

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)

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

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

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

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

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