

Need another word that means the same as “nerve”? Find 51 synonyms and 30 related words for “nerve” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Nerve” are: nervus, heart, mettle, spunk, boldness, brass, cheek, face, nerve fibre, self-confidence, confidence, assurance, self-assurance, coolness, self-possession, audacity, effrontery, gall, temerity, presumption, presumptuousness, brazenness, impudence, impertinence, insolence, pertness, forwardness, front, arrogance, cockiness, anxiety, tension, nervousness, strain, tenseness, stress, worry, cold feet, steel, brace oneself, steel oneself, gather muster one's courage, gather up one's courage, screw muster one's courage, screw up one's courage, summon muster one's courage, summon up one's courage, screw one's courage to the sticking place, gear oneself up, prepare oneself, get in the right frame of mind**

## **Nerve as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Nerve" as a noun**

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

- *Impudent aggressiveness.*
- *One's steadiness and courage in a demanding situation.*
- *Impudence or audacity.*
- *The courage to carry on.*

- *Feelings of nervousness.*
- *A prominent unbranched rib in a leaf, especially in the midrib of the leaf of a moss.*
- *Any bundle of nerve fibers running to various organs and tissues of the body.*
- *A whitish fibre or bundle of fibres in the body that transmits impulses of sensation to the brain or spinal cord, and impulses from these to the muscles and organs.*

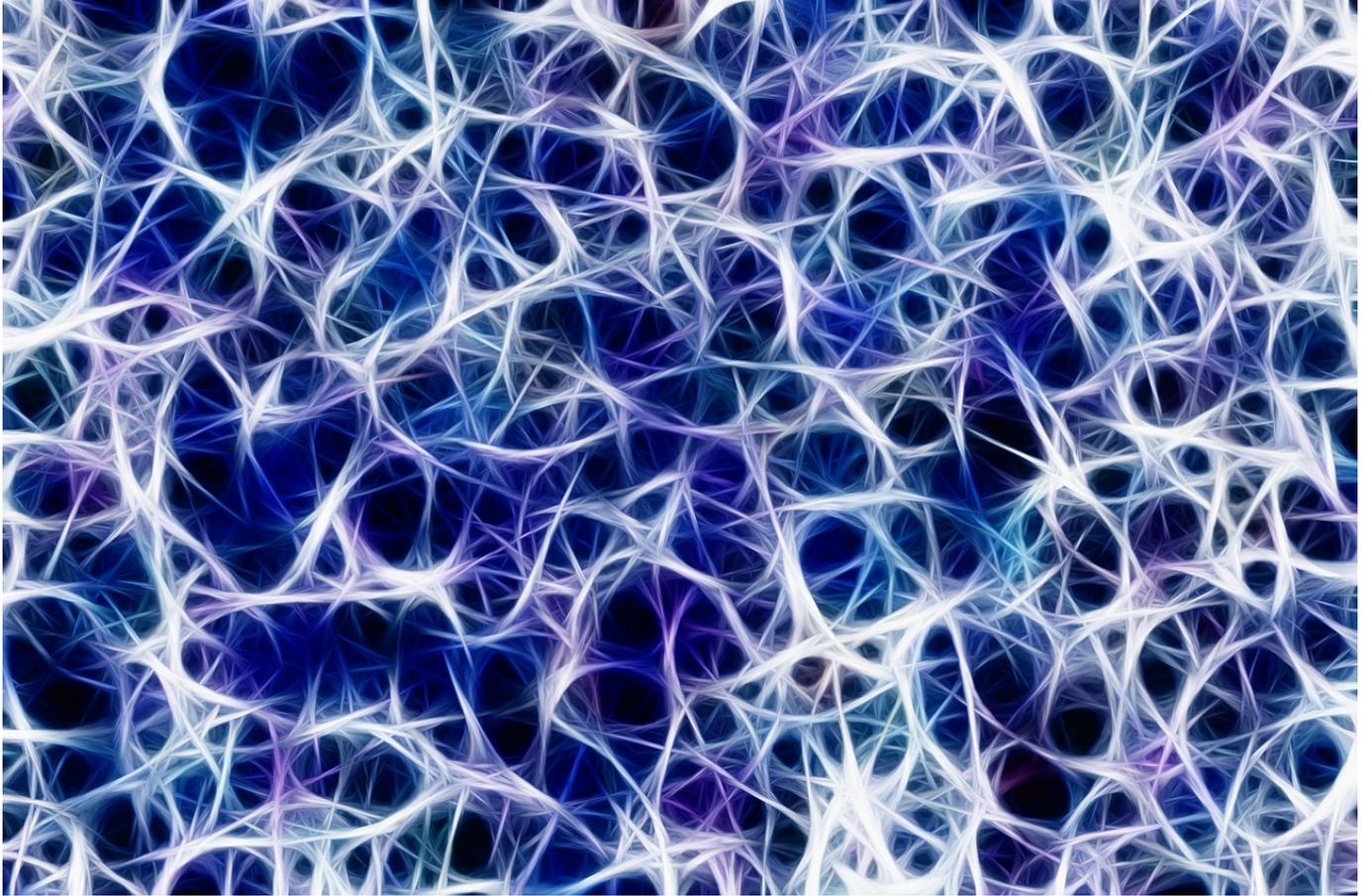


## Synonyms of "Nerve" as a noun (38 Words)

<b>anxiety</b>	Strong desire or concern to do something or for something to happen. <i>The housekeeper's eager <b>anxiety</b> to please.</i>
<b>arrogance</b>	The quality of being arrogant. <i>The <b>arrogance</b> of this man is astounding.</i>

<b>assurance</b>	A statement intended to inspire confidence. <i>The President s <b>assurances</b> were not respected.</i>
<b>audacity</b>	Aggressive boldness or unmitigated effrontery. <i>She had the <b>audacity</b> to suggest I d been carrying on with him.</i>
<b>boldness</b>	The quality of standing out strongly and distinctly. <i>You will overlook my <b>boldness</b> I hope.</i>
<b>brass</b>	The section of a band or orchestra that plays brass instruments. <i>Children do not appear on memorial <b>brasses</b> until the 1420s.</i>
<b>brazenness</b>	Behavior marked by a bold defiance of the proprieties and lack of shame.
<b>cheek</b>	Either of the two large fleshy masses of muscular tissue that form the human rump. <i>He had the <b>cheek</b> to complain.</i>
<b>cockiness</b>	Offensive boldness and assertiveness.
<b>cold feet</b>	A mild viral infection involving the nose and respiratory passages (but not the lungs).
<b>confidence</b>	A secret that is confided or entrusted to another. <i>He had gained the young man s <b>confidence</b>.</i>
<b>coolness</b>	The quality of being fashionably attractive or impressive. <i>His greatest strength is his <b>coolness</b> under pressure.</i>
<b>effrontery</b>	Insolent or impertinent behaviour. <i>One juror had the <b>effrontery</b> to challenge the coroner s decision.</i>
<b>face</b>	A surface forming part of the outside of an object. <i>A series of loggias make up the <b>face</b> of the church.</i>
<b>forwardness</b>	Prompt willingness. <i>The <b>forwardness</b> of the harvest this year.</i>
<b>front</b>	The part of a garment covering a person s front. <i>She quickly turned her head to face the <b>front</b>.</i>
<b>gall</b>	The contents of the gall bladder bile proverbial for its bitterness. <i>Accept life s <b>gall</b> without blaming somebody else.</i>
<b>heart</b>	The region of the chest above the heart. <i>She had already given her <b>heart</b> to another.</i>
<b>impertinence</b>	Lack of respect; rudeness. <i>They gasped at the <b>impertinence</b> of the suggestion.</i>
<b>impudence</b>	The quality of being impudent; impertinence. <i>His arrogance and <b>impudence</b> had offended many.</i>

<b>insolence</b>	The trait of being rude and impertinent; inclined to take liberties. <i>She was sacked for <b>insolence</b>.</i>
<b>mettle</b>	A person's ability to cope well with difficulties; spirit and resilience. <i>The team showed their true <b>mettle</b> in the second half.</i>
<b>nerve fibre</b>	The courage to carry on.
<u><b>nervousness</b></u>	The quality or state of being nervous. <i>There was a trace of <b>nervousness</b> in his voice.</i>
<b>nervus</b>	Any bundle of nerve fibers running to various organs and tissues of the body.
<b>pertness</b>	Inappropriate playfulness. <i>There was a <b>pertness</b> about her that attracted him.</i>
<u><b>presumption</b></u>	A kind of discourtesy in the form of an act of presuming. <i>The planning policy shows a general <b>presumption</b> in favour of development.</i>
<b>presumptuousness</b>	Audacious (even arrogant) behavior that you have no right to. <i>He despised them for their <b>presumptuousness</b>.</i>
<b>self-assurance</b>	Freedom from doubt; belief in yourself and your abilities.
<b>self-confidence</b>	Freedom from doubt; belief in yourself and your abilities.
<b>self-possession</b>	The trait of resolutely controlling your own behavior.
<b>strain</b>	The act of singing. <i>The telltale signs of nervous <b>strain</b>.</i>
<b>stress</b>	The relative prominence of a syllable or musical note especially with regard to stress or pitch. <i>Normally the <b>stress</b> falls on the first syllable.</i>
<b>temerity</b>	Fearless daring. <i>No one had the <b>temerity</b> to question his conclusions.</i>
<b>tenseness</b>	A grammatical category of verbs used to express distinctions of time. <i>He could feel the <b>tenseness</b> of her body.</i>
<b>tension</b>	Feelings of hostility that are not manifest. <i>The direction of maximum <b>tension</b> moves asymptotically toward the direction of the shear.</i>
<u><b>worry</b></u>	The state of being anxious and troubled over actual or potential problems. <i>It s a major <b>worry</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Nerve" as a noun

- *He had the nerve to insult my cooking.*
- *His first-night nerves soon disappeared.*
- *You've got a nerve coming here.*
- *An amazing journey which tested her nerves to the full.*
- *The optic nerve.*
- *He kept his nerve and won five games in a row.*



## Nerve as a Verb

### Definitions of "Nerve" as a verb

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

- *Get ready for something difficult or unpleasant.*
- *Brace oneself mentally to face a demanding situation.*



## Synonyms of "Nerve" as a verb (13 Words)

**brace oneself**

Support by bracing.

**gather muster one's courage**

Collect in one place.

**gather up one's courage**

Draw together into folds or puckers.

**gear oneself up**

Set the level or character of.

**get in the right frame of mind**

Be stricken by an illness, fall victim to an illness.

**prepare oneself**

Educate for a future role or function.

**screw muster one's courage**

Turn like a screw.

**screw one's courage to the sticking place**

Defeat someone through trickery or deceit.

**screw up one's courage**

Tighten or fasten by means of screwing motions.

**steel**

Cover plate or edge with steel.

*His team were **steeling** themselves for disappointment.*

**steel oneself**

Cover, plate, or edge with steel.

**summon muster one's courage**

Call in an official matter, such as to attend court.

**summon up one's courage**

Make ready for action or use.



### **Usage Examples of "Nerve" as a verb**

- *She nerved herself to enter the room.*



## Associations of "Nerve" (30 Words)

<b>anesthetize</b>	Administer an anesthetic drug to. <i>Anesthetize the gum before extracting the teeth.</i>
<b>axon</b>	The long threadlike part of a nerve cell along which impulses are conducted from the cell body to other cells.
<b>boldness</b>	The trait of being willing to undertake things that involve risk or danger. <i>These works display a great <b>boldness</b> of forms.</i>
<b>brave</b>	People who are brave. <i>She was very <b>brave</b> about the whole thing.</i>
<b>bravery</b>	Feeling no fear. <i>Perhaps I'll get a medal for <b>bravery</b>.</i>
<b>cerebral</b>	Involving intelligence rather than emotions or instinct. <i>She excelled in <b>cerebral</b> pursuits.</i>

<b>courage</b>	Strength in the face of pain or grief. <i>He fought his illness with great <b>courage</b>.</i>
<b>cranial</b>	Relating to the skull or cranium.
<b>daring</b>	Adventurous courage. <i>A <b>daring</b> crime.</i>
<b>deafness</b>	The condition of lacking the power of hearing or having impaired hearing. <i>The <b>deafness</b> shown by political leaders.</i>
<b>fortitude</b>	Strength of mind that enables one to endure adversity with courage. <i>She endured her illness with great <b>fortitude</b>.</i>
<b>insensitivity</b>	Lack of awareness or ability to respond to something. <i>A major characteristic of type 2 diabetes is insulin <b>insensitivity</b>.</i>
<b>manliness</b>	The fact of being typically male; masculinity. <i>The author's alleged lack of <b>manliness</b>.</i>
<b>mettle</b>	The courage to carry on. <i>The team showed their true <b>mettle</b> in the second half.</i>
<b>neural</b>	Of or relating to the nervous system. <i><b>Neural</b> network.</i>
<b>neuron</b>	A specialized cell transmitting nerve impulses; a nerve cell.
<b>neuroscientist</b>	A neurobiologist who specializes in the study of the brain. <i>There is a significant and growing need among <b>neuroscientists</b> to exchange experimental data.</i>
<b>neurotically</b>	In a neurotic manner.
<b>olfactory</b>	Of or relating to olfaction. <i>The <b>olfactory</b> organs.</i>
<b>palsy</b>	Affect with palsy. <i>Is the calmness of philosophy or the <b>palsy</b> of insensibility to be looked for.</i>
<b>paralysis</b>	Inability to act or function properly. <i>The <b>paralysis</b> gripping the country.</i>
<b>pathway</b>	A route, formed by a chain of nerve cells, along which impulses of a particular kind usually travel. <i>Enzymes of the glycolytic <b>pathway</b>.</i>
<b>proWess</b>	A superior skill that you can learn by study and practice and observation. <i>His <b>proWess</b> as a fisherman.</i>
<b>resourcefulness</b>	The quality of being able to cope with a difficult situation. <i>His films show remarkable technical <b>resourcefulness</b>.</i>

<b><u>sensory</u></b>	Relating to sensation or the physical senses; transmitted or perceived by the senses. <b>Sensory organs.</b>
<b>synapse</b>	The junction between two neurons (axon-to-dendrite) or between a neuron and a muscle. <i>Nerve impulses cross a <b>synapse</b> through the action of neurotransmitters.</i>
<b>unflinching</b>	Not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or difficulty. <i>He has shown <b>unflinching</b> determination throughout the campaign.</i>
<b><u>valor</u></b>	The qualities of a hero or heroine; exceptional or heroic courage when facing danger (especially in battle). <i>He received a medal for <b>valor</b>.</i>
<b><u>virility</u></b>	(in a man) the quality of having strength, energy, and a strong sex drive; manliness. <i>Great importance is placed on a man's <b>virility</b>.</i>

