

Need another word that means the same as “instinct”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “instinct” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Instinct” are: urge, appetite, desire, need, natural tendency, inclination, drive, compulsion, talent, gift, ability, capacity, facility, faculty, aptitude, skill, flair, feel, genius, knack, bent, replete

Instinct as a Noun

Definitions of "Instinct" as a noun

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

- *Inborn pattern of behavior often responsive to specific stimuli.*
- *A natural propensity or skill of a specified kind.*
- *The fact or quality of possessing innate behaviour patterns.*
- *An innate, typically fixed pattern of behaviour in animals in response to certain stimuli.*
- *A natural or intuitive way of acting or thinking.*



Synonyms of "Instinct" as a noun (21 Words)

ability	The quality of being able to perform; a quality that permits or facilitates achievement or accomplishment. <i>A man of exceptional ability.</i>
appetite	A feeling of craving something. <i>They suffered from loss of appetite.</i>
aptitude	Suitability or fitness. <i>The aptitude of this society to assimilate new elements.</i>
bent	A special way of doing something. <i>He had a bent for it.</i>
capacity	The maximum amount that something can contain. <i>The room was filled to capacity.</i>
compulsion	The action or state of forcing or being forced to do something; constraint. <i>The payment was made under compulsion.</i>
desire	Something desired. <i>A man of many desires.</i>

drive	Hitting a golf ball off of a tee with a driver. <i>Emotional and sexual drives.</i>
facility	A natural effortlessness. <i>They conversed with great facility.</i>
faculty	One of the inherent cognitive or perceptual powers of the mind. <i>The law faculty.</i>
feel	Feelings of heightened emotion. <i>It s easy when you get the feel of it.</i>
flair	Stylishness and originality. <i>She had a flair for languages.</i>
genius	An exceptionally intelligent person or one with exceptional skill in a particular area of activity. <i>That woman has a genius for organization.</i>
gift	Something acquired without compensation. <i>Wedding gifts.</i>
inclination	(geometry) the angle formed by the x-axis and a given line (measured counterclockwise from the positive half of the x-axis). <i>Changes in inclination of the line on the graph.</i>
knack	A tendency to do something. <i>He had a special knack for getting into trouble.</i>
natural tendency	Someone regarded as certain to succeed.
need	A state of extreme poverty or destitution. <i>God has no need of men to accomplish His work.</i>
skill	A particular ability. <i>Difficult work taking great skill.</i>
talent	A former weight and unit of currency, used especially by the ancient Romans and Greeks. <i>She displayed a talent for garden design.</i>
urge	An instinctive motive. <i>He felt the urge to giggle.</i>



Usage Examples of "Instinct" as a noun

- *His instinct for making the most of his chances.*
- *The homing instinct.*
- *Altruistic instincts in social animals.*
- *Instinct told her not to ask the question.*
- *The spawning instinct in salmon.*
- *They retain their old authoritarian instincts.*



Instinct as an Adjective

Definitions of "Instinct" as an adjective

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

- *Deeply filled or permeated.*
- *(followed by `with')* deeply filled or permeated.
- *Imbued or filled with (a quality, especially a desirable one).*



Synonyms of "Instinct" as an adjective (1 Word)

replete Filled to satisfaction with food or drink.
*I went out into the sun drenched streets again **replete** and relaxed.*



Usage Examples of "Instinct" as an adjective

- *Words instinct with love.*
- *These canvases are instinct with passion.*



Associations of "Instinct" (30 Words)

- adoptee** Someone (such as a child) who has been adopted.
- antenatal** Occurring or existing before birth.
Antenatal care.
- born** British nuclear physicist born in Germany honored for his contributions to quantum mechanics 1882 1970.
*A **born** musician.*
- congenital** (of a disease or physical abnormality) present from birth.
*A **congenital** liar.*
- distaff** A stick or spindle on to which wool or flax is wound for spinning.
*Marriage is still the passport to **distaff** power.*
- feminine** A feminine word or form.
*The snowdrops gave a **feminine** touch to the table.*

genetically	In a way that relates to origin or development. <i>Language varieties that are genetically related.</i>
hereditary	Relating to inheritance. <i>Either hereditary or environmental factors.</i>
inborn	Present at birth but not necessarily hereditary; acquired during fetal development. <i>An inborn defect in the formation of collagen.</i>
inherence	The state of inhering; the state of being a fixed characteristic. <i>The inherence of polysemy in human language.</i>
<u>inherent</u>	Vested in someone as a right or privilege. <i>Shortcomings inherent in our approach.</i>
innate	Being talented through inherited qualities. <i>An innate talent.</i>
<u>intrinsic</u>	Belonging to a thing by its very nature. <i>Intrinsic muscles.</i>
intuition	An impression that something might be the case. <i>He had an intuition that something had gone wrong.</i>
maternal	Relating to a mother, especially during pregnancy or shortly after childbirth. <i>Warm maternal affection for her guest.</i>
matriarch	A feisty older woman with a big bosom (as drawn in cartoons). <i>A domineering matriarch.</i>
<u>mother</u>	Care for like a mother. <i>She didn't know how to mother my brother and he was very sensitive.</i>
<u>mutual</u>	A mutual building society or insurance company. <i>Scottish Amicable may switch from mutual to plc status.</i>
<u>nascent</u>	(especially of a process or organization) just coming into existence and beginning to display signs of future potential. <i>The nascent chicks.</i>
natal	A port city in northeastern Brazil. <i>He was living in the south many miles from his natal city.</i>
<u>native</u>	Used in names of animals or plants resembling others familiar elsewhere e.g native bee. <i>The marigold is a native of southern Europe.</i>
<u>parent</u>	Be or act as a parent to a child. <i>Stems will root down creating a new crown near the parent.</i>

- parental** Denoting an organization or company which owns or controls a number of subsidiaries.
***Parental** guidance.*
- paternal** Belonging to or inherited from one's father.
*His father and **paternal** grandfather were porcelain painters.*
- paternity** Paternal origin.
*Tests were conducted to determine **paternity**.*
- pregnancy** The condition or period of being pregnant.
*A straightforward **pregnancy**.*
- prenatal** Before birth; during or relating to pregnancy.
*The **prenatal** period.*
- uncle** A source of help and advice and encouragement.
*He visited his **uncle**.*
- visceral** Relating to or affecting the viscera.
*The **visceral** nervous system.*

