

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)

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

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| stimulate | Cause to occur rapidly. <i>The book stimulated her imagination.</i> |
| touch | Used to indicate that something is avoided or rejected. <i>She was touched 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)

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

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