

# eerily

part of speech  
adverb

## Definition

In a mysteriously or uncannily frightening way; weirdly; ghostly.

To inspire superstitious fear.

## Example

He swam deeper and deeper, his eyes wide, staring through the eerily grey-lit water around him to the shadows beyond.

Once, a low laugh echoed eerily from the shadows and the unusual sound caused those who heard it to turn curiously in the direction whence it came.

## Synonyms

weirdly  
otherworldly  
strangely  
uncannily  
chillingly  
creepily

## word pairs

eerily calm  
eerily similar  
eerily quiet

Old English *earg* = cowardly, fearful; affected with superstitious fear.

Old Norse *argr* = evil

## Words with the same root

erie  
eeriness

## Antonyms?

sweetly  
endearingly  
comfortingly  
wholesomely