

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.

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

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



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

