

cower
 ['kʌvə] *v*

сжиматься, съёживаться (от холода, страха)

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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cower [cower cowers cowered cowering] *BrE* ['kʌvə(r)] ^u *NAmE* ['kʌvər] ^u

verb intransitive

to bend low and/or move backwards because you are frightened

- A gun went off and people cowered behind walls and under tables.
- The dog whimpered and cowered at his feet.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	cower
	<i>BrE</i> / 'kʌvə(r) /
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'kʌvər /
he / she / it	cowers
	<i>BrE</i> / 'kʌvəz /
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'kʌvərz /
past simple, past participle	cowered
	<i>BrE</i> / 'kʌvəd /
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'kʌvəd /
-ing form	cowering
	<i>BrE</i> / 'kʌvərɪŋ /
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'kʌvərɪŋ /

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Middle Low German *kūren* 'lie in wait', of unknown ultimate origin.

Example Bank:

- Piper was cowering against the far wall.
- The children cowered in terror behind the closed door.
- cowering under the table

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[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Middle Low German; Origin: *kuren* 'to lie hidden']

to bend low and move back because you are frightened

cower back/against/under etc

^u He cowered against the wall.

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