

Need another word that means the same as “motives”? Find 6 synonyms and 30 related words for “motives” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Motives” are: motivation, need, motif, motivating, motivative, motor

Motives as a Noun

Definitions of "Motives" as a noun

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

- *A design or figure that consists of recurring shapes or colors, as in architecture or decoration.*
- *A theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music.*
- *The psychological feature that arouses an organism to action toward a desired goal; the reason for the action; that which gives purpose and direction to behavior.*



Synonyms of "Motives" as a noun (3 Words)

- motif** A leitmotif or figure.
*Superstition is a recurring **motif** in the book.*
- motivation** The condition of being motivated.
*We did not understand his **motivation**.*
- need** Anything that is necessary but lacking.
*She satisfied his **need** for affection.*



Usage Examples of "Motives" as a noun

- *He acted with the best of motives.*



Motives as an Adjective

Definitions of "Motives" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "motives" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Impelling to action- Arthur Pap.*
- *Impelling to action.*
- *Causing or able to cause motion.*



Synonyms of "Motives" as an adjective (3 Words)

- motivating** Impelling to action.
Motivating arguments.
- motivative** Impelling to action- Arthur Pap.
*It may well be that ethical language has primarily a **motivative** function.*
- motor** Relating to motor vehicles.
Motor nerves.



Usage Examples of "Motive" as an adjective

- *A motive force.*
- *Motive power.*
- *Motive pleas.*



Associations of "Motives" (30 Words)

- allure** The quality of being powerfully and mysteriously attractive or fascinating.
*People for whom gold holds no **allure**.*
- (of a work or remark) able to be ascribed to a particular author, artist, or speaker.
- attributable** 43 percent of all deaths in Ireland were **attributable** to cardiovascular disease.
- auditory** Relating to the sense of hearing.
Auditory processing.
- bonus** An extra and unexpected advantage.
*Big Christmas **bonuses**.*

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| cause | Give rise to cause to happen or occur not always intentionally. Cause an accident. |
| conditioned | Physically fit. A conditioned response. |
| excitation | The application of current to the winding of an electromagnet to produce a magnetic field. Two parallel coils with opposing excitation windings. |
| exciting | Causing great enthusiasm and eagerness. One of the most exciting matches I've ever seen. |
| fraudulent | Obtained, done by, or involving deception, especially criminal deception. Fraudulent share dealing. |
| <u>impetus</u> | The force or energy with which a body moves. The ending of the Cold War gave new impetus to idealism. |
| incentive | A thing that motivates or encourages someone to do something. Tax incentives for investing in depressed areas. |
| inducement | Act of bringing about a desired result. It is claimed that she was offered an inducement to plead guilty. |
| inspiration | The process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something, especially to do something creative. Crackling sounds are heard in the stethoscope on inspiration . |
| <u>inspiring</u> | Having the effect of inspiring someone. The scenery is not very inspiring . |
| irritant | Causing slight inflammation or other discomfort to the body. A powerful skin irritant . |
| <u>lure</u> | Something used to lure fish or other animals into danger so they can be trapped or killed. He lured me into temptation. |
| <u>motivate</u> | Request (something) and present facts and arguments in support of one's request. He was primarily motivated by the desire for profit. |
| motivation | The psychological feature that arouses an organism to action toward a desired goal; the reason for the action; that which gives purpose and direction to behavior. Keep staff up to date and maintain interest and motivation . |
| motivator | A person who promotes interest in or enthusiasm for something. Fear is a powerful motivator . |
| optimism | A general disposition to expect the best in all things. The talks had been amicable and there were grounds for optimism . |

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| passion | Any object of warm affection or devotion. <i>Their all consuming passion for each other.</i> |
| provocation | Action or speech held to be likely to prompt physical retaliation. <i>The result was a provocation of vigorous investigation.</i> |
| reason | Present reasons and arguments. <i>The reason that war was declared.</i> |
| reflex | In reflexology a response in a part of the body to stimulation of a corresponding point on the feet hands or head. <i>Sneezing is reflexive.</i> |
| stimulate | Cause to occur rapidly. <i>The reader could not fail to be stimulated by the ideas presented.</i> |
| stimulating | That stimulates. <i>A rich and stimulating working environment.</i> |
| stimulation | (physiology) the effect of a stimulus (on nerves or organs etc). <i>The child needs plenty of stimulation as bored hands can make mischief.</i> |
| stimulus | A thing that arouses activity or energy in someone or something; a spur or incentive. <i>She loved the stimulus of the job.</i> |
| titillate | Excite pleurably or erotically. <i>The press are paid to titillate the public.</i> |
| urge | Spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts. <i>Sexual urges.</i> |

