

Need another word that means the same as “commencement”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “commencement” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Commencement” are: beginning, first, get-go, kickoff, offset, outset, showtime, start, starting time, commencement ceremony, commencement exercise, graduation, graduation exercise, starting point, opening, onset, launch, initiation, inception, birth, dawn, origin

Commencement as a Noun

Definitions of "Commencement" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “commencement” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *The act of starting something.*
- *The time at which something is supposed to begin.*
- *A ceremony in which degrees or diplomas are conferred on university or high-school students.*
- *The beginning of something.*
- *An academic exercise in which diplomas are conferred.*



Synonyms of "Commencement" as a noun (22 Words)

beginning

The background or origins of a person or organization.
*The ending of one relationship and the **beginning** of another.*

birth

The process of giving birth.
*They celebrated the **birth** of their first child.*

commencement ceremony

An academic exercise in which diplomas are conferred.

commencement exercise

The time at which something is supposed to begin.

dawn

The first appearance of light in the sky before sunrise.
*We got up before **dawn**.*

first

The first or highest in an ordering or series.
*He wanted to be the **first**.*

get-go

The time at which something is supposed to begin.

graduation	An academic exercise in which diplomas are conferred. <i>The ruler had 16 graduations per inch.</i>
graduation exercise	A line (as on a vessel or ruler) that marks a measurement.
<u>inception</u>	The establishment or starting point of an institution or activity. <i>She has been on the board since its inception two years ago.</i>
<u>initiation</u>	The act of starting something for the first time; introducing something new. <i>Rituals of initiation.</i>
kickoff	A start given to contestants. <i>I was there with my parents at the kickoff.</i>
launch	An act or instance of launching something. <i>The launch of a new campaign against drinking and driving.</i>
<u>offset</u>	The amount or distance by which something is out of line. <i>They produced banknotes by offset.</i>
<u>onset</u>	(military) an offensive against an enemy (using weapons). <i>The onset of winter.</i>
opening	The act of opening something. <i>The ray of light revealed his cautious opening of the door.</i>
<u>origin</u>	A fixed point from which coordinates are measured. <i>A voice that betrays his Welsh origins.</i>
outset	The time at which something is supposed to begin. <i>The project was flawed from the outset.</i>
showtime	Used to signal the beginning of an event or process that is expected to be dramatic, decisive, or otherwise significant. <i>It was five minutes to showtime and a huge roar went up from the audience.</i>
start	The act of starting something. <i>They got an early start.</i>
starting point	A turn to be a starter (in a game at the beginning).
starting time	A turn to be a starter (in a game at the beginning).



Usage Examples of "Commencement" as a noun

- *A commencement address.*
- *The date of commencement.*
- *The commencement of the trial.*



Associations of "Commencement" (30 Words)

- beginning** The event consisting of the start of something.
*The **beginning** canto of the poem.*
- budding** Beginning and showing promising signs of continuing.
*Her **budding** breasts.*
- commence** Get off the ground.
*His design team **commenced** work.*
- early** During an early stage.
*An **early** spring.*
- elementary** Of or pertaining to or characteristic of elementary school or elementary education.
*The six stages take students from **elementary** to advanced level.*

embryonic	(of a system, idea, or organization) in a rudimentary stage with potential for development. <i>The plan is still in its embryonic stages.</i>
emerging	Becoming apparent or prominent. <i>Established and emerging artists.</i>
germinal	Relating to or of the nature of a germ cell or embryo. <i>De Beauvoir's germinal book <i>The Second Sex</i>.</i>
inaugurate	Admit (someone) formally to office. <i>The museum was inaugurated on September 12.</i>
<u>inception</u>	An event that is a beginning; a first part or stage of subsequent events. <i>She has been on the board since its inception two years ago.</i>
inchoate	(of an offence, such as incitement or conspiracy) anticipating or preparatory to a further criminal act. <i>A still inchoate democracy.</i>
inchoative	An inchoative verb. <i>Inchoative stages.</i>
<u>incipient</u>	(of a person) developing into a specified type or role. <i>An incipient black eye.</i>
initial	Mark or sign a document with one's initials in order to authorize or validate it. <i>Took the initial step toward reconciliation.</i>
initially	At the beginning. <i>Initially he thought the new concept was nonsense.</i>
<u>initiative</u>	Readiness to embark on bold new ventures. <i>Use your initiative imagination and common sense.</i>
intro	An introduction.
launch	Launch for the first time launch on a maiden voyage. <i>They launched two Scud missiles.</i>
mount	A mounting consisting of a piece of metal as in a ring or other jewelry that holds a gem in place. <i>The costs mount up when you buy a home.</i>
<u>nascent</u>	Being born or beginning. <i>The nascent space industry.</i>
oncoming	Due to happen soon. <i>The oncoming of age.</i>
<u>onset</u>	(military) an offensive against an enemy (using weapons). <i>The onset of winter.</i>

<u>origin</u>	The more fixed end or attachment of a muscle. <i>Jupiter was the origin of the radiation.</i>
<u>original</u>	An original creation i.e. an audio recording from which copies can be made. <i>The translation misses much of the subtlety of the original French.</i>
outset	The time at which something is supposed to begin. <i>The project was flawed from the outset.</i>
<u>phase</u>	A structure containing two verbs in a phase. <i>He phased the intake with the output of the machine.</i>
<u>pioneer</u>	Open up a road or terrain as a pioneer. <i>This South African surgeon pioneered heart transplants.</i>
start	A line indicating the location of the start of a race or a game. <i>The starting signal was a green light.</i>
<u>stirring</u>	Arousing to a particular emotion or action. <i>Constant stirring prevents it from burning on the bottom of the pan.</i>
trailblazer	Someone who marks a trail by leaving blazes on trees. <i>He was a trailblazer for many ideas that are now standard fare.</i>

