

Need another word that means the same as “mechanism”? Find 40 synonyms and 30 related words for “mechanism” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Mechanism” are: chemical mechanism, mechanics, apparatus, machine, appliance, tool, device, implement, utensil, instrument, contraption, contrivance, gadget, tackle, structure, system, machinery, workings, works, movement, motion, action, gear, gears, wheels, components, motor, engine, power source, procedure, process, operation, method, technique, means, medium, agency, channel, channels, vehicle

Mechanism as a Noun

Definitions of "Mechanism" as a noun

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

- *The technical aspects of doing something.*
- *A system of parts working together in a machine; a piece of machinery.*
- *A natural object resembling a machine in structure or function.*
- *The atomic process that occurs during a chemical reaction.*
- *(philosophy) the philosophical theory that all phenomena can be explained in terms of physical or biological causes.*
- *A natural or established process by which something takes place or is brought about.*
- *A contrivance in the plot of a literary work.*
- *Device consisting of a piece of machinery; has moving parts that perform some function.*
- *The doctrine that all natural phenomena, including life and thought, can be explained with reference to mechanical or chemical processes.*

- The philosophical theory that all phenomena can be explained in terms of physical or biological causes.



Synonyms of "Mechanism" as a noun (40 Words)

action	The operating part that transmits power to a mechanism. <i>The Union action of emancipating Southern slaves.</i>
agency	The state of being in action or exerting power. <i>The movies could be an agency moulding the values of the public.</i>
apparatus	The complex structure of a particular organization or system. <i>The breathing apparatus.</i>
appliance	A device or piece of equipment designed to perform a specific task. <i>Three fire appliances were rushed to the scene.</i>
<u>channel</u>	A service or station using a channel of frequencies. <i>Gutters carried off the rainwater into a series of channels under the street.</i>

channels	<p>A deep and relatively narrow body of water (as in a river or a harbor or a strait linking two larger bodies) that allows the best passage for vessels.</p> <p><i>You have to go through channels.</i></p>
chemical mechanism	<p>Material produced by or used in a reaction involving changes in atoms or molecules.</p>
components	<p>An artifact that is one of the individual parts of which a composite entity is made up; especially a part that can be separated from or attached to a system.</p> <p><i>Spare components for cars.</i></p>
contraption	<p>A device or control that is very useful for a particular job.</p> <p><i>Repairing stereos and making contraptions out of spare electronic bits.</i></p>
contrivance	<p>A device, especially in literary or artistic composition, which gives a sense of artificiality.</p> <p><i>An assortment of electronic equipment and mechanical contrivances.</i></p>
device	<p>An emblematic design (especially in heraldry).</p> <p><i>The device is small enough to wear on your wrist.</i></p>
<u>engine</u>	<p>A fire engine.</p> <p><i>Medieval engines of war.</i></p>
gadget	<p>A small mechanical or electronic device or tool, especially an ingenious or novel one.</p> <p><i>A variety of kitchen gadgets.</i></p>
<u>gear</u>	<p>A particular setting of engaged gears.</p> <p><i>He was belting along in fifth gear.</i></p>
gears	<p>Wheelwork consisting of a connected set of rotating gears by which force is transmitted or motion or torque is changed.</p> <p><i>The fool got his tie caught in the geartrain.</i></p>
implement	<p>Performance of an obligation.</p> <p><i>Garden implements.</i></p>
<u>instrument</u>	<p>A document that states some contractual relationship or grants some right.</p> <p><i>My greed was the instrument of my destruction.</i></p>
machine	<p>A person who acts with the mechanical efficiency of a machine.</p> <p><i>Comedians are more than just laugh machines.</i></p>
machinery	<p>A system of means and activities whereby a social institution functions.</p> <p><i>The complex machinery of negotiation.</i></p>

means	Substantial resources; wealth. <i>He came from a family of very modest means.</i>
<u>mechanics</u>	The branch of physics concerned with the motion of bodies in a frame of reference. <i>He looks at the mechanics of a car before the bodywork.</i>
<u>medium</u>	(bacteriology) a nutrient substance (solid or liquid) that is used to cultivate micro-organisms. <i>These cells are grown in a nutrient rich medium.</i>
method	The quality of being well organized and systematic in thought or action. <i>Labour intensive production methods.</i>
motion	An optical illusion of motion produced by viewing a rapid succession of still pictures of a moving object. <i>They were in a state of steady motion.</i>
motor	Machine that converts other forms of energy into mechanical energy and so imparts motion. <i>Hormones are the motor of the sexual functions.</i>
movement	A campaign undertaken by a political social or artistic movement. <i>The succession of flashing lights gave an illusion of movement.</i>
operation	Psychology the performance of some composite cognitive activity an operation that affects mental contents. <i>He reopened his operation under a different name.</i>
power source	A state powerful enough to influence events throughout the world.
procedure	A process or series of acts especially of a practical or mechanical nature involved in a particular form of work. <i>Parliamentary procedure.</i>
process	An instance of a program being executed in a multitasking operating system typically running in an environment that protects it from other processes. <i>The process of thinking.</i>
structure	The manner of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts. <i>We shall use three headings to give some structure to the discussion.</i>
system	Instrumentality that combines interrelated interacting artifacts designed to work as a coherent entity. <i>He bought a new stereo system.</i>
tackle	The person who plays that position on a football team. <i>He was only prevented from scoring by a fine tackle.</i>

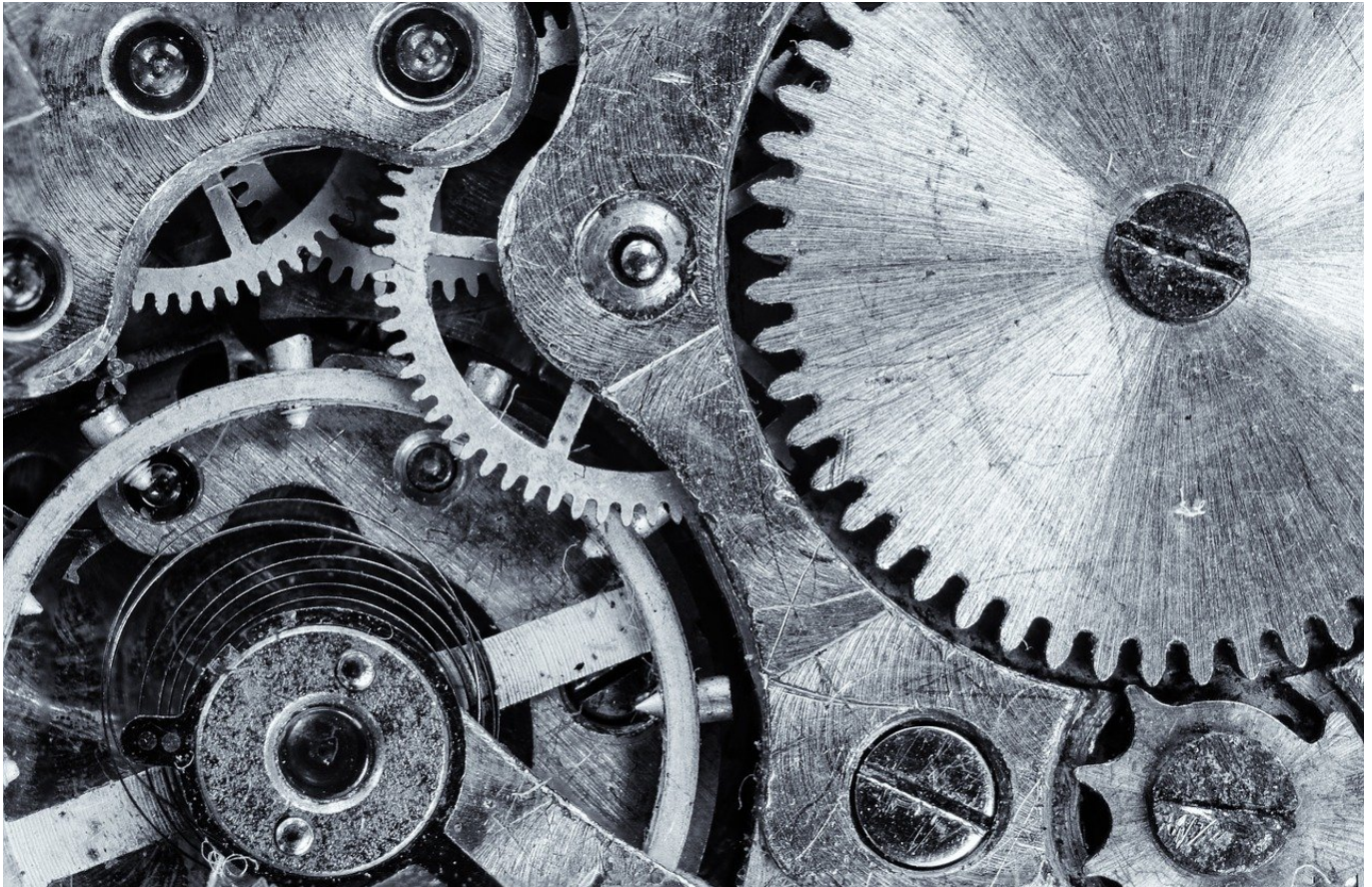
technique	Skill or ability in a particular field. <i>The techniques used by Turner Rembrandt and Degas.</i>
tool	A small stamp or roller used to make a tooled design. <i>Computers are an essential tool.</i>
utensil	A tool, container, or other article, especially for household use. <i>Kitchen utensils.</i>
<u>vehicle</u>	A substance that facilitates the use of a drug, pigment, or other material mixed with it. <i>A vehicle for a star who was one of Hollywood's hottest properties.</i>
wheels	A wheeled vehicle that has two wheels and is moved by foot pedals.
<u>workings</u>	The internal mechanism of a device.
works	Buildings for carrying on industrial labor. <i>A hotdog with the works.</i>



Usage Examples of "Mechanism" as a noun

- *He determined unique mechanisms for the photochemical reactions.*
- *The mechanism of infection.*
- *A mechanism of social control.*
- *A third motor powers the tape eject mechanism.*

- *The immune system's mechanism for detecting pathogens.*
- *His Irma La Douce is a musical based on the farce mechanism.*
- *The mechanism of the ear.*
- *Mechanisms of communication.*



Associations of "Mechanism" (30 Words)

ankle	Flex the ankles while cycling in order to increase pedalling efficiency. <i>An ankle injury.</i>
apparatus	A group of body parts that work together to perform a given function. <i>One thing about the book s apparatus does irritate the absence of an index of titles.</i>
appliance	A device or piece of equipment designed to perform a specific task. <i>Electrical and gas appliances.</i>

automatic	A mode of operation in which a particular function of a piece of equipment is performed automatically rather than manually. <i>The rapid fire of automatics.</i>
circuit	Make a circuit. <i>The six circuits of England and Wales replaced the old system of assizes.</i>
contraption	A machine or device that appears strange or unnecessarily complicated, and often badly made or unsafe. <i>Repairing stereos and making contraptions out of spare electronic bits.</i>
contrivance	A device, especially in literary or artistic composition, which gives a sense of artificiality. <i>The plot contained too many improbable contrivances to be believable.</i>
convenience	The quality of being useful, easy, or suitable for someone. <i>Voicemail was seen as one of the desktop conveniences of the electronic office.</i>
device	A bomb or other explosive weapon. <i>Works of strange device.</i>
dislocate	Disturb the normal position of (a bone in a joint). <i>The symbol is dislocated from its political context.</i>
equipment	The process of supplying someone or something with necessary equipment. <i>A gym with all the latest equipment.</i>
extensor	A skeletal muscle whose contraction extends or stretches a body part.
gadget	A small mechanical or electronic device or tool, especially an ingenious or novel one. <i>A variety of kitchen gadgets.</i>
genuflect	Bend the knees and bow in a servile manner. <i>Politicians had to genuflect to the far left to advance their careers.</i>
gizmo	Something unspecified whose name is either forgotten or not known. <i>The latest multimedia gizmo.</i>
hip	A person's hip joint. <i>Hip tiles.</i>
hock	Disable by cutting the hock.
jaw	The lower movable bone of the jaw or the part of the face containing it. <i>She suffered a broken jaw.</i>
knee	Hit someone with one's knee. <i>She kneed him in the groin.</i>
lap	The part of an item of clothing especially a skirt or dress covering the lap. <i>She stood up and brushed the crumbs from the lap of her dress.</i>

ligament	A membranous fold that supports an organ and keeps it in position.
<u>robotic</u>	Resembling or characteristic of a robot, especially in being stiff or unemotional. <i>His robotic voice.</i>
scraper	A prehistoric flint implement with a sharpened edge used for scraping material such as hide or wood. <i>Residues should be removed with sharp scrapers.</i>
shoulder	Push someone or something out of one's way with one's shoulder. <i>He shouldered his way through the seething mass of children.</i>
sickle	An edge tool for cutting grass or crops; has a curved blade and a short handle.
<u>tinker</u>	Work as a tinker or tinkerer. <i>He spent hours tinkering with the car.</i>
tool	A small stamp or roller used to make a tooled design. <i>The factory must be tooled to produce the models.</i>
trigger	Release or pull the trigger on. <i>People ask how much I weigh but I won't talk about numbers because I know that triggers me.</i>
tripping	Characterized by a buoyant rhythm. <i>Walked with a light tripping step.</i>
widget	An application, or a component of an interface, that enables a user to perform a function or access a service.

