

Need another word that means the same as “pivot”? Find 40 synonyms and 30 related words for “pivot” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Pivot” are: pin, pivot man, central shaft, fulcrum, axis, axle, swivel, hub, spindle, hinge, pintle, kingpin, gudgeon, trunnion, centre, focus, central point, heart, nucleus, raison d’être, crux, keystone, cornerstone, linchpin, rotate, turn, revolve, spin, twirl, whirl, wheel, oscillate, depend, hang, rely, rest, be contingent**

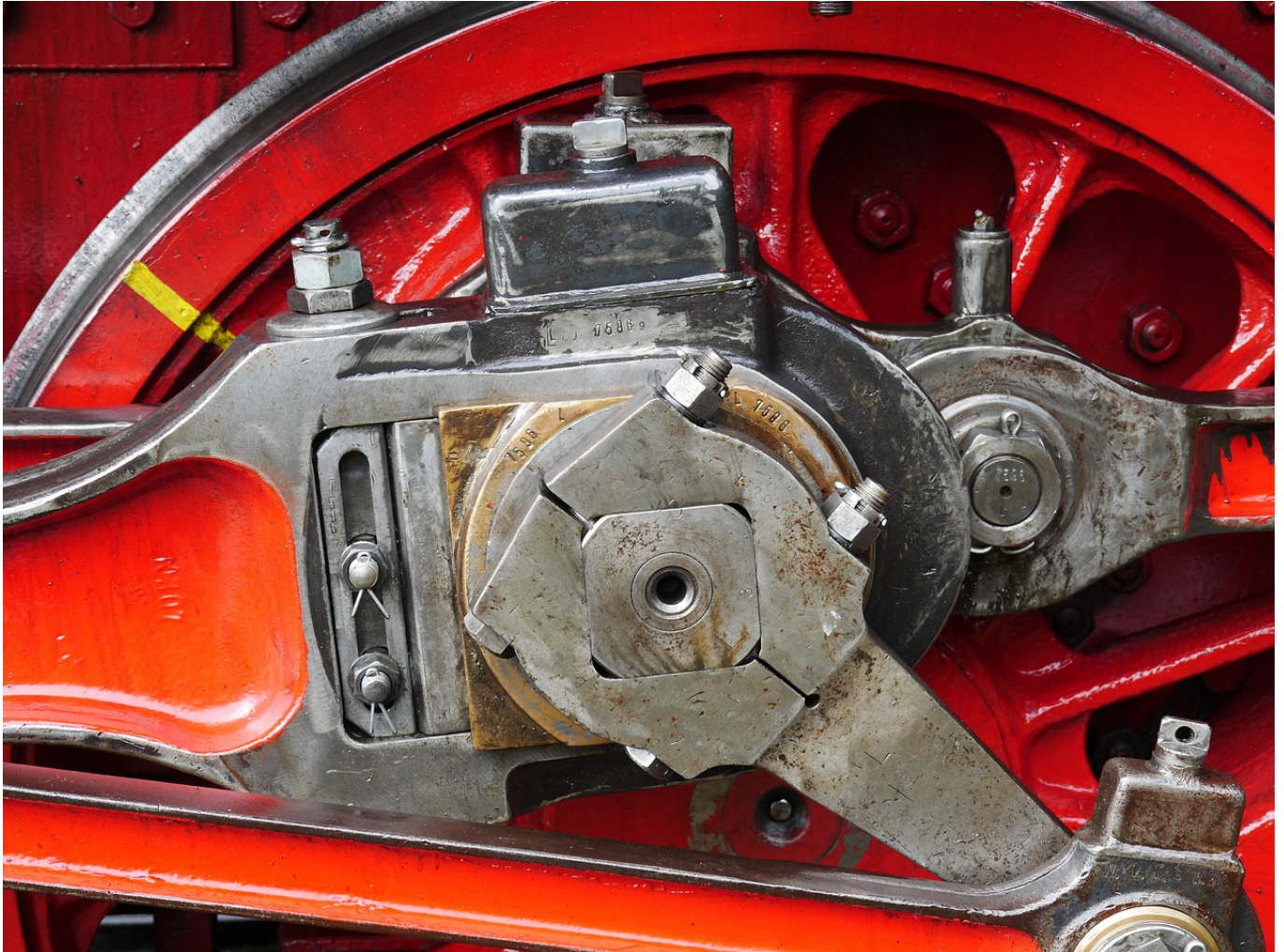
## Pivot as a Noun

### Definitions of "Pivot" as a noun

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

- *The central point, pin, or shaft on which a mechanism turns or oscillates.*
- *The act of turning on (or as if on) a pivot.*
- *The person or position from which a body of troops takes its reference point when moving or changing course.*
- *A player in a central position in a team sport.*
- *The person in a rank around whom the others wheel and maneuver.*
- *A movement in which the player holding the ball may move in any direction with one foot, while keeping the other (the pivot foot) in contact with the floor.*
- *A person or thing that plays a central part in a situation or enterprise.*

- *Axis consisting of a short shaft that supports something that turns.*



### **Synonyms of "Pivot" as a noun (24 Words)**

- axis** In World War II the alliance of Germany and Italy in 1936 which later included Japan and other nations.  
*The leaflets are arranged in rows on a slender **axis**.*
- axle** A shaft on which a wheel rotates.  
*The exhaust pipe corrodes around the bend which goes over the rear **axle** on motor cars.*
- central point** A workplace that serves as a telecommunications facility where lines from telephones can be connected together to permit communication.
- central shaft** A workplace that serves as a telecommunications facility where lines from telephones can be connected together to permit communication.

<b>centre</b>	A kick, hit, or throw of the ball from the side to the middle of field in soccer, hockey, and other team games. <i>A conference <b>centre</b>.</i>
<b>cornerstone</b>	A stone that forms the base of a corner of a building, joining two walls. <i>A national minimum wage remained the <b>cornerstone</b> of policy.</i>
<b>crux</b>	A small conspicuous constellation in the southern hemisphere in the Milky Way near Centaurus. <i>The <b>crux</b> of the matter is that attitudes have changed.</i>
<b>focus</b>	One of the fixed points from which the distances to any point of a given curve, such as an ellipse or parabola, are connected by a linear relation. <i>The incident brought her feelings for Alexander sharply into <b>focus</b>.</i>
<b>fulcrum</b>	The point against which a lever is placed to get a purchase, or on which it turns or is supported. <i>Research is the <b>fulcrum</b> of the academic community.</i>
<b>gudgeon</b>	Small spiny-finned fish of coastal or brackish waters having a large head and elongated tapering body having the ventral fins modified as a sucker.
<b>heart</b>	A card of the suit of hearts. <i>A five pound beef <b>heart</b> will serve six.</i>
<b>hinge</b>	A natural joint which performs a function similar to that of a man made hinge for example that of a bivalve shell. <i>His absence is the <b>hinge</b> of our plan.</i>
<b>hub</b>	The central part of a car wheel (or fan or propeller etc) through which the shaft or axle passes. <i>The city's major transportation <b>hub</b> for bus and rail.</i>
<b>keystone</b>	The central principle or part of a policy, system, etc., on which all else depends. <i>The <b>keystone</b> of campaign reform was the ban on soft money.</i>
<b>kingpin</b>	A vertical bolt used as a pivot. <i>The <b>kingpins</b> of the television industry.</i>
<b>linchpin</b>	A central cohesive source of support and stability. <i>Nurses are the <b>linchpin</b> of the National Health Service.</i>
<b>nucleus</b>	The central structure of the lens that is surrounded by the cortex. <i>The <b>nucleus</b> of a British film producing industry.</i>
<b>pin</b>	An attack on a piece or pawn which is thereby pinned. <i>She was very nimble on her <b>pins</b>.</i>
<b>pin</b>	A pin or bolt forming the pivot of a hinge.
<b>pivotal man</b>	The person in a rank around whom the others wheel and maneuver.

**raison d'être** Reason for being.

**spindle**

A Eurasian shrub or small tree with slender toothed leaves and pink capsules containing bright orange seeds Its hard timber was formerly used for making spindles.

*Chromosomes are distributed by **spindles** in mitosis and meiosis.*

**swivel**

A coupling (as in a chain) that has one end that turns on a headed pin.

**trunnion**

A pin or pivot forming one of a pair on which something is supported.



### Usage Examples of "Pivot" as a noun

- *The pivot of community life was the chapel.*
- *The golfer went to the driving range to practice his pivot.*



## Pivot as a Verb

### Definitions of "Pivot" as a verb

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

- *Depend on.*
- *Provide (a mechanism) with a pivot; fix (a mechanism) on a pivot.*
- *Turn on a pivot.*
- *Turn on or as if on a pivot.*



## Synonyms of "Pivot" as a verb (16 Words)

**be contingent** Have life, be alive.

**centre** Have or cause to have (a specified concern or theme).  
*The case **centres** around the couple s adopted children.*

**depend** Be grammatically dependent on.  
*His tongue **depended** from open jaws.*

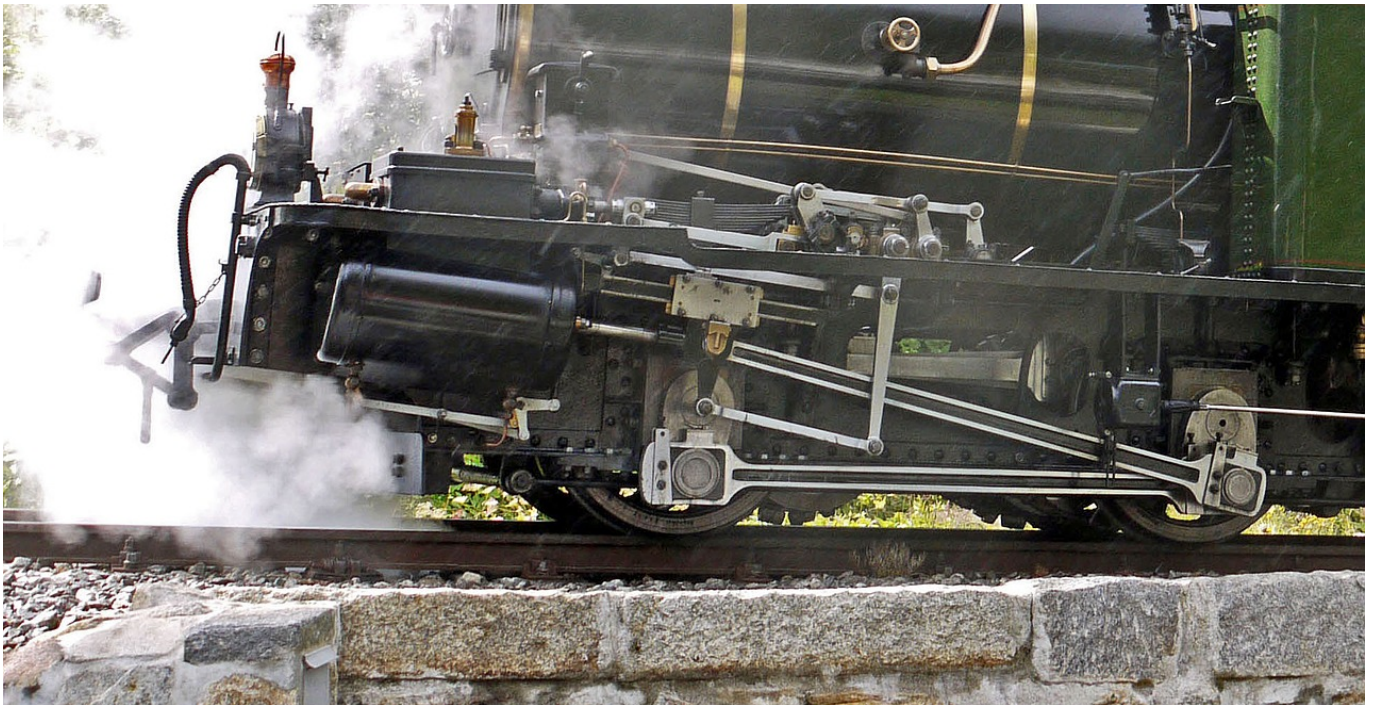
**hang** Cause to be hanging or suspended.  
*This blend of silk and wool **hangs** well and resists creases.*

**hinge** Attach or join with or as if with a hinge.  
*The ironing board was set into the wall and **hinged** at the bottom.*

**oscillate** (of a circuit or device) cause the electric current or voltage running through it to vary in magnitude or position in a regular manner about a central point.

*He **oscillates** between accepting the new position and retirement.*

- rely** Have faith or confidence in.  
*I know I can **rely** on your discretion.*
- rest** Give a rest to.  
*I m going to **rest** up before travelling to England.*
- revolve** Move in an orbit.  
*Overhead the fan **revolved** slowly.*
- rotate** Plant or grow in a fixed cyclic order of succession.  
*We **rotate** the lead soprano every night.*
- spin** Cause to spin.  
***Spin** out a visit.*
- swivel** Turn around a point or axis or on a swivel.  
*He **swivelled** in the chair.*
- turn** To break and turn over earth especially with a plow.  
***Turn** a key.*
- twirl** Cause to rotate.  
*She **twirled** her fork in the pasta.*
- wheel** Move along on or as if on wheels or a wheeled vehicle.  
*Luke was **wheeling** a barrow.*
- whirl** Move or cause to move rapidly.  
*Sybil stood waving as they **whirled** past.*



## Usage Examples of "Pivot" as a verb

- *The government's reaction pivoted on the response of the Prime Minister.*
- *He swung round, pivoting on his heel.*



## Associations of "Pivot" (30 Words)

### center

Ice hockey the person who plays center on a hockey team.  
*His stories made him the **center** of the party.*

### central

Serving as an essential component.  
*The station has a **central** courtyard.*

### circle

Form a circle around.  
*We **circled** round the island.*

### **circular**

Having a circular shape.  
*He mailed the **circular** to all subscribers.*

### **concentric**

Having a common center.  
***Concentric** rings.*

### **core**

Remove the core or center from.  
*Nothing will strengthen your **core** like balancing a heavy barbell on your back or lifting one off the floor.*

### **crucial**

Having crucial relevance.  
*A **crucial** election.*



<b>focal</b>	Relating to the focus of a lens. <i><b>Focal</b> point.</i>
<b><u>fulcrum</u></b>	The point against which a lever is placed to get a purchase, or on which it turns or is supported. <i>Research is the <b>fulcrum</b> of the academic community.</i>
<b>halfway</b>	Equally distant from the extremes. <i>We ve reached the <b>halfway</b> point of the season.</i>
<b>homocentric</b>	Having the same centre.
<b><u>hub</u></b>	The central part of a wheel, rotating on or with the axle, and from which the spokes radiate. <i>The playground is the <b>hub</b> of parental supervision.</i>
<b>importance</b>	A prominent status. <i>The <b>importance</b> of a good education.</i>
<b>instrumental</b>	The instrumental case. <i>A very <b>instrumental</b> view of education and how it relates to their needs.</i>
<b>intermediate</b>	A person at an intermediate level of knowledge or skill. <i>A cooled liquid <b>intermediate</b> between liquid and solid.</i>
<b>meantime</b>	Meanwhile. <i><b>Meantime</b> he was attentive to his other interests.</i>
<b>mid</b>	Of or in the middle part or position of a range. <i><b>Mid</b> brown hair.</i>
<b><u>middle</u></b>	In cricket tennis etc strike the ball with the middle of the bat racket or club. <i>The early and <b>middle</b> part of life.</i>
<b>middlebrow</b>	A middlebrow person. <i><b>Middlebrow</b> fiction.</i>
<b>midst</b>	The location of something surrounded by other things. <i>In the <b>midst</b> of the crowd.</i>
<b>midway</b>	Having some of the characteristics of one thing and some of another. <i>He sensationally led the tournament at the <b>midway</b> point.</i>
<b><u>pivotal</u></b>	Of crucial importance in relation to the development or success of something else. <i>Its <b>pivotal</b> location has also exposed it to periodic invasions.</i>
<b>point</b>	Insert points in written text of Semitic languages. <i>At that <b>point</b> I had to leave.</i>
<b>proximal</b>	Situated nearer to the centre of the body or the point of attachment. <i>The <b>proximal</b> end of the forearm.</i>

<b>reel</b>	Dance a reel. <i>Sailplanes are often launched by means of a wire <b>reeled</b> in by a winch.</i>
<b>rotate</b>	Perform a job or duty on a rotating basis. <i>The wheel continued to <b>rotate</b>.</i>
<b>round</b>	Make round. <i>The gun can fire 30 <b>rounds</b> a second.</i>
<b>spin</b>	Cause to spin. <i>He took the new car for a <b>spin</b>.</i>
<b>swivel</b>	Turn around a point or axis or on a swivel. <i>She <b>swivelled</b> her eyes round.</i>
<b>thereabout</b>	Near that time or date. <i>Come at noon or <b>thereabouts</b>.</i>

