

worry

1. ['wʌrɪ] *n*

1. **беспокойство, волнение, тревога; озабоченность, забота**

be was showing signs of worry - у него был встревоженный /озабоченный/ вид

2. 1) **обыкн. pl** неприятности заботы

little domestic worries - домашние передраги

money worries - денежные заботы

that's the least of my worries - это меня меньше всего тревожит

what's your worry? - **разг.** что с вами?, чем вы расстроены?

2) **разг.** мучение

he has always been a worry to me - я всегда с ним мучился

what a worry that child is! - что за наказание этот ребёнок!, это не ребёнок, а просто мучение!

3. **растерзание (особ. собаками на охоте)**

2. ['wʌrɪ] *v*

1. 1) **надоедать, досаждать; беспокоить чем-л. (тж. at, out)**

to worry smb. with foolish questions - приставать к кому-л. с глупыми вопросами

to worry smb. with demands - осаждать кого-л. требованиями

to worry the enemy - **воен.** беспокоить противника

she was worrying at her husband to buy a car - она приставала к мужу, чтобы он купил автомобиль

don't worry him! - оставь его в покое!

worry him out till he gives his consent - не давайте ему покоя, пока он не согласится

2) **уделять кому-л., чему-л. назойливое внимание; не оставлять в покое**

2. 1) **беспокоить, волновать; мучить, терзать**

his prolonged absence worries me - меня беспокоит его долгое отсутствие

his old wound worries him - его беспокоит /мучит/ старая рана

2) **беспокоиться, волноваться; мучиться, терзаться**

to worry about nothing - волноваться зря /из-за пустяков/

don't (your) worry! - **разг.** будьте спокойны!

don't (you) worry over/about/ me! - обо мне не беспокойтесь!

3. **(часто at) терзать, рвать (зубами) (обыкн. о волке, собаке)**

4. **трогать, ворошить, толкать**

5. **дуал.** душить

◇ I should worry! - а мне-то что за дело!

to worry to death - вызывать у кого-л. сильное беспокойство

after she vanished I was worried to death - когда она исчезла, я с ума сходил от беспокойства

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worry [worry worries worried worrying] **verb, noun** BrE ['wʌrɪ] ^u NAmE ['wɜːrɪ]

verb (wor-ries, worry-ing, wor-ried, wor-ried)

1. **intransitive** to keep thinking about unpleasant things that might happen or about problems that you have

- **Don't worry** . We have plenty of time.
- ~ **about sb/sth** Don't worry about me. I'll be all right.
- He's always worrying about his weight.
- ~ **over sb/sth** There's no point in worrying over things you can't change.
- ~ **(that)...** I worry that I won't get into college.

2. **transitive** to make sb/yourself anxious about sb/sth

- ~ **sb/yourself (about sb/sth)** What worries me is how I am going to get another job.
- ~ **sb/yourself + adj. (about sb/sth)** He's **worried himself sick** (= become extremely anxious) about his daughter.
- **it worries sb that...** It worries me that he hasn't come home yet.
- **it worries sb to do sth** It worried me to think what might happen.

3. **transitive** to annoy or disturb sb

- ~ **sb** The noise never seems to worry her.
- ~ **sb with sth** Don't keep worrying him with a lot of silly questions.

4. **transitive ~ sth (of a dog)** to attack animals, especially sheep, by chasing and/or biting them

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	worry
	BrE / 'wʌrɪ/
	NAmE / 'wɜːrɪ/
he / she /it	worries
	BrE / 'wʌrɪz/
	NAmE / 'wɜːrɪz/
past simple, past participle	worried
	BrE / 'wʌrɪd/
	NAmE / 'wɜːrɪd/
-ing form	worrying
	BrE / 'wʌrɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'wɜːrɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Don't bother Harry— he has enough to worry about as it is.
- Don't let it worry you unduly.
- Don't worry about me, I'll be fine.
- Don't worry the driver with unnecessary requests.
- Don't worry too much about it.
- I can't help worrying about the future.
- She worries a lot about crime.
- Stop worrying, Dad, we'll be fine.
- We can't help worrying for your safety.
- What really worries me is what we do if there's nobody there.
- You do worry unnecessarily, you know.
- He's worried himself sick about his daughter.
- I worry that I won't get into college.
- What worries me is how I'm going to get another job.
- You worry too much.

Idioms: ↑no worries! ▪ ↑not to worry

Derived ↑worry at something

noun (pl. **worries**)

1. uncountable the state of worrying about sth

Syn: ↑anxiety

- The threat of losing their jobs is a constant source of worry to them.
- A heart attack can be brought on by stress and worry.
- to be frantic **with worry**

2. countable something that worries you

- family/financial worries
- ~ **(about/over sth)** worries about the future
- ~ **(for/to sb)** Mugging is a real worry for many old people.
- My only worry is that...
- The news of his release from prison added further to her worries.
- Students should discuss any problems or worries they have with their course tutors.

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- For years, the government has dismissed our worries as unfounded
- He was sick with worry about everything.
- Her mother's poor health caused her considerable worry.
- His mother's health is an enormous worry to him.
- I didn't know where he was and I was frantic with worry.
- I had a nagging worry that we weren't going to get there.
- It was a relief to share my secret worries with him.
- Money is a constant source of worry.
- Most of Nigel's worries proved groundless.
- My greatest worry is that he'll do something stupid.
- My immediate worry is money.
- No worries— there's plenty of time.
- Paying the mortgage is a big worry for many people.
- She gave her parents unnecessary worry when she forgot to call them.
- She wanted to enjoy her retirement without being beset by financial worries.
- Take the worry out of flying with our travel insurance offer.
- That year he had major health worries.
- The dollar has fallen to a new low amid worries that the American economy is heading for trouble.
- The earth tremors prompted worries of a second major earthquake.
- The fact that she heard nothing from him only increased her worry.
- The money side of things has been a constant worry.
- The staff all work very hard— we've got no worries on that account.
- There is no immediate cause for worry.
- These worries plagued him constantly.
- They will not have worries over money.
- Try and forget your worries for a little while.

- When he lost his job, the size of his flat was the least of his worries.
- He claims the illness was caused by stress and worry.
- financial/family worries

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I. **worry**¹ **S1 W2** /'wʌrɪ \$ 'wɜːrɪ/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ *verb* (past tense and past participle

worried, present participle **worrying**, third person singular **worries**)

[Word Family: adjective: ↑worried ≠UNWORRIED, ↑worrying, ↑worrisome; noun: ↑worry, ↑worrier; adverb: ↑worryingly, ↑worriedly; verb: ↑worry]

[Language: Old English; Origin: wyrgan 'to strangle']

1. **BE ANXIOUS** [*intransitive*] to be anxious or unhappy about someone or something, so that you think about them a lot
worry about

- " I worry about my daughter.
- " You've really got no need to worry about your weight.

worry (that)

- " She worried that she wasn't doing enough to help.

worry over

- " Dad worries over the slightest thing.
- " Don't tell Mum about this – she's got enough to worry about (=she already has a lot of problems or is very busy).

2. **don't worry** *spoken*

a) used when you are trying to make someone feel less anxious:

- " Don't worry, darling, Daddy's here.

don't worry if

- " Don't worry if you can't finish all the questions.

b) used to tell someone that they do not need to do something

don't worry about

- " Don't worry about sorting them out – I'll do it later.

c) used to tell someone that you will definitely do something:

- " Don't you worry, I'll make sure he does his fair share.

3. **MAKE SOMEBODY ANXIOUS** [*transitive*] to make someone feel anxious about something:

- " The recent changes in the Earth's climate are beginning to worry scientists.
- " I didn't tell Mum and Dad – I didn't want to worry them.

what worries me is .../the (only) thing that worries me is ...

- " The only thing that worries me is the food. I don't want to get food poisoning.
- " Doesn't it worry you that Sarah spends so much time away from home?

worry yourself (=feel anxious, especially when there is no need to)

- " You're worrying yourself unnecessarily.

4. **not to worry** *British English spoken* used to say that something is not important:

- " Not to worry, we can always go another time.

5. **nothing to worry about** *spoken* used to tell someone that something is not as serious or difficult as they think:

- " It's just a check-up – nothing to worry about.

6. **ANNOY** [*transitive*] to annoy someone **SYN** bother:

- " The heat didn't seem to worry him.

7. **ANIMAL** [*transitive*] if a dog worries sheep, it tries to bite or kill them

worry at something *phrasal verb*

1. if an animal worries at a bone or piece of meat, it bites and shakes it
2. if you worry at a problem, you think about it a lot in order to find a solution

II. **worry**² **S2** **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ *noun* (plural **worries**)

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1. [*countable*] a problem that you are anxious about or are not sure how to deal with

sb's main/biggest/real etc worry

- " My main worry is finding somewhere to live.
- " I had a lot of financial worries.

be a worry to/for somebody

- " Money was always a big worry for us.

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In written English, people often prefer to use **concern** rather than **worry**, because it sounds more formal:

- One of voters' key concerns is crime.

2. [*uncountable and countable*] the feeling of being anxious about something

be frantic/sick/desperate etc with worry (=feel extremely anxious)

- " His mother was desperate with worry.
- " He's been a constant source of worry.

worry about

- " We had no worries about safety.

3. **no worries** *British English spoken* used to agree to what someone wants and to say that it will be no problem:

- " 'Can you deliver on Thursday?' 'Yeah, no worries, mate.'

COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **sb's main/biggest worry** My biggest worry is that I might make a fool of myself.
- **a major/big/great worry** Traffic congestion is not yet a major worry in the area.
- **a real worry** It's a real worry that he is so far away.
- **somebody's only worry** My only worry was that she wouldn't like it.
- **a constant worry** For shopkeepers here, break-ins are a constant worry.
- **a nagging worry** (=one that you keep worrying about) She had a little nagging worry in the back of her mind about how Mickey would react.
- **financial/money worries** Bach's last years were clouded by financial worries.
- **a worry is unfounded** (=there is no reason to worry) Fortunately their worries were unfounded and the astronauts returned safely to Earth.

■ phrases

- **a source/cause of worry** Her children were a constant source of worry.
- **be sick/frantic with worry** The girl's mother was sick with worry over her missing daughter.

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THESAURUS

■ something that makes you worried

- **worry** a problem that you are anxious about or are not sure how to deal with: You should discuss your worries with your parents. | Worries about the company's performance sent its share prices falling.
- **concern** a situation that makes you feel worried, especially a problem that affects a lot of people, but that may not affect you personally: One concern is the effects of these chemicals on the environment. | Our main concern is that the boys are well looked after while their parents are away.
- **troubles** problems in your life that you are worried about: I don't want to bore you with my troubles. | She has enough troubles of her own at the moment. | I hope all our troubles will be over soon.
- **cares** *written* problems or responsibilities in your life that make you worry: She was not ready for the cares and responsibilities of running a family. | A holiday would give them chance to forget about all their cares.
- **hang-up** *informal* a feeling of worry or embarrassment about something personal, such as your appearance or relationships with other people: She has a hang-up about her nose. | We all have our hang-ups.

■ the feeling of being worried

- **worry** the feeling of not being happy or relaxed and thinking a lot about a problem or something that is wrong: She was sick with worry over her daughter. | the look of worry on his face
- **anxiety** the feeling of being worried because you think that something bad has happened or will happen, and you feel that you have no control over the situation: The thought of having to give a speech filled me with anxiety. | The increase in heating costs is causing a lot of anxiety among elderly people.
- **concern** a worried feeling – use this especially when many people are worried about a problem that affects everyone: The shortage of water is beginning to cause widespread concern.
- **stress** the feeling of being worried all the time, for example about work or personal problems, which can make you ill or very tired: Her financial problems were causing her a lot of stress.
- **anguish** a feeling of extreme mental suffering caused by worry: How could her parents survive the anguish of not knowing what had happened to her? | When she spoke, her voice was full of anguish.
- **angst** a strong feeling of worry and anxiety because you are worried about your life, your future, or what you should do in a particular situation: The letter was full of teenage angst - would she ever be able to find another boyfriend? | There was much angst about the decision.

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