

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

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**The synonyms of “Impetus” are: impulse, impulsion, drift, momentum, propulsion, motive force, driving force, drive, thrust, motivation, stimulus, incitement, incentive, inducement, inspiration, encouragement, boost**

## Impetus as a Noun

### Definitions of "Impetus" as a noun

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

- *A force that moves something along.*
- *The force or energy with which a body moves.*
- *Something that makes a process or activity happen or happen more quickly.*
- *The act of applying force suddenly.*



## Synonyms of "Impetus" as a noun (17 Words)

<b>boost</b>	The act of giving a push. <i>He gave her a <b>boost</b> over the fence.</i>
<b><u>drift</u></b>	A horizontal (or nearly horizontal) passageway in a mine. <i>The pilot had not noticed any appreciable <b>drift</b>.</i>
<b><u>drive</u></b>	Hitting a golf ball off of a tee with a driver. <i>He experimented with chain <b>drive</b> to run the propeller.</i>
<b>driving force</b>	The act of controlling and steering the movement of a vehicle or animal.
<b>encouragement</b>	The feeling of being encouraged. <i>Incentives and <b>encouragement</b> to play sports.</i>
<b><u>impulse</u></b>	A change of momentum produced by an impulse equivalent to the average value of the force multiplied by the time during which it acts. <i>I had an almost irresistible <b>impulse</b> to giggle.</i>
<b>impulsion</b>	A force that moves something along. <i>Attitudes changed under the <b>impulsion</b> of humanitarian considerations.</i>

<b>incentive</b>	A thing that motivates or encourages someone to do something. <i>Tax <b>incentives</b> for investing in depressed areas.</i>
<b>incitement</b>	The act of exhorting; an earnest attempt at persuasion. <i>The <b>incitement</b> of mutiny.</i>
<b>inducement</b>	A positive motivational influence. <i>There is no <b>inducement</b> to wait for payment.</i>
<b>inspiration</b>	An act of breathing in; an inhalation. <i>Helen had one of her flashes of <b>inspiration</b>.</i>
<b>momentum</b>	The impetus gained by a moving object. <i>The <b>momentum</b> of the particles was deduced from meteoritic velocities.</i>
<b>motivation</b>	The psychological feature that arouses an organism to action toward a desired goal; the reason for the action; that which gives purpose and direction to behavior. <i>The following proposal and <b>motivation</b> is submitted for consideration.</i>
<b>motive force</b>	A theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music.
<b>propulsion</b>	The action of driving or pushing forwards. <i>They dive and use their wings for <b>propulsion</b> under water.</i>
<b>stimulus</b>	An interesting and exciting quality. <i>She loved the <b>stimulus</b> of the job.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Impetus" as a noun

- *The ending of the Cold War gave new impetus to idealism.*
- *Hit the booster coil before the flywheel loses all its impetus.*

## Associations of "Impetus" (30 Words)

<b>armful</b>	As much as a person can hold in both arms. <i>A shop assistant scuttled into the changing rooms with an <b>armful</b> of clothes.</i>
<b>colossal</b>	So great in size or force or extent as to elicit awe. <i>Has a <b>colossal</b> nerve.</i>
<b>colossus</b>	A statue that is much bigger than life size. <i>The Russian Empire was the <b>colossus</b> of European politics.</i>
<b>considerable</b>	Notably large in size, amount, or extent. <i>The economy was a <b>considerable</b> issue in the campaign.</i>

<b>disservice</b>	A harmful action. <i>You have done a <b>disservice</b> to the African people by ignoring this fact.</i>
<b>effective</b>	Able to accomplish a purpose functioning effectively G B Shaw. <i><b>Effective</b> personnel.</i>
<b>elephantine</b>	Of great mass; huge and bulky. <i>There was an <b>elephantine</b> thud from the bathroom.</i>
<b>enormous</b>	Very large in size, quantity, or extent. <i><b>Enormous</b> expenses.</i>
<b>gargantuan</b>	Enormous. <i>A <b>gargantuan</b> appetite.</i>
<b>grand</b>	A grand piano. <i>The <b>grand</b> entrance.</i>
<b>hefty</b>	(of a number or amount) impressively large. <i>Received a <b>hefty</b> bonus.</i>
<b>huge</b>	Of great importance or seriousness. <i>While he may be unknown in the American mainstream he s <b>huge</b> in Britain.</i>
<b>immense</b>	Extremely large or great, especially in scale or degree. <i>At vast or <b>immense</b> expense.</i>
<b>incentive</b>	A payment or concession to stimulate greater output or investment. <i>Tax <b>incentives</b> for investing in depressed areas.</i>
<b>inducement</b>	A bribe. <i><b>Inducement</b> of sleep.</i>
<b>large</b>	A garment size for a large person. <i>A <b>large</b> city.</i>
<b>mammoth</b>	So exceedingly large or extensive as to suggest a giant or mammoth. <i>A <b>mammoth</b> corporation.</i>
<b>massive</b>	Imposing in scale or scope or degree or power. <i><b>Massive</b> crowds are expected.</i>
<b>motivation</b>	A set of facts and arguments used in support of a proposal. <i>Escape can be a strong <b>motivation</b> for travel.</i>
<b>motivator</b>	A person who promotes interest in or enthusiasm for something. <i>She was a great <b>motivator</b> of people and very energetic.</i>
<b>oversized</b>	Bigger than the usual size. <i>An <b>oversized</b> T shirt.</i>
<b>overwhelming</b>	Very strong; urgently felt. <i>An <b>overwhelming</b> majority.</i>

<b>prodigious</b>	Of momentous or ominous significance- Herman Melville. A <b>prodigious</b> storm.
<b>repercussion</b>	A movement back from an impact. <i>His declaration had unforeseen <b>repercussions</b>.</i>
<b>sizable</b>	Fairly large. A <b>sizable</b> fortune.
<b>sized</b>	Having the surface treated or coated with sizing. <i>Comfortably <b>sized</b> rooms.</i>
<b>stimulus</b>	A thing or event that evokes a specific functional reaction in an organ or tissue. <i>She loved the <b>stimulus</b> of the job.</i>
<b>stupendous</b>	So great in size or force or extent as to elicit awe. A <b>stupendous</b> field of grass.
<b>titanic</b>	Of great force or power. <i>A series of <b>titanic</b> explosions.</i>
<b>tremendous</b>	Extraordinarily good or great ; used especially as intensifiers. A <b>tremendous</b> achievement.