

# anx·ious

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adjective

**1** WORRIED 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** WORRIED 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** WORRIED 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** adv:

*She waited anxiously by the phone.*

### **Word origin**

**Date:** 1600–1700

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