

frightened['fraɪnd] *a*

испуганный, напуганный

frightened child [horse] - испуганный ребёнок [-ая лошадь]

frightened at the thought of his coming examination - перепуганный одной мыслью /дрожащий от одной мысли/ о предстоящем экзамене

frightened

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

fright-ened *BrE* ['fraɪnd] ^m *NAmE* ['fraɪnd] ^m **adjective**

afraid; feeling fear

- a frightened child
- Don't be frightened
- He sounded frightened.
- ~ **of sth** What are you frightened of?
- ~ **of doing sth** I'm frightened of walking home alone in the dark.
- ~ **to do sth** I'm too frightened to ask him now.
- ~ **that...** She was frightened that the plane would crash.
- ~ **for sb** I'm frightened for him (= that he will be hurt, etc.) .
- (*informal*) I'd never do that. I'd be **frightened to death** .

see frightened/nervous/scared of your own shadow **at** ↑shadow _{n.}, be frightened/scared/terrified out of your wits **at** ↑witThesaurus:**frightened** [**frightened**] **adj.**

- I'm frightened— please stay with me.

afraid • **scared** • **terrified** • **petrified** • **paranoid** • **alarmed** • **worried** • **nervous** • **anxious** • **startled** • **intimidated** • *formal* **fearful** •

frightened/scared/paranoid/worried/nervous/anxious/fearful **about** sthfrightened/afraid/scared/terrified/petrified/fearful **of** sb/sthfrightened/afraid/scared/terrified/petrified/worried/nervous/anxious/fearful **that...**

Frightened, afraid 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:

- I got frightened when he lost his temper.
- I was nervous and frightened about the future.
- I'm rather frightened of dogs.
- Most of us are frightened by our emotions.
- My friend is too frightened of my father to come to our house.
- She was frightened to death when she saw her small daughter on the edge of the cliff.
- Simon was badly frightened at the result of his action.
- I'm frightened for him.
- She was frightened that the glass would break.

frightened

frightened S3 /'fraɪnd/ BrE " AmE " adjective

[Word Family: adjective: ↑frightened, ↑frightening, ↑frightful; noun: ↑fright, ↑frighteners; adverb: ↑frighteningly, ↑frightfully; verb: ↑frighten]

feeling afraid **SYN** **scared**:

" Don't be frightened. We're not going to hurt you.

frightened of

" I was frightened of being left by myself in the house.

" Her father had an awful temper and she was always frightened of him.

frightened to do something

" The boy was frightened to speak.

frightened that

" She's frightened that her ex-husband will find her.

" To tell the truth, I was frightened to death (=very frightened).

" a frightened horse

► Do not confuse **frightened**, which describes a feeling, and **frightening**, which describes something that makes you feel frightened: *a frightened child* | *a frightening experience*

• • •

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

■ **very frightened**

- **terrified** very frightened: He looked terrified as the plane took off. | James was absolutely terrified of losing his only child. | He dragged the terrified woman into his car.
- **petrified** very frightened – used especially when you are so frightened that you cannot think or move: She's absolutely petrified of spiders.
- **scared stiff/scared to death** *informal* very frightened: I had to make a speech, and I was scared stiff. | She was scared to death of her father.
- **in terror** *written* if you do something in terror, you do it because you are very frightened: People fled in terror as the building went up in flames.

frightened

Freakuency Pack

12500 **6161**^{MCW}

15000 **2226**^{COCA}

RANGE: **2k** **FRIGHT** 14448

fright 1002

frights 29

frightful 329

frightens 385

frightening 4442

frightened 6796

frighten 1041

frighteningly 304

frightener 0

frighteners 5

frightfully 115

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

3178 **8144**⁴¹¹⁰ *jj*

1888 **12555**²²³⁵ *vvn*

407 **33825**⁴⁵¹ *vvd*