

Need another word that means the same as “linchpin”? Find 21 synonyms for “linchpin” in this overview.

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## Linchpin as a Noun

### Definitions of "Linchpin" as a noun

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

- *A person or thing vital to an enterprise or organization.*
- *A central cohesive source of support and stability.*
- *Pin inserted through an axletree to hold a wheel on.*
- *A pin passed through the end of an axle to keep a wheel in position.*

### Synonyms of "Linchpin" as a noun (21 Words)

<a href="#">anchor</a>	An anchorman or anchorwoman. <i>The European Community is the economic <b>anchor</b> of the New Europe.</i>
<b>backbone</b>	The part of a network that connects other networks together. <i>Prickles of sweat broke out along her <b>backbone</b>.</i>
<a href="#">basis</a>	The system or principles according to which an activity or process is carried on. <i>Trust is the only <b>basis</b> for a good working relationship.</i>
<b>bedrock</b>	The fundamental principles on which something is based. <i>Honesty is the <b>bedrock</b> of a good relationship.</i>

<b>central point</b>	A workplace that serves as a telecommunications facility where lines from telephones can be connected together to permit communication.
<b>centre</b>	The filling in a chocolate. <i>A conference <b>centre</b>.</i>
<b>centre of attention</b>	The faculty or power of mental concentration.
<b><u>cornerstone</u></b>	A stone in the exterior of a large and important building; usually carved with a date and laid with appropriate ceremonies. <i>A national minimum wage remained the <b>cornerstone</b> of policy.</i>
<b>cynosure</b>	A person or thing that is the centre of attention or admiration. <i>Let faith be your <b>cynosure</b> to walk by.</i>
<b>heart</b>	One of the four suits in a conventional pack of playing cards denoted by a red heart shaped figure. <i>The <b>heart</b> of the matter.</i>
<b><u>hub</u></b>	The central part of a car wheel (or fan or propeller etc) through which the shaft or axle passes. <i>The airport authority's policy promotes Manchester as an international <b>hub</b>.</i>
<b>kernel</b>	The choicest or most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience. <i>Pine <b>kernels</b>.</i>
<b>keystone</b>	A central cohesive source of support and stability. <i>The <b>keystone</b> of campaign reform was the ban on soft money.</i>
<b>kingpin</b>	The most important person in a group or undertaking. <i>The <b>kingpins</b> of the television industry.</i>
<b>lynchpin</b>	Pin inserted through an axletree to hold a wheel on.
<b><u>mainstay</u></b>	A central cohesive source of support and stability. <i>Farming is the <b>mainstay</b> of the rural economy.</i>
<b>marrow</b>	The plant of the gourd family which produces marrows. <i><b>Marrow</b> donors.</i>
<b><u>meat</u></b>	The flesh of an animal, typically a mammal or bird, as food (the flesh of domestic fowls is sometimes distinguished as poultry). <i>We have talked at <b>meat</b> with this stranger.</i>
<b>nub</b>	The crux or central point of a matter. <i>He pressed down on the two <b>nubs</b> on top of the phone.</i>
<b>nucleus</b>	The positively charged central core of an atom, consisting of protons and neutrons and containing nearly all its mass. <i>The <b>nucleus</b> of a British film producing industry.</i>

**pivot**

The act of turning on or as if on a pivot.  
*The **pivot** of community life was the chapel.*

**Usage Examples of "Linchpin" as a noun**

- *He is the linchpin of this firm.*
- *Nurses are the linchpin of the National Health Service.*