

Need another word that means the same as “pivotal”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “pivotal” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Pivotal” are: polar, central, crucial, vital, critical, focal, essential, key, significant, important, determining, decisive, deciding**

## **Pivotal as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Pivotal" as an adjective**

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “pivotal” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Being of crucial importance.*
- *Fixed on or as if on a pivot.*
- *Being of crucial importance- Henry Kissinger.*
- *Of crucial importance in relation to the development or success of something else.*



## Synonyms of "Pivotal" as an adjective (13 Words)

- central** In or near a center or constituting a center; the inner area.  
*Central government.*
- critical** Of or involving or characteristic of critics or criticism.  
*Getting banks lending again was **critical** to any recovery.*
- crucial** Having crucial relevance.  
*This game is **crucial** to our survival.*
- deciding** Having the power or quality of deciding.  
*Taxes could be the **deciding** factor for millions of floating voters.*
- decisive** Unmistakable.  
*A **decisive** battle.*
- determining** Causing something to occur or be done in a particular way; serving to decide something.  
*Money may have been the **determining** factor in his decision.*

<b>essential</b>	Absolutely necessary; extremely important. <i>The <b>essential</b> feature.</i>
<b>focal</b>	Relating to the centre or most important part. <i><b>Focal</b> infection.</i>
<b>important</b>	Important in effect or meaning. <i>An <b>important</b> official.</i>
<b>key</b>	Of crucial importance. <i>She became a <b>key</b> figure in the suffragette movement.</i>
<b>polar</b>	Of an animal or plant living in the north or south polar region. <i><b>Polar</b> regions.</i>
<b>significant</b>	Of considerable importance, size, or worth. <i>A <b>significant</b> contribution.</i>
<b>vital</b>	Full of spirit. <i>A <b>vital</b> spot.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Pivotal" as an adjective

- *A sliding or pivotal motion.*
- *Its pivotal location has also exposed it to periodic invasions.*
- *A pivotal event.*
- *Japan's pivotal role in the world economy.*



## Associations of "Pivotal" (30 Words)

### center

Move into the center.  
*It is in the **center** of town.*

### central

(of a vowel) articulated in the centre of the mouth.  
*The station has a **central** courtyard.*

### **centrality**

The quality of being essential or of the greatest importance.  
*The **centrality** of religion in their lives.*

<b>circle</b>	Move in circles. <b>Circle</b> the correct answers.
<b>concentric</b>	Having a common center. <b>Concentric</b> circles indicate distances of 1 km 2 km and 3 km from the centre.
<b>crucial</b>	Having crucial relevance. <i>This game is <b>crucial</b> to our survival.</i>
<b>essential</b>	Absolutely necessary; vitally necessary. <i>He was quick to grasp the <b>essentials</b> of an opponent's argument.</i>
<b>focal</b>	Relating to the focus of a lens. <b>Focal</b> point.
<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>halfway</b>	Equally distant from the extremes. <i>I woke up <b>halfway</b> through the night.</i>
<b>highlight</b>	Create highlights in hair. <i>You can <b>highlight</b> the word right click and see a list of synonyms.</i>
<b>hub</b>	A center of activity or interest or commerce or transportation; a focal point around which events revolve. <i>The city has always been the financial <b>hub</b> of the country.</i>
<b>importance</b>	The quality of being important and worthy of note. <i>The <b>importance</b> of a good education.</i>
<b>important</b>	Important in effect or meaning. <i>Recited the decree with an <b>important</b> air.</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>main</b>	Capable of standing syntactically alone as a complete sentence. <i>Switch off the <b>mains</b> supply.</i>
<b>meaningfully</b>	In a way that communicates something without directly expressing it. <i>When he reports to work his supervisor stares <b>meaningfully</b> at the clock.</i>
<b>mid</b>	Of or in the middle part or position of a range. <i>A <b>mid</b> June wedding.</i>
<b>middle</b>	The middle area of the human torso usually in front. <i>We were married in the <b>middle</b> of December.</i>
<b>midway</b>	In between one thing and another in character. <i>The leaves have a unique smell <b>midway</b> between eucalyptus and mint.</i>

<b><u>pivot</u></b>	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. <i>The <b>pivot</b> of community life was the chapel.</i>
<b>point</b>	A value assigned to certain cards 4 points for an ace 3 for a king 2 for a queen and 1 for a jack sometimes with extra points for long or short suits by a player in assessing the strength of their hand. <i>He broke the <b>point</b> of his pencil.</i>
<b>prime</b>	Cover with a primer apply a primer to. <i><b>Prime</b> number.</i>
<b>significance</b>	The message that is intended or expressed or signified. <i>Adolescent education was felt to be a social issue of some <b>significance</b>.</i>
<b>significant</b>	Rich in significance or implication. <i>A <b>significant</b> change in tax laws.</i>
<b>signification</b>	The representation or conveying of meaning. <i>Film comes closer than other forms of <b>signification</b> to resemblance of reality.</i>
<b>strategic</b>	Relating to the identification of long-term or overall aims and interests and the means of achieving them. <i><b>Strategic</b> withdrawal.</i>
<b>swivel</b>	Turn around a point or axis or on a swivel. <i>She <b>swivelled</b> her eyes round.</i>
<b><u>tantamount</u></b>	Being essentially equal to something. <i>His statement was <b>tantamount</b> to an admission of guilt.</i>
<b>thereabout</b>	Near that time or date. <i>Come at noon or <b>thereabouts</b>.</i>

