

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

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The synonyms of “Linchpin” are: **linchpin, anchor, backbone, keystone, mainstay, heart, nucleus, nub, hub, kernel, marrow, meat, centre, central point, centre of attention, pivot, cornerstone, kingpin, bedrock, basis, cynosure**

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)

[anchor](#)

An anchorman or anchorwoman.

*The European Community is the economic **anchor** of the New Europe.*

backbone

The part of a network that connects other networks together.

*Prickles of sweat broke out along her **backbone**.*

[basis](#)

The system or principles according to which an activity or process is carried on.

*Trust is the only **basis** for a good working relationship.*

bedrock

The fundamental principles on which something is based.

*Honesty is the **bedrock** of a good relationship.*

central point	A workplace that serves as a telecommunications facility where lines from telephones can be connected together to permit communication.
centre	The filling in a chocolate. <i>A conference centre.</i>
centre of attention	The faculty or power of mental concentration.
<u>cornerstone</u>	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 cornerstone of policy.</i>
cynosure	A person or thing that is the centre of attention or admiration. <i>Let faith be your cynosure to walk by.</i>
heart	One of the four suits in a conventional pack of playing cards denoted by a red heart shaped figure. <i>The heart of the matter.</i>
<u>hub</u>	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 hub.</i>
kernel	The choicest or most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience. <i>Pine kernels.</i>
keystone	A central cohesive source of support and stability. <i>The keystone of campaign reform was the ban on soft money.</i>
kingpin	The most important person in a group or undertaking. <i>The kingpins of the television industry.</i>
lynchpin	Pin inserted through an axletree to hold a wheel on.
<u>mainstay</u>	A central cohesive source of support and stability. <i>Farming is the mainstay of the rural economy.</i>
marrow	The plant of the gourd family which produces marrows. <i>Marrow donors.</i>
<u>meat</u>	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 meat with this stranger.</i>
nub	The crux or central point of a matter. <i>He pressed down on the two nubs on top of the phone.</i>
nucleus	The positively charged central core of an atom, consisting of protons and neutrons and containing nearly all its mass. <i>The nucleus 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.*