

Need another word that means the same as “goad”? Find 50 synonyms and 30 related words for “goad” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Goad” are: prick, spur, needle, provoke, sting, prod, egg on, hound, badger, incite, rouse, stir, move, stimulate, motivate, excite, inflame, fire up, work up, impel, pressure, pressurize, dragoon, prompt, induce, encourage, urge, inspire, goading, prodding, spurring, urging, spiked stick, spike, staff, crook, pole, rod, stimulus, incentive, encouragement, stimulant, stimulation, inducement, fillip, impetus, impulse**

## **Goad as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Goad" as a noun**

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

- *A thing that stimulates someone into action.*
- *A pointed instrument that is used to prod into a state of motion.*
- *A spiked stick used for driving cattle.*
- *A verbalization that encourages you to attempt something.*



## Synonyms of "Goad" as a noun (22 Words)

<b>crook</b>	A piece of extra tubing which can be fitted to a brass instrument to lower the pitch by a set interval. <i>Her head was cradled in the <b>crook</b> of Luke s left arm.</i>
<b>encouragement</b>	The action of giving someone support, confidence, or hope. <i>Incentives and <b>encouragement</b> to play sports.</i>
<b>fillip</b>	A movement made by bending the last joint of the finger against the thumb and suddenly releasing it; a flick of the finger. <i>The halving of car tax would provide a <b>fillip</b> to sales.</i>
<b>goading</b>	A verbalization that encourages you to attempt something.
<b><u>impetus</u></b>	The act of applying force suddenly. <i>Hit the booster coil before the flywheel loses all its <b>impetus</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>Nerve <b>impulses</b>.</i>

<b>incentive</b>	An additional payment (or other remuneration) to employees as a means of increasing output. <i>Tax <b>incentives</b> for investing in depressed areas.</i>
<b>inducement</b>	A positive motivational influence. <i>There is no <b>inducement</b> to wait for payment.</i>
<b>pole</b>	A long slender flexible rod of wood or fibreglass used by a competitor in pole vaulting. <i>They tell you on the tin that their tuna is entirely caught with <b>pole</b> and line.</i>
<b>prodding</b>	A pointed instrument that is used to prod into a state of motion. <i>The ceaseless <b>prodding</b> got on his nerves.</i>
<b>prompt</b>	The time limit for the payment of an account stated on a prompt note. <i>The audience could hear his <b>prompting</b>.</i>
<b>rod</b>	A square rod of land. <i>The largest carp ever caught on <b>rod</b> and line in Britain.</i>
<b>spike</b>	Fruiting spike of a cereal plant especially corn. <i>The oil price <b>spike</b>.</i>
<b>spiked stick</b>	Sports equipment consisting of a sharp point on the sole of a shoe worn by athletes.
<b>spur</b>	A projection from a mountain or mountain range. <i>It s an easy walk up the <b>spur</b> that leads to the summit.</i>
<b>spurring</b>	A sharp prod fixed to a rider's heel and used to urge a horse onward.
<b>staff</b>	Building material consisting of plaster and hair; used to cover external surfaces of temporary structure (as at an exposition) or for decoration. <i>The hospital has an excellent nursing <b>staff</b>.</i>
<b>stimulant</b>	A drug that temporarily quickens some vital process. <i>Population growth is a major <b>stimulant</b> to industrial development.</i>
<b>stimulation</b>	The effect of a stimulus (on nerves or organs etc). <i>The <b>stimulation</b> of a revolution in intelligence affairs.</i>
<b>stimulus</b>	Any stimulating information or event; acts to arouse action. <i>If the tax were abolished it would act as a <b>stimulus</b> to exports.</i>
<b>urging</b>	The action of urging someone to do something. <i>I have had maternal <b>urgings</b>.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Goad" as a noun

- *For him the visit was a goad to renewed effort.*

## Goad as a Verb

### Definitions of "Goad" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "goad" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- Give heart or courage to.
- Provoke or annoy (someone) so as to stimulate an action or reaction.
- Stab or urge on as if with a pointed stick.
- Urge with or as if with a goad.
- Drive (an animal) with a spiked stick.
- Goad or provoke, as by constant criticism.
- Annoy or provoke, as by constant criticism.

### Synonyms of "Goad" as a verb (28 Words)

<b>badger</b>	Persuade through constant efforts. <i>Tom had finally <b>badgered</b> her into going.</i>
<b>dragoon</b>	Subjugate by imposing troops. <i>She had been <b>dragooned</b> into helping with the housework.</i>
<b>egg on</b>	Coat with beaten egg.
<b>encourage</b>	Inspire with confidence; give hope or courage to. <i>Pupils are <b>encouraged</b> to be creative.</i>
<b><u>excite</u></b>	Cause to be agitated excited or roused. <i>The energy of an electron is sufficient to <b>excite</b> the atom.</i>
<b>fire up</b>	Cause to go off.
<b>hound</b>	Pursue or chase relentlessly. <i>The detectives <b>hounded</b> the suspect until they found him.</i>
<b>impel</b>	Drive forward; propel. <i>Financial difficulties <b>impelled</b> him to desperate measures.</i>
<b><u>incite</u></b>	Provoke or stir up. <i><b>Incite</b> a riot.</i>
<b><u>induce</u></b>	Reason or establish by induction. <i>None of these measures <b>induced</b> a change of policy.</i>
<b>inflame</b>	Become inflamed get sore. <i>The repetitive motion <b>inflamed</b> her joint.</i>

<b>inspire</b>	Breathe in (air); inhale. <i>His passion for literature <b>inspired</b> him to begin writing.</i>
<b>motivate</b>	Request (something) and present facts and arguments in support of one's request. <i>It is the teacher's job to <b>motivate</b> the child at school.</i>
<b>move</b>	Move so as to change position perform a nontranslational motion. <i>She deftly <b>moved</b> the conversation to safer territory.</i>
<b>needle</b>	Prick with a needle. <i>I just said that to Charlie to <b>needle</b> him.</i>
<b>pressure</b>	To cause to do through pressure or necessity by physical moral or intellectual means. <i>She <b>pressured</b> her son to accept a job offer from the bank.</i>
<b>pressurize</b>	Maintain a certain pressure. <i>A <b>pressurized</b> can.</i>
<b>prompt</b>	(of a computer) request input from (a user). <i>The violence <b>prompted</b> a wave of refugees to flee the country.</i>
<b>provoke</b>	Evoke or provoke to appear or occur. <i>A teacher can <b>provoke</b> you into working harder.</i>
<b>rouse</b>	Cause to be agitated excited or roused. <i><b>Rouse</b> the beer as the hops are introduced.</i>
<b>spur</b>	Equip with spurs. <i>She <b>spurred</b> her horse towards the hedge.</i>
<b>stimulate</b>	Cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner. <i>This play <b>stimulates</b>.</i>
<b>sting</b>	Cause an emotional pain as if by stinging. <i>A nettle <b>stings</b> if you brush it lightly.</i>
<b>stir</b>	Stir the feelings emotions or peace of. <i>The story <b>stirred</b> many memories of my childhood.</i>
<b>urge</b>	Encourage (a person or animal) to move more quickly or in a particular direction. <i>Do try to relax she <b>urged</b>.</i>
<b>work up</b>	Cause to happen or to occur as a consequence.

### Usage Examples of "Goad" as a verb

- *The cowboys goaded their cattle across the meadows.*
- *He was trying to goad her into a fight.*

## Associations of "Goad" (30 Words)

<b>afflict</b>	Cause physical pain or suffering in. <i>She was <b>afflicted</b> by the death of her parents.</i>
<b>affront</b>	Treat, mention, or speak to rudely. <i>He took his son's desertion as a personal <b>affront</b>.</i>
<b>aggressor</b>	A confident assertive person who acts as instigator.
<b>assailant</b>	Someone who attacks. <i>The police have no firm leads about the identity of his <b>assailant</b>.</i>
<b>bludgeon</b>	Beat someone repeatedly with a bludgeon or other heavy object. <i>She was found <b>bludgeoned</b> to death in the basement.</i>
<b>bullying</b>	Noisily domineering; tending to browbeat others.
<b>calumny</b>	The making of false and defamatory statements about someone in order to damage their reputation; slander. <i>A bitter struggle marked by <b>calumny</b> and litigation.</i>
<b>contumely</b>	A rude expression intended to offend or hurt. <i>The Church should not be exposed to gossip and <b>contumely</b>.</i>
<b>curse</b>	Invoke or use a curse against. <i>I <b>curse</b> myself for my carelessness.</i>
<b>defamation</b>	An abusive attack on a person's character or good name. <i>She sued him for <b>defamation</b>.</i>
<b>detraction</b>	A petty disparagement. <i>Let it be no <b>detraction</b> from his merits to say he is plainspoken.</i>
<b>enemy</b>	A personal enemy. <i>The <b>enemy</b> shot down four helicopters.</i>
<b>glee</b>	Great merriment. <i>His face lit up with impish <b>glee</b>.</i>
<b>gloat</b>	An act of gloating. <i>I would join her for a good <b>gloat</b>.</i>
<b>humiliation</b>	The action of humiliating someone or the state of being humiliated. <i>The conference decision was a <b>humiliation</b> for the union's executive.</i>
<b>indignity</b>	An affront to one's dignity or self-esteem. <i>The <b>indignity</b> of needing financial help.</i>
<b>insult</b>	Treat, mention, or speak to rudely. <i>The present offer is an absolute <b>insult</b>.</i>
<b>irritate</b>	Make (someone) annoyed or a little angry. <i>It <b>irritates</b> me that she never closes the door after she leaves.</i>

<b>jibe</b>	Make insulting or mocking remarks; jeer. <i>A <b>jibe</b> at his old rivals.</i>
<b><u>mock</u></b>	Mock examinations. <i>Obtaining Grade A in <b>mocks</b>.</i>
<b>obloquy</b>	Strong public condemnation. <i>Conduct to which no more <b>obloquy</b> could reasonably attach.</i>
<b>playfully</b>	In a light-hearted manner. <i>Lily laughed and <b>playfully</b> slapped him across the chest.</i>
<b>rankle</b>	(of a wound or sore) continue to be painful; fester. <i>Lisa was <b>rankled</b> by his assertion.</i>
<b><u>repel</u></b>	Be repellent to cause aversion in. <i>Like poles <b>repel</b> and unlike poles attract.</i>
<b><u>slander</u></b>	Make false and damaging statements about (someone). <i>I've had just about all I can stomach of your <b>slanders</b>.</i>
<b><u>stab</u></b>	Stab or pierce. <i>She felt a <b>stab</b> of jealousy.</i>
<b>tantalize</b>	Excite the senses or desires of (someone). <i>Such ambitious questions have long <b>tantalized</b> the world's best thinkers.</i>
<b>taunt</b>	Provoke or challenge (someone) with insulting remarks. <i>Pupils will play truant rather than face the <b>taunts</b> of classmates about their ragged clothes.</i>
<b>tease</b>	Mock or make fun of playfully. <i>Some think of him as a <b>tease</b> who likes to keep others guessing.</i>
<b>vilification</b>	Slandorous defamation. <i>The widespread <b>vilification</b> of politicians.</i>