

Need another word that means the same as “nudge”? Find 32 synonyms and 30 related words for “nudge” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Nudge” are: poke at, prod, poke, elbow, dig, jog, jab, butt, touch, bump, bump against, push, push against, run into, prompt, encourage, coax, stimulate, approach, come close to, get close to, be verging on, border on, near, dig in the ribs**

## **Nudge as a Noun**

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

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

- *A slight push or shake.*
- *A light touch or push.*



## Synonyms of "Nudge" as a noun (8 Words)

- dig** An act or spell of digging.  
*She takes a **dig** at me every chance she gets.*
- dig in the ribs** An aggressive remark directed at a person like a missile and intended to have a telling effect.
- jab** The act of touching someone suddenly with your finger or elbow.  
*A **jab** in the stomach.*
- jog** A spell of jogging.  
*His morning **jog**.*
- poke** A look or search around a place.  
*I expect you'd prefer something with a bit more **poke**.*
- push** The force used in pushing.  
*The **pushing** is good exercise.*



### **Usage Examples of "Nudge" as a noun**

- *She appreciated the nudge to her memory.*
- *He gave her shoulder a nudge.*



## Nudge as a Verb

### Definitions of "Nudge" as a verb

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

- *Touch or push (something) gently or gradually.*
- *Push into action by pestering or annoying gently.*
- *Prod (someone) gently with one's elbow in order to attract attention.*
- *To push against gently.*
- *Coax or gently encourage (someone) to do something.*
- *Approach (an age, figure, or level) very closely.*

## Synonyms of "Nudge" as a verb (24 Words)

<b>approach</b>	Make advances to someone, usually with a proposal or suggestion. <i>One must <b>approach</b> the matter with caution.</i>
<b>be verging on</b>	Occupy a certain position or area.
<b>border on</b>	Provide with a border or edge.
<b><u>bump</u></b>	In a race gain a bump against. <i>She had to <b>bump</b> the pushchair down the steps.</i>
<b>bump against</b>	Knock against with force or violence.
<b><u>coax</u></b>	Obtain something from (someone) by gentle and persistent persuasion. <i>The trainees were <b>coaxed</b> into doing boring work.</i>
<b>come close to</b>	Proceed or get along.
<b>dig</b>	Create by digging. <i>She was <b>digging</b> away at her math homework.</i>
<b>elbow</b>	Move by pushing past people with one's elbows. <i>The issues which concerned them tended to be <b>elbowed</b> aside by men.</i>
<b>encourage</b>	Persuade (someone) to do or continue to do something by giving support and advice. <i>His financial success <b>encouraged</b> him to look for a wife.</i>
<b>get close to</b>	Make children.
<b><u>jab</u></b>	Stab or pierce. <i>He <b>jabbed</b> the piece of meat with his pocket knife.</i>
<b>jog</b>	Run at a steady gentle pace, especially on a regular basis as a form of physical exercise. <i>This novel rambles on and <b>jogs</b>.</i>
<b>near</b>	Come near to approach. <i>The enemy army came <b>nearer</b> and <b>nearer</b>.</i>
<b><u>poke</u></b>	Poke or thrust abruptly. <i>They sniffed and <b>poked</b> at everything they bought.</i>
<b>poke at</b>	Stir by poking.
<b>prompt</b>	Supply a forgotten word or line to (an actor) during the performance of a play. <i>The violence <b>prompted</b> a wave of refugees to flee the country.</i>
<b><u>push</u></b>	Make strenuous pushing movements during birth to expel the baby. <i>She believed he was <b>pushing</b> their daughter too hard.</i>
<b>push against</b>	Approach a certain age or speed.
<b>run into</b>	Make without a miss.

<b>stimulate</b>	Cause to occur rapidly. <i>The book <b>stimulated</b> her imagination.</i>
<b>touch</b>	Used to indicate that something is avoided or rejected. <i>She was <b>touched</b> by her friend s loyalty.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Nudge" as a verb

- *We have to nudge the politicians in the right direction.*
- *Both men were nudging fifty.*
- *People were nudging each other and pointing at me.*
- *She nudged my elbow when she saw her friend enter the restaurant.*
- *The canoe nudged a bank of reeds.*

## Associations of "Nudge" (30 Words)

<b>aggressor</b>	A confident assertive person who acts as instigator.
<b>assailant</b>	A person who physically attacks another. <i>The police have no firm leads about the identity of his <b>assailant</b>.</i>
<b>beat</b>	Shape by beating. <i>He <b>beat</b> his own world record.</i>
<b>bludgeon</b>	Beat someone repeatedly with a bludgeon or other heavy object. <i>She was found <b>bludgeoned</b> to death in the basement.</i>
<b>clout</b>	A long distance shot that hits a clout. <i>I knew she carried a lot of <b>clout</b>.</i>
<b>crump</b>	Explode heavily or with a loud dull noise. <i>We heard the cannon <b>crumping</b>.</i>
<b>fist</b>	Clench the hand or fingers into a fist. <i>She pummelled him furiously with her <b>fists</b>.</i>
<b>hornet</b>	Large stinging paper wasp.
<b>impale</b>	Kill by piercing with a spear or sharp pole. <i>His head was <b>impaled</b> on a pike and exhibited for all to see.</i>
<b>knife</b>	Stab someone with a knife. <i>A shard of steel <b>knifed</b> through the mainsail.</i>
<b>pang</b>	A sudden sharp pain or painful emotion. <i>The snack bar will keep those hunger <b>pangs</b> at bay.</i>
<b>perforate</b>	Perforated. <i>The walls will be <b>perforated</b> with thousands of circular openings.</i>

<b><u>pesky</u></b>	Causing trouble; annoying. A <b>pesky</b> younger brother.
<b>ping</b>	Hit with a pinging noise. The <b>ping</b> of the oven timer.
<b>poignancy</b>	The quality of evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; pathos. A moment of extraordinary <b>poignancy</b> .
<b><u>poke</u></b>	Poke or thrust abruptly. She gave the fire a <b>poke</b> .
<b>prickle</b>	A short pointed outgrowth on the bark or epidermis of a plant; a small thorn. Kathleen felt a <b>prickle</b> of excitement.
<b>punch</b>	Drive forcibly as if by a punch. The nail <b>punched</b> through the wall.
<b>pushing</b>	The act of applying force in order to move something away. The <b>pushing</b> is good exercise.
<b>spiny</b>	Full of or covered with prickles. A <b>spiny</b> problem.
<b><u>stab</u></b>	Stab or pierce. She felt a <b>stab</b> of jealousy.
<b>stick</b>	Come or be in close contact with stick or hold together and resist separation. Fever left him weak on his <b>sticks</b> .
<b><u>sting</u></b>	Cause a sharp or stinging pain or discomfort. I recalled the <b>sting</b> of his betrayal.
<b>thump</b>	Hit or strike heavily, especially with the fist or a blunt implement. The bag landed on the floor with a <b>thump</b> .
<b>twinge</b>	(of a part of the body) suffer a sudden, sharp localized pain. <b>Twinges</b> of conscience.
<b>wartime</b>	A period of time during which there is armed conflict. Britain's <b>wartime</b> defences.
<b>wasp</b>	A solitary winged insect with a narrow waist mostly distantly related to the social wasps and including many parasitic kinds.
<b><u>wound</u></b>	Inflict a wound on. A knife <b>wound</b> .