

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)

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

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

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



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

