

Need another word that means the same as “propel”? Find 27 synonyms and 30 related words for “propel” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Propel” are: actuate, incite, motivate, move, prompt, impel, move forwards, push forwards, set in motion, get moving, drive, throw, thrust, toss, fling, hurl, lob, let fly, launch, pitch, project, send, shoot, spur, precipitate, catapult, force

Propel as a Verb

Definitions of "Propel" as a verb

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

- *Spur or drive into a particular situation.*
- *Cause to move forward with force.*
- *Give an incentive for action.*
- *Drive or push something forwards.*



Synonyms of "Propel" as a verb (27 Words)

actuate	Give an incentive for action. <i>Actuate the circuits.</i>
catapult	Hurl or launch something with or as if with a catapult. <i>Their music catapulted them to the top of the charts.</i>
<u>drive</u>	Work as a driver. <i>Can you drive this four wheel truck.</i>
fling	Throw or cast away. <i>Fling the frisbee.</i>
force	Move with force. <i>They forced a way through the crowd.</i>
get moving	Make children.

hurl	Throw forcefully. <i>Hurl insults.</i>
impel	Drive forward; propel. <i>Financial difficulties impelled him to desperate measures.</i>
incite	Encourage or stir up (violent or unlawful behaviour). <i>He incited loyal subjects to rebellion.</i>
launch	Launch for the first time launch on a maiden voyage. <i>The ship was launched in 1843 by Prince Albert.</i>
let fly	Grant use or occupation of under a term of contract.
lob	Direct (an insult, remark, or question) at someone. <i>He managed to lob the keeper.</i>
motivate	Give an incentive for action. <i>It is the teacher's job to motivate the child at school.</i>
move	Cause to move or shift into a new position or place both in a concrete and in an abstract sense. <i>He moved his hand slightly to the right.</i>
move forwards	Cause to move or shift into a new position or place, both in a concrete and in an abstract sense.
pitch	Set to a certain pitch. <i>The roof was pitched at an angle of 75 degrees.</i>
precipitate	Cause (an event or situation, typically one that is undesirable) to happen suddenly, unexpectedly, or prematurely. <i>The bridge broke and precipitated the train into the river below.</i>
project	Make a projection of the earth sky etc on a plane surface. <i>In the later 1930s many new road schemes were projected.</i>
prompt	Supply a forgotten word or line to (an actor) during the performance of a play. <i>And the picture he prompted.</i>
push forwards	Move with force.
send	Send a message or letter. <i>Send your document as a PDF attachment.</i>
set in motion	Set to a certain position or cause to operate correctly.
shoot	Shoot game in or on an estate cover etc. <i>A ball pitching on that spot would sometimes shoot.</i>
spur	Prune in a side shoot of a plant so as to form a spur close to the stem. <i>Her sons passion for computer games spurred her on to set up a software business.</i>

- throw** Throw a die out onto a flat surface.
 *The man who **throws** a race is a crook for life.*
- toss** Throw or toss with a light motion.
 *Paula pursed her lips and **tossed** her head.*



Usage Examples of "Propel" as a verb

- *The boat is propelled by using a very long paddle.*
- *A rocket-propelled grenade launcher.*
- *Fear propelled her out of her stillness.*
- *Steam propels this ship.*



Associations of "Propel" (30 Words)

actuate	Cause (a machine or device) to operate. <i>The pendulum actuates an electrical switch.</i>
arousal	The action or fact of arousing or being aroused. <i>The purpose of art is the arousal of emotions.</i>
arouse	Awaken (someone) from sleep. <i>The letter aroused in him a sense of urgency.</i>
<u>catalyze</u>	Change by catalysis or cause to catalyze.
compel	Bring about (something) by the use of force or pressure. <i>A sense of duty compelled Harry to answer her questions.</i>
<u>drive</u>	Strike a ball from the tee typically with a driver. <i>I take it you can drive.</i>
elate	In high spirits; exultant or proud. <i>While the wealth of wildlife elated me it unnerved me as well.</i>

enkindle	Set on fire. <i>The glare from its enkindled roof illumined its innermost recesses.</i>
foment	Bathe (a part of the body) with warm or medicated lotions. <i>His legs should be fomented.</i>
force	Force into or from an action or state either physically or metaphorically. <i>The plane might have been forced down by fighters.</i>
<u>forefront</u>	The leading or most important position or place. <i>The idea of motion was always to the forefront of his mind and central to his philosophy.</i>
<u>hustle</u>	Move or cause to move energetically or busily. <i>They were hissed and hustled as they went in.</i>
impel	Cause to move forward with force. <i>Financial difficulties impelled him to desperate measures.</i>
<u>impulse</u>	A change of momentum produced by an impulse equivalent to the average value of the force multiplied by the time during which it acts. <i>The impulse knocked him over.</i>
<u>incite</u>	Urge or persuade (someone) to act in a violent or unlawful way. <i>Incite a riot.</i>
inspire	Spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts. <i>His passion for literature inspired him to begin writing.</i>
<u>instigate</u>	Incite someone to do something, especially something bad. <i>They instigated a reign of terror.</i>
instigation	The action or process of instigating an action or event. <i>The Domesday Survey was compiled at the instigation of William I.</i>
<u>invigorate</u>	Heighten or intensify. <i>The cold water invigorated him.</i>
<u>invoke</u>	Summon into action or bring into existence, often as if by magic. <i>The antiquated defence of insanity is rarely invoked in England.</i>
<u>motivate</u>	Cause (someone) to have interest in or enthusiasm for something. <i>He was primarily motivated by the desire for profit.</i>
propulsion	The act of propelling. <i>They dive and use their wings for propulsion under water.</i>
provocation	Testing to elicit a particular response or reflex. <i>The assault had taken place under provocation.</i>
<u>provoke</u>	Evoke or provoke to appear or occur. <i>A teacher can provoke you into working harder.</i>

- push** An act of pushing someone or something in order to move them away from oneself.
*He **pushed** past an old woman in his haste.*
- spur** Prune in a side shoot of a plant so as to form a spur close to the stem.
*It s an easy walk up the **spur** that leads to the summit.*
- stimulate** Cause to be alert and energetic.
*This play **stimulates**.*
- stir** Stir the feelings emotions or peace of.
*Francis was always **stirring** trying to score off people.*
- switch** Beat or flick with or as if with a switch.
*The company **switched** the boats to other routes.*
- urge** Spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts.
*He felt the **urge** to giggle.*

