

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

