

**scared**[skeəd] *a*

напуганный, испуганный

a scared child - перепуганный ребёнок

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**scared****scared** *BrE* [skeəd] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [skerd] <sup>ˈ</sup> **adjective**

frightened of sth or afraid that sth bad might happen

- ~ **(of doing sth)** She is scared of going out alone.
- ~ **(of sb/sth)** He's scared of heights.
- ~ **(to do sth)** People are scared to use the buses late at night.
- ~ **(that...)** I'm scared (that) I'm going to fall.
- The thieves got scared and ran away.
- a scared look
- I was **scared to death** (= very frightened) .
- We were **scared stiff** (= very frightened) .

**see** frightened/nervous/scared of your own shadow **at** ↑shadow *n.*, be frightened/scared/terrified out of your wits **at** ↑wit, bescared/bored witless **at** ↑witlessThesaurus:**scared** [**scared**] **adj.**

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**afraid** • • **frightened** • • **startled** • • **alarmed** • • **terrified** • • **petrified** • • **intimidated** • |**formal** **fearful** •scared/afraid/frightened/terrified/petrified/fearful **of** sb/sthscared/afraid/frightened/terrified/petrified/fearful **that...**scared/afraid/frightened/fearful **about** sth**Scared, afraid or frightened?** **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:

- He wasn't sick, Sophie decided. He was just plain scared.
- I'm feeling a little scared at the thought of the operation.
- I'm really scared of heights.
- It's only a little injection. It's nothing to be scared about.
- They had their opponent running scared.
- a very scared face/expression

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**scared** **S3** /skeəd \$ skerd/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> **adjective**[**Word Family**: **adjective**: ↑scared, ↑scary; **verb**: ↑scare; **noun**: ↑scare]frightened of something, or nervous about something **SYN** **afraid**:

At first, he was really scared.

**scared of (doing) something**

" I've always been scared of dogs.  
" Don't be scared of asking for help.

### scared (that)

" I wanted to ask her out, but was scared that she might refuse.

### scared to do something

" The boys were scared to cross the street.

### scared stiff/scared to death/scared out of your wits (=extremely frightened)

" I was scared stiff at the thought of making a speech.

## REGISTER

**Scared** is slightly informal. In written English, people usually prefer to use **afraid** or **frightened**:

- Many generations have been afraid of nuclear power.
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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ adverbs

- **very/really scared** By this time I was feeling really scared.
- **quite scared** Some of the children were quite scared.
- **a bit/little scared** I was always a little scared of my father.

### ■ verbs

- **feel scared** She was beginning to feel a bit scared.
- **look scared** What's the matter? You look scared.
- **get scared** (=start to feel scared) It was now completely dark and I was getting scared.

### ■ phrases

- **scared to death** (=extremely scared) He looked scared to death.
- **scared stiff** *informal* (=extremely scared) I was scared stiff of going down those cellar steps.
- **scared witless/out of your wits** *informal* (=extremely scared) She admitted she was scared witless.
- **be running scared** (=feel scared, especially because someone might catch you or defeat you) The opposition were running scared.
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## 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

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