

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)

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

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

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

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

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