

Need another word that means the same as “onset”? Find 26 synonyms and 30 related words for “onset” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Onset” are: attack, onrush, onslaught, oncoming, start, beginning, arrival, appearance, first appearance, opening, outset, inception, assault, offensive, offence, drive, push, thrust, sortie, sally, swoop, foray, raid, invasion, incursion, campaign

Onset as a Noun

Definitions of "Onset" as a noun

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

- *The beginning of something, especially something unpleasant.*
- *The beginning or early stages.*
- *A military attack.*
- *An offensive against an enemy (using weapons).*
- *(military) an offensive against an enemy (using weapons).*



Synonyms of "Onset" as a noun (26 Words)

appearance	Formal attendance (in court or at a hearing) of a party in an action. <i>It was Bernhardt s last appearance in America.</i>
arrival	A person who has arrived somewhere. <i>Sociology is a relatively new arrival on the academic scene.</i>
assault	A threatened or attempted physical attack by someone who appears to be able to cause bodily harm if not stopped. <i>Troops began an assault on the city.</i>
attack	The act of attacking. <i>A Cardiff attack broke down inside Llanelli s 22.</i>
beginning	The background or origins of a person or organization. <i>The ending of one relationship and the beginning of another.</i>
campaign	A race between candidates for elective office. <i>I managed his campaign for governor.</i>

drive	Hitting a golf ball off of a tee with a driver. <i>A variable speed drive permitted operation through a range of speeds.</i>
first appearance	The first element in a countable series.
foray	A sudden short attack. <i>My first foray into journalism.</i>
inception	An event that is a beginning; a first part or stage of subsequent events. <i>She has been on the board since its inception two years ago.</i>
incursion	The act of entering some territory or domain (often in large numbers). <i>Incursions into enemy territory.</i>
invasion	(pathology) the spread of pathogenic microorganisms or malignant cells to new sites in the body. <i>An invasion of tourists.</i>
offence	The action of attacking an enemy. <i>The new offence of obtaining property by deception.</i>
offensive	The action of attacking an enemy. <i>An impending military offensive against the guerrillas.</i>
oncoming	The approach or onset of something. <i>The oncoming of age.</i>
onrush	A surging rush forward. <i>The mesmerizing onrush of the sea.</i>
onslaught	An overwhelmingly large number of people or things. <i>In some parks the onslaught of cars and people far exceeds capacity.</i>
opening	The act of opening something. <i>The opening established the basic theme.</i>
outset	The start or beginning of something. <i>A field of which he had known nothing at the outset and learned on the job.</i>
push	The force used in pushing. <i>We re managing on our own but it s a push.</i>
raid	A rapid surprise attack to commit a crime, especially to steal from business premises. <i>A bombing raid.</i>
sally	A witty or lively remark, especially one made as an attack or as a diversion in an argument; a retort. <i>The garrison there made a sally against us.</i>

sortie A military action in which besieged troops burst forth from their position.

*This latest book is the author's first **sortie** into non fiction.*

start A turn to be a starter in a game at the beginning.

*If he would tell her who had put him up to it it would be a **start**.*

swoop A swooping or snatching movement or action.

*The violinist was indulgent with his **swoops** and slides.*



Usage Examples of "Onset" as a noun

- *The onset of pneumonia.*
- *Early-onset Alzheimer's disease.*
- *The onset of winter.*



Associations of "Onset" (30 Words)

ahead	Ahead of time in anticipation. <i>The road ahead.</i>
approaching	Of the relatively near future. <i>An approaching car.</i>
beforehand	Before an action or event; in advance. <i>Should have made reservations beforehand.</i>
beginning	The background or origins of a person or organization. <i>The ending of one relationship and the beginning of another.</i>
betimes	Sometimes; on occasion. <i>He awoke betimes that morning.</i>
colonist	A settler in or inhabitant of a colony.
commencement	The time at which something is supposed to begin. <i>The commencement of the trial.</i>

delayed	Not as far along as normal in development.
early	Of an early stage in the development of a language or literature. <i>We ate an early lunch.</i>
elementary	Of or pertaining to or characteristic of elementary school or elementary education. <i>Elementary my dear Watson.</i>
embryonic	(of a system, idea, or organization) in a rudimentary stage with potential for development. <i>The embryonic government staffed by survivors of the massacre.</i>
germinal	Containing seeds of later development. <i>De Beauvoir's germinal book <i>The Second Sex</i>.</i>
inchoate	Just begun and so not fully formed or developed; rudimentary. <i>A vague inchoate idea.</i>
inchoative	An inchoative verb. <i>Inchoative stages.</i>
incipient	(of a person) developing into a specified type or role. <i>Incipient civil disorder.</i>
initial	Mark with one's initials. <i>Initial consonants.</i>
initially	At first. <i>Initially he thought the new concept was nonsense.</i>
mount	A mounting consisting of a piece of metal as in a ring or other jewelry that holds a gem in place. <i>He took the bicycle mounted it and rode to the station.</i>
oncoming	Approaching from the front; moving towards one. <i>She walked into the path of an oncoming car.</i>
outset	The start or beginning of something. <i>A field of which he had known nothing at the outset and learned on the job.</i>
pacesetter	A horse used to set the pace in racing. <i>These centres are the pacesetters for the nation.</i>
pioneer	Open up a road or terrain as a pioneer. <i>The technique was pioneered by a Swiss doctor in the 1930s.</i>
premature	(of a baby) born before the end of the full term of gestation, especially three or more weeks before. <i>A premature infant.</i>

prematurely	Too soon; in a premature manner. <i>I spoke prematurely.</i>
proterozoic	Formed in the later of two divisions of the Precambrian era. Proterozoic life forms.
settler	A negotiator who settles disputes. <i>The early European settlers in America were often fleeing from religious persecution.</i>
start	A line indicating the location of the start of a race or a game. <i>It s quite expensive starting from 800 for the most basic model.</i>
stirring	Causing excitement or strong emotion; rousing. Stirring events such as wars and rescues.
trailblazer	A person who makes a new track through wild country. <i>He was a trailblazer for many ideas that are now standard fare.</i>
untimely	Uncommonly early or before the expected time. <i>Alcohol brought him to an untimely end.</i>

