

Need another word that means the same as “motivate”? Find 25 synonyms and 30 related words for “motivate” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Motivate” are: actuate, incite, move, prompt, propel, drive, inspire, stimulate, influence, lead, persuade, activate, impel, push, spur, spur on, encourage, galvanize, arouse, rouse, excite, stir, stir up, fire with enthusiasm, fire the imagination of**

## Motivate as a Verb

### Definitions of "Motivate" as a verb

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

- *Cause (someone) to have interest in or enthusiasm for something.*
- *Provide (someone) with a reason for doing something.*
- *Request (something) and present facts and arguments in support of one's request.*
- *Give an incentive for action.*



## Synonyms of "Motivate" as a verb (25 Words)

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| <b>activate</b>                | Make (substances) radioactive.<br><b>Activate</b> a metal.   |
| <b>actuate</b>                 | Put in motion or move to act.<br><i>The defendants were <b>actuated</b> by malice.</i>                               |
| <b>arouse</b>                  | Evoke or awaken (a feeling, emotion, or response).<br><i>This movie usually <b>arouses</b> the male audience.</i>    |
| <b><u>drive</u></b>            | Be licensed or competent to drive a motor vehicle.<br><b>Drive</b> the ball far out into the field.                  |
| <b>encourage</b>               | Inspire with confidence; give hope or courage to.<br><i>The intention is to <b>encourage</b> new writing talent.</i> |
| <b><u>excite</u></b>           | Cause to be agitated excited or roused.<br><b>Excite</b> the audience.   |
| <b>fire the imagination of</b> | Destroy by fire.   |

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| <b>fire with enthusiasm</b> | Provide with fuel.  |
| <b>galvanize</b>            | Cover with zinc.<br><i><b>Galvanized</b> into action.</i>   |
| <b>impel</b>                | Urge or force (a person) to an action; constrain or motivate.<br><i>A lack of equality <b>impelled</b> the oppressed to fight.</i>                                |
| <b>incite</b>               | Give an incentive for action.<br><i>He <b>incited</b> loyal subjects to rebellion.</i>  |
| <b>influence</b>            | Have and exert influence or effect.<br><i>Government regulations can <b>influence</b> behaviour but often without changing underlying values and motivations.</i> |
| <b>inspire</b>              | Give rise to.<br><i>The film was successful enough to <b>inspire</b> a sequel.</i>  |
| <b>lead</b>                 | Lead extend or afford access.<br><i>The use of computers in the classroom <b>lead</b> to better writing.</i>  |
| <b>move</b>                 | Cause to move or shift into a new position or place both in a concrete and in an abstract sense.<br><i>Her fate <b>moved</b> us all.</i>                          |
| <b>persuade</b>             | Win approval or support for.<br><i>Health boards were finally <b>persuaded</b> of the desirability of psychiatric units.</i>                                      |
| <b>prompt</b>               | Encourage (a hesitating speaker) to say something.<br><i>The online form <b>prompts</b> users for data.</i>   |
| <b>propel</b>               | Give an incentive for action.<br><i>A rocket <b>propelled</b> grenade launcher.</i>   |
| <b>push</b>                 | Make strenuous pushing movements during birth to expel the baby.<br><i>She <b>pushed</b> her glass towards him.</i>   |
| <b>rouse</b>                | Cause to be agitated excited or roused.<br><i>She d just stay a few more minutes then <b>rouse</b> herself and go back.</i>                                       |
| <b>spur</b>                 | Prune in a side shoot of a plant so as to form a spur close to the stem.<br><i>The Academy was formed to <b>spur</b> research.</i>                                |
| <b>spur on</b>              | Give heart or courage to.   |
| <b>stimulate</b>            | Encourage or arouse interest or enthusiasm in.<br><i>The women are given fertility drugs to <b>stimulate</b> their ovaries.</i>                                   |



**stir**

Stir the feelings emotions or peace of.  
*A voice **stirred** her from her reverie.*

**stir up**

Mix or add by stirring.



## Usage Examples of "Motivate" as a verb

- *He was primarily motivated by the desire for profit.*
- *He said he would motivate funds to upgrade the food stalls.*
- *It is the teacher's job to motivate the child at school.*





## Associations of "Motivate" (30 Words)

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| <b>agitative</b> | Tending to agitate or move (something); involving agitation.  |
| <b>animate</b>   | Belonging to the class of nouns that denote living beings.<br><i>Animated</i> cartoons.                                   |
| <b>arousal</b>   | Mutual sexual fondling prior to sexual intercourse.<br><i>Sexual arousal</i> in dreams is common.                         |
| <b>arouse</b>    | Stimulate sexually.<br><i>This movie usually arouses</i> the male audience.   |
| <b>catalyst</b>  | Something that causes an important event to happen.<br><i>The prime minister's speech acted as a catalyst</i> for debate. |
| <b>catalyze</b>  | Change by catalysis or cause to catalyze.   |
| <b>deed</b>      | Convey or transfer property or rights by legal deed.<br><i>Doing good deeds.</i>  |

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| <b>elate</b>       | Fill with high spirits; fill with optimism.<br><i>While the wealth of wildlife <b>elated</b> me it unnerved me as well.</i>                       |
| <b>encourage</b>   | Give support, confidence, or hope to (someone).<br><i>We were <b>encouraged</b> by the success of this venture.</i>                               |
| <b>energize</b>    | Give vitality and enthusiasm to.<br><i>People were <b>energized</b> by his ideas.</i>   |
| <b>enkindle</b>    | Arouse or inspire (an emotion).<br><i>Fresh remembrance of vexation must still <b>enkindle</b> rage.</i>  |
| <b>enliven</b>     | Make lively.<br><i>The visit had clearly <b>enlivened</b> my mother.</i>  |
| <b>excitation</b>  | Something that agitates and arouses.<br><i>Two parallel coils with opposing <b>excitation</b> windings.</i>                                       |
| <b>excite</b>      | Cause to be agitated excited or roused.<br><i>Flying still <b>excites</b> me.</i>   |
| <b>exhort</b>      | Spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts.<br><i>I <b>exhorted</b> her to be a good child.</i>   |
| <b>hearten</b>     | Make more cheerful or confident.<br><i>She was <b>heartened</b> to observe that the effect was faintly comic.</i>                                 |
| <b>incite</b>      | Encourage or stir up (violent or unlawful behaviour).<br><i><b>Incite</b> a riot.</i>   |
| <b>induce</b>      | Bring on (the birth of a baby) artificially, typically by the use of drugs.<br><i>None of these measures <b>induced</b> a change of policy.</i>   |
| <b>inflame</b>     | Become inflamed get sore.<br><i>The repetitive motion <b>inflamed</b> her joint.</i>  |
| <b>inspire</b>     | Fill with revolutionary ideas.<br><i>He <b>inspired</b> his students with a vision of freedom.</i>  |
| <b>instigate</b>   | Provoke or stir up.<br><i>They <b>instigated</b> a reign of terror.</i>   |
| <b>instigation</b> | Deliberate and intentional triggering (of trouble or discord).<br><i>The Domesday Survey was compiled at the <b>instigation</b> of William I.</i> |
| <b>invigorate</b>  | Make lively.<br><i>The cold water <b>invigorated</b> him.</i>   |
| <b>invoke</b>      | Summon into action or bring into existence, often as if by magic.<br><i>She <b>invoked</b> an ancient law.</i>                                    |
| <b>provoke</b>     | Evoke or provoke to appear or occur.<br><i>Her behavior <b>provoked</b> a quarrel between the couple.</i>   |



- spur** Goad with spurs.  
*Wars act as a **spur** to practical invention.*
- stimulate** Provide the needed stimulus for.  
*This herbal infusion doesn't **stimulate**.*
- stimulation** The effect of a stimulus (on nerves or organs etc).  
*The **stimulation** of a revolution in intelligence affairs.*
- stir** Mix or add by stirring.  
*As he grew older he seldom **stirred** from his club.*
- urge** Encourage (a person or animal) to move more quickly or in a particular direction.  
*Sexual **urges**.*

