

Need another word that means the same as “imperative”? Find 46 synonyms and 30 related words for “imperative” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Imperative” are: vitally important, of vital importance, all-important, vital, crucial, critical, essential, of great consequence, necessary, indispensable, exigent, pressing, urgent, peremptory, commanding, imperious, authoritative, masterful, lordly, magisterial, autocratic, dictatorial, domineering, overbearing, assertive, firm, insistent, bossy, high-handed, overweening, imperative form, imperative mood, jussive mood, necessary condition, precondition, condition, requirement, requisite, necessity, proviso, qualification, basic, rudiment, obligation, duty**

## Imperative as a Noun

### Definitions of "Imperative" as a noun

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

- *The imperative mood.*
- *A mood that expresses an intention to influence the listener's behavior.*
- *A verb or phrase in the imperative mood.*
- *Some duty that is essential and urgent.*
- *A factor or influence making something necessary.*
- *An essential or urgent thing.*



## Synonyms of "Imperative" as a noun (16 Words)

**basic**

The essential facts or principles of a subject or skill.  
*People are facing a shortage of **basics** like flour.*

**condition**

The procedure that is varied in order to estimate a variable's effect by comparison with a control condition.  
*Those of humbler **condition**.*

**duty**

Work that you are obliged to perform for moral or legal reasons.  
*We must instill a sense of **duty** in our children.*

**essential**

The fundamental elements or characteristics of something.  
*We only had the bare **essentials** in the way of equipment.*

**imperative form**

A mood that expresses an intention to influence the listener's behavior.

<b>imperative mood</b>	A mood that expresses an intention to influence the listener's behavior.
<b>jussive mood</b>	The prevailing psychological state.
<b>necessary condition</b>	Anything indispensable.
<b>necessity</b>	The state or fact of being required. <i>A good book is a <b>necessity</b> when travelling.</i>
<b><u>obligation</u></b>	A personal relation in which one is indebted for a service or favor. <i>They are under no <b>obligation</b> to stick to the scheme.</i>
<b>precondition</b>	An assumption that is taken for granted. <i>A <b>precondition</b> for peace.</i>
<b>proviso</b>	A condition or qualification attached to an agreement or statement. <i>He let his house with the <b>proviso</b> that his own staff should remain to run it.</i>
<b>qualification</b>	The qualification stage of a sporting event. <i>His new position involves a <b>qualification</b> of his party's platform.</i>
<b>requirement</b>	A thing that is needed or wanted. <i>Choose the type of window that suits your <b>requirements</b> best.</i>
<b>requisite</b>	Anything indispensable. <i>She believed privacy to be a <b>requisite</b> for a peaceful life.</i>
<b>rudiment</b>	The remains of a body part that was functional at an earlier stage of life. <i>She taught the girls the <b>rudiments</b> of reading and writing.</i>



### **Usage Examples of "Imperative" as a noun**

- *Free movement of labour was an economic imperative.*
- *The biological imperatives which guide male and female behaviour.*



## Imperative as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Imperative" as an adjective

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

- *Giving an authoritative command; peremptory.*
- *Of vital importance; crucial.*
- *Denoting the mood of a verb that expresses a command or exhortation, as in come here!*
- *Relating to verbs in the imperative mood.*
- *Requiring attention or action.*



## Synonyms of "Imperative" as an adjective (30 Words)

<b>all-important</b>	Of the greatest importance.
<b><u>assertive</u></b>	Aggressively self-assured. <i>The job may call for <b>assertive</b> behaviour.</i>
<b>authoritative</b>	Sanctioned by established authority. <i>The captain's <b>authoritative</b> manner.</i>
<b>autocratic</b>	Offensively self-assured or given to exercising usually unwarranted power. <i>An <b>autocratic</b> person.</i>
<b><u>bossy</u></b>	Fond of giving people orders; domineering. <i>Don't be so <b>bossy</b>.</i>
<b><u>commanding</u></b>	(in military contexts) having a position of authority. <i>A <b>commanding</b> officer.</i>

<b>critical</b>	Having a decisive or crucial importance in the success, failure, or existence of something. <i>Temperature is a <b>critical</b> factor in successful fruit storage.</i>
<b>crucial</b>	Having crucial relevance. <i>A <b>crucial</b> issue for women.</i>
<b>dictatorial</b>	Expecting unquestioning obedience. <i>A <b>dictatorial</b> regime.</i>
<b>domineering</b>	Tending to domineer. <i>How can I do my job with a <b>domineering</b> boss yelling in my ear.</i>
<b>essential</b>	(of a disease) with no known external stimulus or cause; idiopathic. <i>The <b>essential</b> weakness of the plaintiff's case.</i>
<u><b>exigent</b></u>	Pressing; demanding. <i>The <b>exigent</b> demands of her contemporaries music took a toll on her voice.</i>
<b>firm</b>	Marked by firm determination or resolution not shakable. <i>We became <b>firm</b> friends.</i>
<b>high-handed</b>	Given to haughty disregard of others.
<b>imperious</b>	Arrogant and domineering. <i>His <b>imperious</b> demands.</i>
<u><b>indispensable</b></u>	Absolutely necessary. <i>He made himself <b>indispensable</b> to the parish priest.</i>
<u><b>insistent</b></u>	Demanding attention. <i>The bluejay's <b>insistent</b> cry.</i>
<b>lordly</b>	Having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy. <i>They were putting on <b>lordly</b> airs.</i>
<b>magisterial</b>	Of or relating to a magistrate. <i><b>Magisterial</b> officers.</i>
<u><b>masterful</b></u>	Having or revealing supreme mastery or skill. <i><b>Masterful</b> technique.</i>
<b>necessary</b>	Absolutely essential. <i>It is not <b>necessary</b> for you to be here.</i>
<b>of great consequence</b>	Relatively large in size or number or extent; larger than others of its kind.
<b>of vital importance</b>	Urgently needed; absolutely necessary.
<u><b>overbearing</b></u>	Unpleasantly overpowering. <i>Insufferably <b>overbearing</b> behavior toward the waiter.</i>

<b>overweening</b>	Showing excessive confidence or pride. <i>No idea how <b>overweening</b> he would be.</i>
<b>peremptory</b>	Insisting on immediate attention or obedience, especially in a brusquely imperious way. <i>A <b>peremptory</b> order of the court.</i>
<b>pressing</b>	Expressing something strongly or persistently. <i>He had <b>pressing</b> business in Scotland.</i>
<b>urgent</b>	Of an action or event done or arranged in response to an urgent situation. <i>Bridges in <b>urgent</b> need of repair.</i>
<b>vital</b>	Fatal. <i><b>Vital</b> organs.</i>
<b>vitaly important</b>	Manifesting or characteristic of life.





## Usage Examples of "Imperative" as an adjective

- *Requests that grew more and more imperative.*
- *It is imperative that standards are maintained.*
- *As nuclear weapons proliferate, preventing war becomes imperative.*
- *Immediate action was imperative.*
- *The bell pealed again, a final imperative call.*



## Associations of "Imperative" (30 Words)

### **assertive**

Having or showing a confident and forceful personality.  
*The job may call for **assertive** behaviour.*

### **autocratic**

Characteristic of an absolute ruler or absolute rule; having absolute sovereignty.  
***Autocratic** government.*

<b>brash</b>	Offensively bold. <i>The cafe was a <b>brash</b> new building.</i>
<b>categorical</b>	Unambiguously explicit and direct. <i>A <b>categorical</b> denial.</i>
<b>cavalier</b>	Given to haughty disregard of others. <i>Anne was irritated by his <b>cavalier</b> attitude.</i>
<b>conditional</b>	A conditional clause or conjunction. <i>Lent <b>conditional</b> support.</i>
<b>despotic</b>	Characteristic of an absolute ruler or absolute rule; having absolute sovereignty. <i>His administration was arrogant and <b>despotic</b>.</i>
<b>dictatorial</b>	Of or typical of a ruler with total power. <i>His mother in law was somewhat <b>dictatorial</b>.</i>
<b>dictatorship</b>	A country governed by a dictator. <i>The effects of forty years of <b>dictatorship</b>.</i>
<b>domineering</b>	Asserting one's will over another in an arrogant way. <i>How can I do my job with a <b>domineering</b> boss yelling in my ear.</i>
<b><u>emphatic</u></b>	An emphatic consonant. <i>The children were <b>emphatic</b> that they would like to repeat the experience.</i>
<b>exigency</b>	A pressing or urgent situation. <i>The health care <b>exigency</b>.</i>
<b><u>exigent</u></b>	Demanding attention- H.L.Mencken. <i>The <b>exigent</b> demands of her contemporaries music took a toll on her voice.</i>
<b>firm</b>	Marked by firm determination or resolution not shakable. <i>The snow was <b>firm</b> underfoot.</i>
<b>forceful</b>	Forceful and definite in expression or action. <i>She was a <b>forceful</b> personality.</i>
<b>insistence</b>	Continual and persistent demands. <i>Alison s <b>insistence</b> on doing the washing up straight after the meal.</i>
<b><u>insistent</u></b>	Insisting on or demanding something; not allowing refusal. <i>She was very <b>insistent</b> that I call her.</i>
<b>magisterial</b>	Relating to a magistrate. <i><b>Magisterial</b> districts.</i>
<b><u>must</u></b>	Something that should not be overlooked or missed. <i>You <b>must</b> try some of this fish.</i>
<b>obstinacy</b>	The quality or condition of being obstinate; stubbornness. <i>His reputation for <b>obstinacy</b>.</i>

<b><u>oppressive</u></b>	Marked by unjust severity or arbitrary behavior. <i>The day was sunless and <b>oppressive</b>.</i>
<b>peremptory</b>	Insisting on immediate attention or obedience, especially in a brusquely imperious way. <i>A <b>peremptory</b> order of the court.</i>
<b>pressing</b>	Expressing something strongly or persistently. <i>Pure grade olive oil is the product of the second or third <b>pressings</b>.</i>
<b><u>prioritize</u></b>	Designate or treat (something) as being very or most important. <i>We have too many things to do and must <b>prioritize</b>.</i>
<b><u>sovereign</u></b>	A nation's ruler or head of state usually by hereditary right. <i>In modern democracies the people's will is in theory <b>sovereign</b>.</i>
<b><u>tyrannical</u></b>	Exercising power in a cruel or arbitrary way. <i>A <b>tyrannical</b> parent.</i>
<b><u>unconditional</u></b>	Not conditional. <i><b>Unconditional</b> surrender.</i>
<b>unqualified</b>	Not meeting the proper standards and requirements and training. <i>An <b>unqualified</b> denial.</i>
<b>urgency</b>	An earnest and persistent quality; insistence. <i>The <b>urgency</b> of his need.</i>
<b>urgent</b>	Of an action or event done or arranged in response to an urgent situation. <i>She needs <b>urgent</b> treatment.</i>

