

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.*

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

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

<u>pivot</u>	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 pivot of community life was the chapel.</i>
point	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 point of his pencil.</i>
prime	Cover with a primer apply a primer to. <i>Prime number.</i>
significance	The message that is intended or expressed or signified. <i>Adolescent education was felt to be a social issue of some significance.</i>
significant	Rich in significance or implication. <i>A significant change in tax laws.</i>
signification	The representation or conveying of meaning. <i>Film comes closer than other forms of signification to resemblance of reality.</i>
strategic	Relating to the identification of long-term or overall aims and interests and the means of achieving them. <i>Strategic withdrawal.</i>
swivel	Turn around a point or axis or on a swivel. <i>She swivelled her eyes round.</i>
<u>tantamount</u>	Being essentially equal to something. <i>His statement was tantamount to an admission of guilt.</i>
thereabout	Near that time or date. <i>Come at noon or thereabouts.</i>

