

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)

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

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

### approaching

Of the relatively near future.  
*An **approaching** car.*

### beforehand

Before an action or event; in advance.  
*Should have made reservations **beforehand**.*

### beginning

The background or origins of a person or organization.  
*The ending of one relationship and the **beginning** of another.*

### betimes

Sometimes; on occasion.  
*He awoke **betimes** that morning.*

### colonist

A settler in or inhabitant of a colony.

### commencement

The time at which something is supposed to begin.  
*The **commencement** of the trial.*

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



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

