |formal **fearful** •**Opp:** brave, **Opp:** confident, (formal) **Opp:** unafraidafraid/frightened/scared/terrified/nervous/petrified/apprehensive/fearful **of** sb/sthfrightened/scared/alarmed/nervous/paranoid/apprehensive/fearful **about** sthafraid/frightened/scared/terrified/alarmed/petrified/apprehensive/fearful **that...**afraid/frightened/scared **to do sth****Afraid, frightened or scared?** **Scared** is more informal, more common in speech, and often describes small fears. **Afraid** cannot come before a noun:

• a frightened child

• a scared expression

✗ an afraid child/expression

Synonyms:**afraid**

frightened • scared • terrified • alarmed • paranoid

These words all describe feeling or showing fear.

afraid • [not before noun] feeling fear, worried that sth bad might happen: ▫ There's nothing to be afraid of. ◇ ▫ Aren't you afraid (that) you'll fall?**frightened** • feeling fear, worried that sth bad might happen: ▫ a frightened child ◇ ▫ She was frightened that the glass would break.**scared** • (rather informal) feeling fear, worried that sth bad might happen: ▫ The thieves got scared and ran away.**afraid, frightened or scared?**

Scared is more informal, more common in speech, and often describes small fears. **Afraid** cannot come before a noun. It can only take the preposition **of**, not **about**. If you are **afraid/frightened/scared of** sb/sth/doing sth or **afraid/frightened/scared to** do sth, you think you are in danger of being hurt or suffering in some way. If you are **frightened/scared about** sth/doing sth, it is less a fear for your personal safety and more a worry that sth unpleasant might happen.

terrified • very frightened ▪ I was terrified (that) she wouldn't come. ◊▪ She looked at him with wide, terrified eyes.

alarmed • afraid that sth dangerous or unpleasant might happen: ▪ She was alarmed at the prospect of travelling alone.

paranoid • (rather informal) afraid or suspicious of other people and believing that they are trying to harm you, in a way that is not reasonable: ▪ You're just being paranoid.

afraid/frightened/scared **of** spiders, etc.

frightened/scared/paranoid **about** ...

afraid/frightened/scared/terrified **that** ...

afraid/frightened/scared **to** open the door, etc.

Don't be afraid/frightened/scared/alarmed.

Example Bank:

- Don't worry. There's nothing to be afraid of.
- He stopped abruptly, suddenly afraid to say the words out loud.
- He was half afraid to look at her.
- Roger was very afraid for her.
- She was tense, almost afraid to open the letter.
- What has made you so deeply afraid of your boss?
- You do know, don't you? You are just afraid to tell me.
- Are you afraid of the dark?
- Aren't you afraid (that) you'll fall?
- Don't be afraid. I won't hurt you.
- I'm not afraid for me, but for the baby.
- I'm not afraid of you!
- There's nothing to be afraid of.

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afraid **S1 W2** /ə'freɪd/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m adjective [not before noun]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Past participle of affray 'to frighten' (14-19 centuries), from Old French affreer; ⇒ ↑affray]

1. frightened because you think that you may get hurt or that something bad may happen **SYN** scared:

▪ There's no need to be afraid.

afraid of (doing) something

▪ kids who are afraid of the dark

▪ He was afraid of being caught by the police.

afraid to do something

▪ Zoe was half afraid (=a little afraid) to go back in the house.

REGISTER

In everyday English, people often say **scared** rather than **afraid**:

▪ I'm scared of heights.

2. worried about what might happen, or that something bad will happen

afraid (that)

▪ He was afraid that the other kids would laugh at him.

afraid of (doing) something

▪ I didn't tell her because I was afraid of upsetting her.

▪ The government was afraid of a public outcry.

afraid to do something

▪ Don't be afraid to ask for help.

3. **afraid for somebody/something** worried that something bad may happen to a particular person or thing:

▪ Her father looked ill and she was suddenly afraid for him.

▪ Many of us were afraid for our jobs.

4. **I'm afraid spoken** used to politely tell someone something that may annoy, upset, or disappoint them:

▪ That's the most we can offer you, I'm afraid.

I'm afraid (that)

▪ I'm afraid you've come to the wrong address.

▪ 'Is she very ill?' 'I'm afraid so (=yes).'

▪ 'Did you see him?' 'I'm afraid not (=no).'

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GRAMMAR

Afraid to do something means 'unwilling to do something, because you are frightened or worried':

▪ They are afraid to express their political views.

Afraid of doing something can also mean this:

▪ When I was a child, I was afraid of going to sleep.

However, it more often means 'frightened or worried that something might happen as a result of your action':

▪ They were afraid of damaging their careers.

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THESAURUS

- **frightened** feeling worried because you might get hurt or because something bad might happen: I was too frightened to say anything. | Many animals are frightened of fireworks. | Frightened residents called the police as the gang started throwing bricks.
- **scared** [not before noun] *especially spoken* frightened. **Scared** is less formal than **frightened** and is the usual word to use in everyday English: I'm scared of dogs. | Old people are too scared to go out of their homes.
- **afraid** [not before noun] frightened. **Afraid** sounds more formal than **frightened** or **scared**: Children are often afraid of the dark. | I was afraid that I might say the wrong thing.
- **alarmed** frightened and worried that something bad might happen: She was alarmed at the thought of performing in front of an audience. | Alarmed passengers spotted fuel leaking from the plane.
- **fearful** *formal* frightened that something bad might happen: They are fearful of another terrorist attack. | He was fearful that he might make another mistake. | a fearful panic

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