

**anxious**['æŋkɪəʃ] **a**

1. 1) беспокоящийся, тревожащийся, волнующийся; опасующийся  
to be /to feel/ anxious about smb.'s health [future, welfare] - беспокоиться /тревожиться/ о чьём-л. здоровье [будущем, благополучии]
- 2) тревожный, беспокойный  
anxious moment - тревожный период /момент/  
anxious time - трудное /тревожное/ время  
anxious business - хлопотное дело
2. стремящийся (к чему-л.), страстно желающий (чего-л.)  
to be anxious for success /to succeed/ - стремиться к успеху  
the boy is anxious for a bicycle - мальчик мечтает о велосипеде  
I am anxious for your impressions - мне не терпится узнать, какое у вас осталось впечатление  
to be eagerly /deeply, keenly, terribly/ anxious to get smth. - гореть желанием добиться чего-л. /получить что-л./  
be is anxious to do his best - он старается сделать всё, что может  
I am anxious for the morning to come - я жду не дождусь утра  
◇ anxious seat /bench/ - **амер.** место кающегося грешника (в некоторых церквях)  
on the anxious seat - ≅ в беспокойстве; как на угольях

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**anx·ious** BrE ['æŋkɪəʃ] **a** NAmE ['æŋkɪəʃ] **a** adjective

1. feeling worried or nervous
  - ~ **(about sth)** He seemed anxious about the meeting.
  - ~ **(for sb)** Parents are naturally anxious for their children.
2. causing anxiety; showing anxiety
  - There were a few anxious moments in the baseball game.
  - an **anxious look/face/expression**
3. wanting sth very much
  - ~ **to do sth** She was anxious to finish school and get a job.
  - He was **anxious not to** be misunderstood.
  - ~ **for sth** There are plenty of graduates anxious for work.
  - ~ **for sb to do sth** I'm anxious for her to do as little as possible.
  - ~ **that...** She was anxious that he should meet her father.

Derived Word ↑ **anxiously**Word Origin:early 17th cent.: from Latin **anxius** (from **angere** 'to choke') + ↑-ous.Thesaurus:**anxious** [**anxious anxiously**] **adj.**

1.
  - He grew increasingly anxious as time went on.
  - worried** • **nervous** • **concerned** • **uneasy** • **disturbed** • **agitated** • **unsettled** • **bothered** • |**formal apprehensive** • **fearful** • |**written troubled** •  
anxious/worried/nervous/concerned/uneasy/disturbed/bothered/apprehensive/fearful/troubled **about sth**  
anxious/worried/nervous/concerned/disturbed/bothered/apprehensive/fearful **that...**  
a/an anxious/worried/nervous/concerned/uneasy/apprehensive/troubled **look/smile**
  - Anxious, worried or nervous? Worried** is the most frequent word; **anxious** is more formal and can describe a stronger feeling. **Nervous** can describe sb's personality; **worried** describes feelings, not personality. **Anxious** describes feelings or personality.
2.
  - There were a few anxious moments during the game.
  - tense** • **stressful** • **strained** • **nerve-racking/nerve-wracking** • **worrying** • **unsettling** • **upsetting** • **painful** • |**especially BrE fraught** •  
a/an anxious/tense/stressful/worrying/unsettling/upsetting/painful/fraught **time**  
a/an anxious/tense **wait**
3.
  - She was anxious to put the past behind her.
  - impatient** • **eager** • |**especially BrE keen** •  
anxious/impatient/eager/keen **for sth**  
anxious/impatient/eager/keen **to do sth**  
anxious/eager/keen **that...**

Synonyms:**worried**

concerned • nervous • anxious • uneasy

These words all describe feeling unhappy and afraid because you are thinking about unpleasant things that might happen or might have happened.

**worried** • thinking about unpleasant things that might happen or might have happened and therefore feeling unhappy and afraid

**concerned** • worried and feeling concern about sth

**worried or concerned?**

**Concerned** is usually used when you are talking about a problem that affects another person, society, the world, etc, while **worried** can be used for this or for more personal matters.

**nervous** • feeling worried about sth or slightly afraid of sth

**anxious** • feeling worried or nervous about sth

**worried, nervous or anxious?**

**Worried** is the most frequent word to describe how you feel when you are thinking about a problem or something bad that might happen. **Anxious** can describe a stronger feeling and is more formal. **Nervous** is more often used to describe how you feel before you do something very important such as an exam or an interview, or something unpleasant or difficult. **Nervous** can describe sb's personality: ▪ a very nervous girl is often or usually nervous ▪ a worried girl is worried on a particular occasion or about a particular thing. **Worried** describes her feelings, not her personality. **Anxious** may describe feelings or personality.

**uneasy** • feeling worried or unhappy about a particular situation, especially because you think sth bad may happen or because you are not sure that what you are doing is right

worried/concerned/nervous/anxious/uneasy **about (doing) sth**

worried/concerned/anxious **for sb/sth**

worried/concerned/nervous/anxious **that...**

a(n) worried/concerned/nervous/anxious/uneasy **expression/look/smile**

to **get** worried/nervous/anxious

Example Bank:

- I'm becoming very anxious about my son.
- She was watching the clock and becoming increasingly anxious.
- Students are understandably anxious about getting work after graduation.
- The bus was late and Sue began to get anxious.
- The delays only made him more anxious.
- There's no need to get unduly anxious on my account.
- We are extremely anxious for her safety.
- He grew increasingly anxious as time went on.
- He seemed anxious to return to more familiar ground.
- He was anxious to finish school and get a job.
- I'm anxious for her to do as little as possible.
- She was anxious to put the past behind her/set the record straight/get the whole thing over with.
- There was an anxious expression on her face.
- There were a few anxious moments during the game.

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**anx** **i**ous **S3** **W3** /'æŋkɪəs/ *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: anxius]

**1. worried about something**

**anxious about**

" He was a bit anxious about the safety of the machinery.

**anxious for**

" We were anxious for you.

" She gave me an anxious look.

**anxious (that)**

" She was anxious that it might be cancer.

**2. an anxious time or situation is one in which you feel nervous or worried **SYN** worrying :**

" We had an anxious couple of weeks waiting for the test results.

" There was an anxious moment when the plane suddenly dropped.

**3. feeling strongly that you want to do something or want something to happen **SYN** keen**

**anxious to do something**

" The company is anxious to improve its image.

" He seemed most anxious to speak to me alone.

" The president is anxious not to have another crisis.

**anxious for somebody to do something**

" Why was she so anxious for me to stay?

**anxious for**

" We were all anxious for news.

**anxious (that)**

" Both sides were anxious that the agreement should be signed as quickly as possible.

**—anxiously** *adverb*:

" She waited anxiously by the phone.

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**THESAURUS**

▪ **worried** not feeling happy or relaxed because you keep thinking about a problem or something bad that might happen: I was worried that you had forgotten our date. | It's awful if you are worried about money. | I was so worried that I couldn't sleep at all.

▪ **anxious** worried because you think something bad might happen or has happened. **Anxious** is more formal than **worried**, and is often used about a general feeling of worry, when you are not sure what has happened: A lot of employees are anxious about their jobs. | Anxious relatives waited for news.

- **nervous** worried or frightened about something you are going to do or experience, and unable to relax: Everyone feels nervous before an exam. | The thought of going into hospital was making me nervous.
- **uneasy** a little worried because you feel there may be something wrong and you are not sure what is going to happen: When she still wasn't home by midnight, I began to feel uneasy. | The total silence was making me feel uneasy.
- **concerned** *formal* worried, usually about a problem affecting someone else or affecting the country or the world: Many people are concerned about the current economic situation. | Police say that they are concerned for the safety of the missing girl.
- **bothered** [*not before noun*] worried by something that happens – often used in negative sentences: She didn't seem particularly bothered by the news.
- **troubled** very worried, so that you think about something a lot: She fell into a troubled sleep. | a troubled expression | 'Are you okay, Ben? You look troubled.'
- **apprehensive** *especially written* a little worried about something you are going to do, or about the future, because you are not sure what it will be like: I felt a bit apprehensive about seeing him again after so long.
- **stressed (out)** *informal* very worried and tired because of problems, too much work etc, and unable to relax or enjoy life: He'd been working ten hours a day for ages and was stressed out. | an extremely stressed single mother

## anxious

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