

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.*

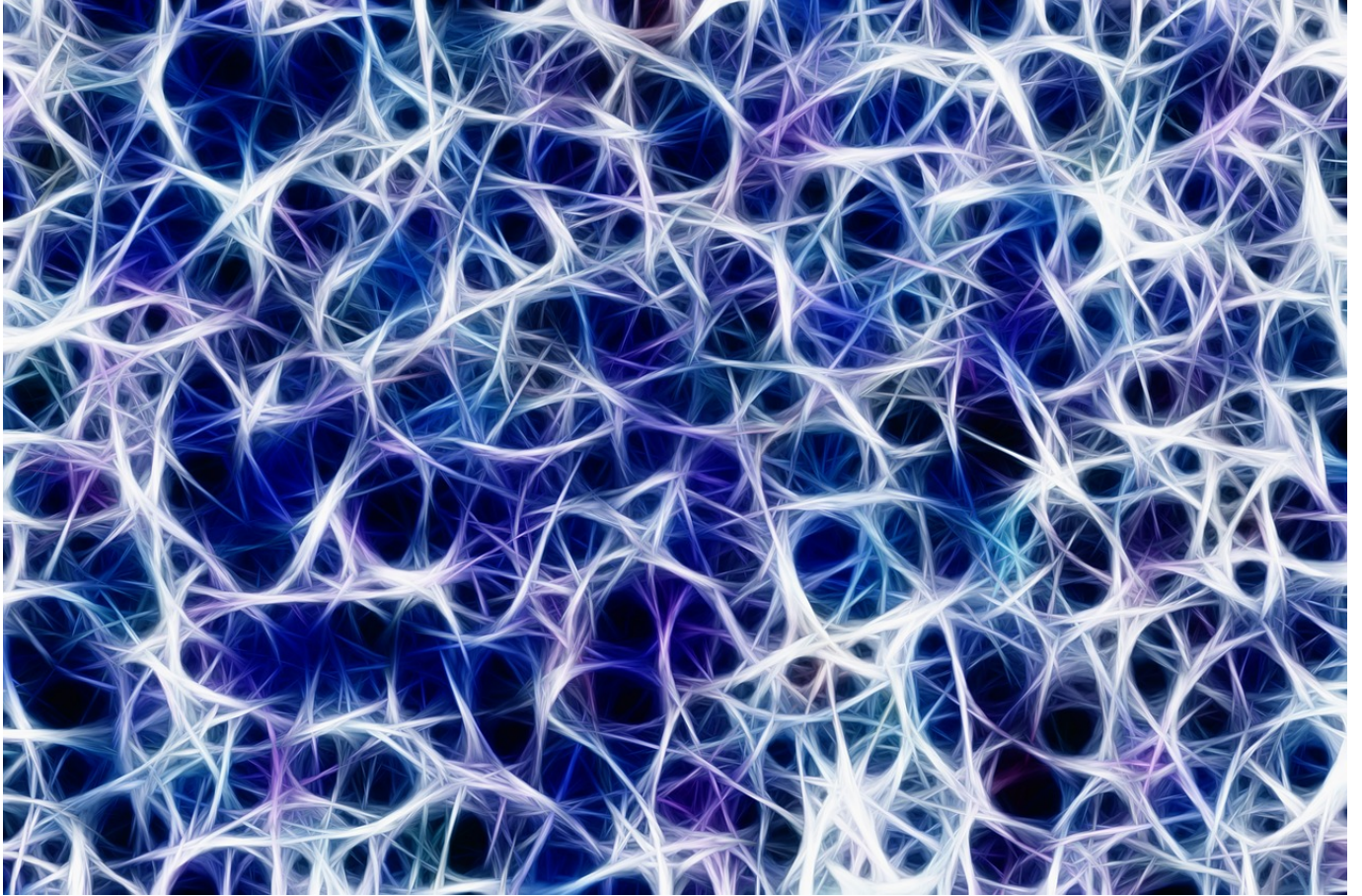


Synonyms of "Nerve" as a noun (38 Words)

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

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

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

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

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

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

