

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)

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

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

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

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

