

Need another word that means the same as “gumption”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “gumption” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Gumption” are: backbone, grit, guts, moxie, sand, common sense, good sense, horse sense, mother wit, sense, initiative, resourcefulness, enterprise, imagination, imaginativeness, ingenuity, inventiveness

Gumption as a Noun

Definitions of "Gumption" as a noun

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

- *Shrewd or spirited initiative and resourcefulness.*
- *Sound practical judgment.*
- *Fortitude and determination.*

Synonyms of "Gumption" as a noun (17 Words)

backbone	Strength of character. <i>Prickles of sweat broke out along her backbone.</i>
common sense	A piece of open land for recreational use in an urban area.
enterprise	Readiness to embark on bold new ventures. <i>Success came quickly thanks to a mixture of talent enterprise and luck.</i>
good sense	That which is pleasing or valuable or useful.
grit	A coarse sandstone. <i>Layers of impervious shales and grits.</i>

guts	A strong cord made from the intestines of sheep and used in surgery. <i>He didn't have the guts to try it.</i>
horse sense	Solid-hoofed herbivorous quadruped domesticated since prehistoric times.
<u>imagination</u>	The ability of the mind to be creative or resourceful. <i>Her story captured the public's imagination.</i>
imaginativeness	The formation of a mental image of something that is not perceived as real and is not present to the senses.
ingenuity	The quality of being clever, original, and inventive. <i>The ingenuity of Haydn's scoring.</i>
<u>initiative</u>	Readiness to embark on bold new ventures. <i>A Middle East peace initiative.</i>
inventiveness	The power of creative imagination. <i>The inventiveness of the staging.</i>
mother wit	A condition that is the inspiration for an activity or situation.
moxie	Fortitude and determination. <i>When you've got the moxie you need the clothes to match.</i>
resourcefulness	The ability to deal resourcefully with unusual problems. <i>A man of great resourcefulness.</i>
<u>sand</u>	A stratum of sandstone or compacted sand. <i>Britain's soils are mixtures of sands, silts and clays.</i>
sense	Relating to or denoting a coding sequence of nucleotides complementary to an antisense sequence. <i>She had the sense of being a political outsider.</i>

Usage Examples of "Gumption" as a noun

- *The president would hire almost any young man who had the gumption to ask for a job.*

Associations of "Gumption" (30 Words)

ability	Possession of the means or skill to do something. <i>A man of exceptional ability.</i>
<u>aptitude</u>	Inherent ability. <i>The aptitude of this society to assimilate new elements.</i>
aptness	Appropriateness for the occasion. <i>The aptness of iron to rust.</i>

brawn	Meat from a pig's or calf's head that is cooked and pressed in a pot with jelly. <i>A slice of brawn.</i>
capability	The susceptibility of something to a particular treatment. <i>Their nuclear weapons capability.</i>
capacity	Capability to perform or produce. <i>The capacity of the freezer is 1 1 cubic feet.</i>
competence	The legal authority of a court or other body to deal with a particular matter. <i>The players displayed varying degrees of competence.</i>
craftsmanship	Skill in a particular craft. <i>A piece of fine craftsmanship.</i>
deftness	Skillful performance or ability without difficulty.
draftsmanship	The creation of artistic pictures or diagrams.
extrasensory	Seemingly outside normal sensory channels.
faculty	The members of a particular profession, especially medicine, considered collectively. <i>The law faculty.</i>
finesse	(in bridge and whist) an attempt to win a trick with a card that is not a certain winner, typically by playing it as the third card in a trick in the hope that any card that could beat it is in the hand of the opponent who has already played. <i>Clients want advice and action that calls for considerable finesse.</i>
flair	A special or instinctive aptitude or ability for doing something well. <i>None of us had much artistic flair.</i>
instinctive	(of a person) doing or being a specified thing apparently naturally or automatically. <i>He was an instinctive cook.</i>
intelligence	A person or being with the ability to acquire and apply knowledge and skills. <i>The gathering of intelligence.</i>
judgement	The act of judging or assessing a person or situation or event. <i>They make subjective judgements about children s skills.</i>
knack	A tendency to do something. <i>He had a special knack for getting into trouble.</i>
possess	Have possession of as distinct from ownership. <i>He did not possess a sense of humour.</i>

potentiality	Latent qualities or abilities that may be developed and lead to future success or usefulness. <i>There is concern over the potentiality of violence.</i>
potentially	With a possibility of becoming actual. <i>A potentially dangerous situation.</i>
proficiency	Skillfulness in the command of fundamentals deriving from practice and familiarity. <i>He demonstrated his proficiency in Chinese.</i>
sagacious	Having or showing keen mental discernment and good judgement; wise or shrewd. <i>An astute and sagacious statesman.</i>
sapience	Ability to apply knowledge or experience or understanding or common sense and insight.
sense	Become aware of not through the senses but instinctively. <i>A keen musical sense.</i>
sentience	The readiness to perceive sensations; elementary or undifferentiated consciousness. <i>Gave sentience to slugs and newts.</i>
stenography	A method of writing rapidly using an abbreviated symbolic system.
suitability	The quality of being right or appropriate for a particular person, purpose, or situation. <i>Her superiors had doubts about her suitability for the job.</i>
tact	Consideration in dealing with others and avoiding giving offense. <i>The inspector broke the news to me with tact and consideration.</i>
talent	People possessing natural aptitude or skill. <i>She displayed a talent for garden design.</i>