

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

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The synonyms of “Impending” are: close at hand, imminent, impendent, close, near, nearing, approaching, coming, forthcoming, upcoming, about to happen, in store, in the offing, in the pipeline, in the air, in the wind, threatening, menacing

Impending as an Adjective

Definitions of "Impending" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “impending” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *(of an event regarded as threatening or significant) about to happen; forthcoming.*
- *Close in time; about to occur.*



Synonyms of "Impending" as an adjective (18 Words)

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| about to happen | On the move. |
| approaching | Of the relatively near future. <i>The approaching election.</i> |
| close | Fitting closely but comfortably. <i>She finished a close second.</i> |
| close at hand | Giving or spending with reluctance. |
| coming | Likely to be important or successful in the future. <i>The upcoming spring fashions.</i> |
| forthcoming | About to happen or appear. <i>She had never been forthcoming about her time in the States.</i> |
| imminent | Close in time; about to occur. <i>They were in imminent danger of being swept away.</i> |
| impending | Close in time; about to occur. |

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| in store | Currently fashionable. |
| in the air | Currently fashionable. |
| in the offing | Directed or bound inward. |
| in the pipeline | Currently fashionable. |
| in the wind | Directed or bound inward. |
| <u>menacing</u> | Suggesting the presence of danger; threatening. <i>Our officers encountered menacing looks from teenagers.</i> |
| near | Located on the nearside of a vehicle. <i>The conflict is unlikely to be resolved in the near future.</i> |
| nearing | Being on the left side. |
| threatening | Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. <i>She was a type he found threatening.</i> |
| upcoming | Of the relatively near future. <i>The upcoming spring fashions.</i> |

Usage Examples of "Impending" as an adjective

- A fortune teller with dire warnings about impending doom.
- The author had returned to his country ahead of the impending war.
- His impending retirement.
- My impending departure.

Associations of "Impending" (30 Words)

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| contiguous | Very close or connected in space or time. <i>The contiguous 48 states.</i> |
| corollary | (logic) an inference that follows directly from the proof of another proposition. <i>The court did not answer a corollary question.</i> |
| currently | At the present time. <i>Currently they live in Connecticut.</i> |
| disaster | An event or fact that has unfortunate consequences. <i>Disaster struck within minutes of take off.</i> |
| <u>doom</u> | Cause to have an unfortunate and inescapable outcome. <i>Fuel was spilling out of the damaged wing and the aircraft was doomed.</i> |

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| exigency | A sudden unforeseen crisis (usually involving danger) that requires immediate action. <i>The health care exigency.</i> |
| <u>exigent</u> | Pressing; demanding. <i>Regarded literary questions as exigent and momentous.</i> |
| extemporaneous | Spoken or done without preparation. <i>An extemporaneous piano recital.</i> |
| extempore | With little or no preparation or forethought. <i>He recited the poem extempore.</i> |
| extemporize | Manage in a makeshift way; do with whatever is at hand. <i>He extemporized at the piano.</i> |
| <u>forewarn</u> | Inform (someone) of a possible future danger or problem. <i>He had been forewarned of a coup plot.</i> |
| immediate | Immediately before or after as in a chain of cause and effect. <i>The immediate concern was how to avoid taxes.</i> |
| immediately | In direct or very close relation. <i>I rang immediately for an ambulance.</i> |
| imminent | Overhanging. <i>They were in imminent danger of being swept away.</i> |
| <u>impromptu</u> | Done without being planned, organized, or rehearsed. <i>An impromptu press conference.</i> |
| <u>improvise</u> | Perform without preparation. <i>I improvised a costume for myself out of an old blue dress.</i> |
| improvised | Done or made using whatever is available; makeshift. <i>An improvised short speech.</i> |
| <u>instant</u> | Instant coffee. <i>The offence justified instant dismissal.</i> |
| instantaneous | Occurring or done instantly. <i>Her reaction was almost instantaneous.</i> |
| <u>instantly</u> | At once; immediately. <i>She fell asleep almost instantly.</i> |
| now | In these times. <i>I didn't receive the letter but it hardly matters now.</i> |
| presently | After a short time; soon. <i>He is presently our ambassador to the United Nations.</i> |
| pressing | Expressing something strongly or persistently. <i>At the pressing of a button.</i> |

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| prompt | The time limit for the payment of an account stated on a prompt note. <i>She is always prompt to help her friends.</i> |
| <u>promptly</u> | In a punctual manner. <i>He promptly forgot the address.</i> |
| resumption | Beginning again. <i>Property resumptions would be required to develop the bus routes.</i> |
| <u>soon</u> | Early. <i>I d sooner stay where I am.</i> |
| speedily | With speed. <i>Your claim will be dealt with as speedily as possible.</i> |
| <u>swiftly</u> | Without delay; after a very short time. <i>A swiftly flowing river.</i> |
| urgent | Of an action or event done or arranged in response to an urgent situation. <i>Bridges in urgent need of repair.</i> |