

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)

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

<b>fire with enthusiasm</b>	Provide with fuel.
<b>galvanize</b>	Cover with zinc. <i><b>Galvanized</b> into action.</i>
<b>impel</b>	Urge or force (a person) to an action; constrain or motivate. <i>A lack of equality <b>impelled</b> the oppressed to fight.</i>
<b>incite</b>	Give an incentive for action. <i>He <b>incited</b> loyal subjects to rebellion.</i>
<b>influence</b>	Have and exert influence or effect. <i>Government regulations can <b>influence</b> behaviour but often without changing underlying values and motivations.</i>
<b>inspire</b>	Give rise to. <i>The film was successful enough to <b>inspire</b> a sequel.</i>
<b>lead</b>	Lead extend or afford access. <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. <i>Her fate <b>moved</b> us all.</i>
<b>persuade</b>	Win approval or support for. <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. <i>The online form <b>prompts</b> users for data.</i>
<b>propel</b>	Give an incentive for action. <i>A rocket <b>propelled</b> grenade launcher.</i>
<b>push</b>	Make strenuous pushing movements during birth to expel the baby. <i>She <b>pushed</b> her glass towards him.</i>
<b>rouse</b>	Cause to be agitated excited or roused. <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. <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. <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)

- 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**.*

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

