

terrify

['terɪfaɪ] *v*

- ужасать; внушать *или* вселять ужас, страх
she was too terrified to cry - она была до того напугана, что даже не плакала
- (into, out of, to) запугивать
to terrify smb. to death - запугать кого-л. до смерти
they were terrified out of their wits - они перестали что-л. соображать /обезумели/ от страха

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terrify [terrify terrifies terrified terrifying] *BrE* ['terɪfaɪ] [Ⓜ] *NAmE* ['terɪfaɪ] [Ⓜ]

verb (ter-ri-fies, ter-ri-fy-ing, ter-ri-fied, ter-ri-fied) ~ **sb**

to make sb feel extremely frightened

- Flying terrifies her.

Derived Words ↑terrifying = ↑terrifyingly

Verb forms: verb forms

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we /they | terrify |
| | <i>BrE</i> / 'terɪfaɪ/ |
| | <i>NAmE</i> / 'terɪfaɪ/ |
| he / she /it | terrifies |
| | <i>BrE</i> / 'terɪfaɪz/ |
| | <i>NAmE</i> / 'terɪfaɪz/ |
| past simple, past participle | terrified |
| | <i>BrE</i> / 'terɪfaɪd/ |
| | <i>NAmE</i> / 'terɪfaɪd/ |
| -ing form | terrifying |

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from Latin **terrificare**, from **terrificus** 'frightening', from **terrere** 'frighten'.

Synonyms:

frighten

scare • alarm • terrify

These words all mean to make sb afraid.

frighten • to make sb feel afraid, often suddenly: ▫ He brought out a gun and frightened them off.

scare • to make sb feel afraid: ▫ They managed to scare the bears away.

alarm • to make sb anxious or afraid: ▫ It alarms me that nobody takes this problem seriously.

Alarm is used when sb has a feeling that sth unpleasant or dangerous might happen in the future; the feeling is often more one of worry than actual fear.

terrify • to make sb feel extremely afraid: ▫ Flying terrified her.

frighten or scare?

Scare is slightly more informal than **frighten**.

to frighten/scare sb/sth **away/off**

to frighten/scare/terrify sb **into** doing sth

It frightens/scares/alarms/terrifies me **that...**

It frightens/scares/alarms/terrifies me **to** think, see, etc.

Example Bank:

- He terrified employees at the bank into handing over cash.
- Stop it! You're terrifying the children!

Example Bank:

- The sudden silence was terrifying.

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terrify /'terəfaɪ, 'terɪfaɪ/ *BrE* [Ⓜ] *AmE* [Ⓜ] **verb** (past tense and past participle **terrified**,

present participle **terrifying**, third person singular **terrifies**) [transitive]

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to make someone extremely afraid:

- Her husband's violence terrified her.

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THESAURUS

▫ **frighten** to make someone feel afraid: The thought of being in court frightened him.

▫ **scare** *especially spoken* to frighten someone. **Scare** is less formal than **frighten**, and is the usual word to use in everyday English: He was driving fast just to scare us. | It scared him to think that his mother might never recover.

▫ **terrify** to make someone feel extremely frightened: The idea of going down into the caves terrified her. | Robbers terrified bank staff by threatening them at gunpoint.

▫ **give somebody a fright** to make someone suddenly feel frightened in a way that makes their heart beat more quickly: It gave me a terrible fright when I found him unconscious on the floor.

- **give somebody the creeps** if a person or place gives you the creeps, they make you feel slightly frightened because they are strange: This house gives me the creeps.
- **startle** to frighten someone. Used when you suddenly see someone and did not know they were there, or when you suddenly hear something: I'm sorry. I didn't mean to startle you. | The noise startled him, and he dropped his glass on the floor.
- **alarm** to make someone feel frightened and worried that something bad might happen: I didn't want to alarm her by calling in the middle of the night.
- **intimidate** to deliberately frighten someone, especially so that they will do what you want: Many of the gangs were using dogs to intimidate people.

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