

Need another word that means the same as “compulsion”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “compulsion” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Compulsion” are: coercion, obsession, obligation, constraint, force, duress, pressure, enforcement, oppression, intimidation, urge, impulse, need, necessity, desire, longing, motivation, drive**

## Compulsion as a Noun

### Definitions of "Compulsion" as a noun

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

- *An urge to do or say something that might be better left undone or unsaid.*
- *The action or state of forcing or being forced to do something; constraint.*
- *An irrational motive for performing trivial or repetitive actions, even against your will.*
- *Using force to cause something to occur.*
- *An irresistible urge to behave in a certain way.*



## Synonyms of "Compulsion" as a noun (18 Words)

- coercion** The practice of persuading someone to do something by using force or threats.  
*Our problem cannot be solved by any form of **coercion** but only by agreement.*
- constraint** The act of constraining; the threat or use of force to control the thoughts or behavior of others.  
*Time **constraints** make it impossible to do everything.*
- desire** Something that is desired.  
*He resisted public **desires** for choice in education.*
- [drive](#) Hitting a golf ball off of a tee with a driver.  
*After reaching the desired velocity the **drive** is cut off.*
- [duress](#) Threats, violence, constraints, or other action used to coerce someone into doing something against their will or better judgement.  
*Confessed under **duress**.*

<b>enforcement</b>	The act of enforcing; ensuring observance of or obedience to. <i>The strict <b>enforcement</b> of environmental regulations.</i>
<b>force</b>	The army navy and air force of a country. <i>The shortstop got the runner at second on a <b>force</b>.</i>
<b><u>impulse</u></b>	A change of momentum produced by an impulse equivalent to the average value of the force multiplied by the time during which it acts. <i>Ability to communicate motion by <b>impulse</b>.</i>
<b>intimidation</b>	The act of intimidating a weaker person to make them do something. <i>The <b>intimidation</b> of witnesses and jurors.</i>
<b><u>longing</u></b>	A yearning desire. <i>Miranda felt a wistful <b>longing</b> for the old days.</i>
<b>motivation</b>	The psychological feature that arouses an organism to action toward a desired goal; the reason for the action; that which gives purpose and direction to behavior. <i>Keep staff up to date and maintain interest and <b>motivation</b>.</i>
<b>necessity</b>	A situation enforcing a certain course of action. <i>Political <b>necessity</b> induced him to consider it.</i>
<b>need</b>	The state of requiring help, or of lacking basic necessities such as food. <i>There s no <b>need</b> to cry.</i>
<b><u>obligation</u></b>	The condition of being morally or legally bound to do something. <i>I have an <b>obligation</b> to look after her.</i>
<b><u>obsession</u></b>	An unhealthy and compulsive preoccupation with something or someone. <i>She cared for him with a devotion bordering on <b>obsession</b>.</i>
<b><u>oppression</u></b>	Prolonged cruel or unjust treatment or exercise of authority. <i>Beatrice s mood had initially been alarm and a sense of <b>oppression</b>.</i>
<b>pressure</b>	The pressure exerted by the atmosphere. <i>The compressed gas exerts an increased <b>pressure</b>.</i>
<b>urge</b>	A strong restless desire. <i>Sexual <b>urges</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Compulsion" as a noun

- *He felt a compulsion to babble on about what had happened.*
- *Her compulsion to wash her hands repeatedly.*
- *He felt a compulsion to babble on about the accident.*
- *Though pressed into rugby under compulsion I began to enjoy the game.*
- *The payment was made under compulsion.*



## Associations of "Compulsion" (30 Words)

- abduction** (in legal use) the illegal removal of a child from its parents or guardians.  
*The man is also accused of the attempted **abduction** of another youngster.*
- blackmail** Money demanded by a person or group engaged in blackmail.  
*If you don't talk to her I'll move out. That's **blackmail** and you know it.*
- coerce** To cause to do through pressure or necessity, by physical, moral or intellectual means.  
*Their confessions were allegedly **coerced** by torture.*
- coercion** The act of compelling by force of authority.  
*Our problem cannot be solved by any form of **coercion** but only by agreement.*
- compel** Force or oblige (someone) to do something.  
*They may **compel** a witness's attendance at court by issue of a summons.*
- compelling** Driving or forcing.  
*The temptation to give up was **compelling**.*

<b><u>compulsory</u></b>	Required by law or a rule; obligatory. <i>The abuse of <b>compulsory</b> powers.</i>
<b>confinement</b>	Concluding state of pregnancy; from the onset of contractions to the birth of a child. <i>He was held in <b>confinement</b>.</i>
<b>constrain</b>	Restrict. <i>Calypso in her caves <b>constrained</b> his stay.</i>
<b>disarmament</b>	The reduction or withdrawal of military forces and weapons. <i>The <b>disarmament</b> of the aggressor nations must be complete.</i>
<b>dispossess</b>	Deprive of the possession of real estate. <i>He <b>dispossessed</b> Hendrie and set off on a solo run.</i>
<b>dotage</b>	Mental infirmity as a consequence of old age; sometimes shown by foolish infatuations. <i>You could live here and look after me in my <b>dotage</b>.</i>
<b><u>duress</u></b>	Constraint illegally exercised to force someone to perform an act. <i>Confessed under <b>duress</b>.</i>
<b><u>fetish</u></b>	An inanimate object worshipped for its supposed magical powers or because it is considered to be inhabited by a spirit. <i>A man with a <b>fetish</b> for surgical masks.</i>
<b><u>fixation</u></b>	The action of concentrating the eyes directly on something. <i><b>Fixation</b> at the oral phase might result in dependence on others.</i>
<b>force</b>	Take by force. <i>A British peacekeeping <b>force</b>.</i>
<b>forced</b>	Forced or compelled. <i>A <b>forced</b> smile.</i>
<b>forcible</b>	Done by force. <i>They could only be deterred by <b>forcible</b> appeals.</i>
<b>hale</b>	Exhibiting or restored to vigorous good health. <i><b>Hale</b> and hearty.</i>
<b>infatuation</b>	Temporary love of an adolescent. <i>He had developed an <b>infatuation</b> with the girl.</i>
<b>make</b>	Compel or make somebody or something to act in a certain way. <i><b>Make</b> laws.</i>
<b><u>morbid</u></b>	Suggesting the horror of death and decay. <i><b>Morbid</b> curiosity.</i>
<b>obligate</b>	Force somebody to do something. <i><b>Obligate</b> money.</i>

- oblige** Force somebody to do something.  
*We had to **oblige** him.*
- obsession** An irrational motive for performing trivial or repetitive actions, even against your will.  
*She cared for him with a devotion bordering on **obsession**.*
- possessive** The possessive case.  
*Young children are proud and **possessive** of their own property.*
- power** Of a government or government official holding an office means being in power.  
*Police do not have the **power** to stop and search.*
- stiffen** Make or become stronger or more steadfast.  
*He **stiffened** when he saw his boss enter the room.*
- tighten** Severely restrict in scope or extent.  
*His arms **tightened** around her.*

