

Need another word that means the same as “speed”? Find 78 synonyms and 30 related words for “speed” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Speed” are: fastness, swiftness, amphetamine, pep pill, upper, hurrying, speeding, f number, stop number, velocity, rate, pace, tempo, momentum, rapidity, speediness, alacrity, quickness, celerity, dispatch, promptness, immediacy, expeditiousness, expedition, briskness, sharpness, gear ratio, accelerate, speed up, belt along, bucket along, hasten, hie, hotfoot, race, rush, rush along, step on it, hurry, travel rapidly, zip, quicken, run, sprint, dash, bolt, dart, hurtle, career, streak, shoot, whizz, zoom, go like lightning, go hell for leather, spank along, bowl along, rattle along, whirl, whoosh, buzz, swoop, flash, blast, charge, stampede, gallop, sweep, hare, fly, wing, scurry, scud, scutter, scramble, drive too fast, exceed the speed limit, break the speed limit

Speed as a Noun

Definitions of "Speed" as a noun

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

- *The rate at which someone or something moves or operates or is able to move or operate.*
- *The light-gathering power or f-number of a camera lens.*
- *An amphetamine drug, especially methamphetamine.*

- *A central nervous system stimulant that increases energy and decreases appetite; used to treat narcolepsy and some forms of depression.*
- *Success; prosperity.*
- *The duration of a photographic exposure.*
- *Distance travelled per unit time.*
- *The sensitivity of photographic film to light.*
- *Something that matches one's tastes or inclinations.*
- *Rapidity of movement or action.*
- *A rate (usually rapid) at which something happens.*
- *Changing location rapidly.*
- *Each of the possible gear ratios of a bicycle or motor vehicle.*
- *The ratio of the focal length to the diameter of a (camera) lens system.*
- *The rate at which something happens or is done.*



Synonyms of "Speed" as a noun (27 Words)

alacrity	Liveliness and eagerness. <i>He accepted with alacrity.</i>
amphetamine	A synthetic, addictive, mood-altering drug, used illegally as a stimulant. <i>He was jailed for three months for possessing amphetamines.</i>
briskness	Liveliness and eagerness.
celerity	A rate that is rapid.
dispatch	The killing of someone or something. <i>The situation might change so he should proceed with dispatch.</i>
expedition	The people involved in an expedition. <i>A shopping expedition.</i>
expeditiousness	The property of being prompt and efficient.
f number	A numeral or string of numerals that is used for identification.
fastness	A strongly fortified defensive structure. <i>The dyes differ in their fastness to light.</i>
gear ratio	Wheelwork consisting of a connected set of rotating gears by which force is transmitted or motion or torque is changed.
hurrying	A condition of urgency making it necessary to hurry.
immediacy	Immediate intuitive awareness. <i>The immediacy of television coverage.</i>
momentum	The impetus and driving force gained by the development of a process or course of events. <i>The momentum of the particles was deduced from meteoritic velocities.</i>
pace	A unit of length equal to 3 feet; defined as 91.44 centimeters; originally taken to be the average length of a stride. <i>The pace of events accelerated.</i>
pep pill	Liveliness and energy.
promptness	The characteristic of doing things without delay.
quickness	A rate that is rapid. <i>His quickness of mind gained him the respect of all parties.</i>
rapidity	A rate that is rapid. <i>The fish sank into the sand with such rapidity that it must be seen to be believed.</i>
rate	A quantity or amount or measure considered as a proportion of another quantity or amount or measure. <i>Buying up sites at a rate of one a month.</i>

sharpness	Thinness of edge or fineness of point. <i>The sweet flavour contrasts with the sharpness of the lemon.</i>
speediness	A rate that is rapid.
speeding	Changing location rapidly.
stop number	The state of inactivity following an interruption.
swiftness	Lack of delay; promptness. <i>The turtle ran on shore with remarkable swiftness.</i>
tempo	The speed at which a composition is to be played. <i>The tempo of life dictated by a heavy workload.</i>
upper	A central nervous system stimulant that increases energy and decreases appetite; used to treat narcolepsy and some forms of depression. <i>Leather uppers.</i>
velocity	The speed of something in a given direction. <i>The tank shot backwards at an incredible velocity.</i>



Usage Examples of "Speed" as a noun

- *The accident was due to excessive speed.*
- *The car has a top speed of 147 mph.*
- *Wish me good speed.*
- *The course is delivered online so students can progress at their own speed.*
- *The project advanced with gratifying speed.*
- *Oak tables and chairs are more his speed.*
- *They were bemused by the speed of events.*
- *We turned on to the runway and began to gather speed.*
- *An engine running at full speed.*



Speed as a Verb

Definitions of "Speed" as a verb

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

- *Take or be under the influence of an amphetamine drug.*
- *Travel at an excessive or illegal velocity.*
- *Move hurriedly.*
- *Cause to move faster.*
- *Move quickly.*
- *(of a motorist) travel at a speed that is greater than the legal limit.*
- *Move very fast.*
- *Move faster.*
- *Move fast.*
- *Make prosperous or successful.*



Synonyms of "Speed" as a verb (51 Words)

accelerate	(especially of a vehicle) begin to move more quickly. <i>The car accelerated.</i>
belt along	Deliver a blow to.
blast	Play or sound very loudly. <i>Your reputation is blasted already in the village.</i>
bolt	Secure or lock with a bolt. <i>All the doors were locked and bolted.</i>
bowl along	Engage in the sport of bowling.
break the speed limit	Break down, literally or metaphorically.
bucket along	Carry in a bucket.
buzz	Make a buzzing sound. <i>He buzzed the stewardesses every five minutes.</i>
career	Move headlong at high speed. <i>The cars careered down the road.</i>
charge	File a formal charge against. <i>A pennant argent charged with a cross gules.</i>
dart	Shoot an animal with a dart typically in order to administer a drug. <i>She darted across the street.</i>
dash	Strike or fling (something) somewhere with great force, especially so as to have a destructive effect; hurl. <i>I must dash I m late.</i>
drive too fast	Hunting: chase from cover into more open ground.
exceed the speed limit	Be greater in scope or size than some standard.
flash	Display proudly; act ostentatiously or pretentiously. <i>Carrie flashed a glance in his direction.</i>
fly	Cause to fly or float. <i>Are we driving or flying.</i>
gallop	Ride at a galloping pace. <i>We galloped along the sand.</i>
go hell for leather	Perform as expected when applied.
go like lightning	Stop operating or functioning.
hare	Run quickly like a hare. <i>He hared off between the trees.</i>

hasten	Move fast. <i>He hastened to refute the assertion.</i>
hie	Go quickly. <i>I hied me to a winehouse.</i>
hotfoot	Move fast. <i>We hotfooted it after him.</i>
hurry	Cause to move with haste. <i>Hurry it s late.</i>
hurtle	Make a thrusting forward movement. <i>A runaway car hurtled towards them.</i>
quicken	Give or restore life to. <i>I felt my pulse quicken.</i>
race	Cause to move fast or to rush or race. <i>The cars raced down the street.</i>
rattle along	Shake and cause to make a rattling noise.
run	Stretch out over a distance space time or scope run or extend between two points or beyond a certain point. <i>Don t run you ll be out of breath.</i>
rush	Cause to move fast or to rush or race. <i>I rushed outside and hailed a taxi.</i>
rush along	Urge to an unnatural speed.
scramble	Make (something) jumbled or muddled. <i>You may have your eggs scrambled or boiled.</i>
scud	Run before a gale. <i>Three small ships were scudding before a brisk breeze.</i>
scurry	(of a person or small animal) move hurriedly with short quick steps. <i>Pedestrians scurried for cover.</i>
scutter	(especially of a small animal) move hurriedly with short steps. <i>A little dog scattered up from the cabin.</i>
shoot	Shoot game in or on an estate cover etc. <i>A ball pitching on that spot would sometimes shoot.</i>
spank along	Give a spanking to; subject to a spanking.
speed up	Travel at an excessive or illegal velocity.
sprint	Run at full speed over a short distance. <i>I saw Charlie sprinting through the traffic towards me.</i>
stampede	Cause people or animals to stampede. <i>The nearby sheep stampeded as if they sensed impending danger.</i>

step on it	Treat badly.
<u>streak</u>	Cover a surface with streaks. <i>Hair that was streaked blonde.</i>
sweep	Clean by sweeping. <i>We knew we had to sweep these three home games.</i>
swoop	Move with a sweep or in a swooping arc. <i>She swooped up the hen in her arms.</i>
travel rapidly	Make a trip for pleasure.
<u>whirl</u>	Flow in a circular current, of liquids. <i>The dervishes whirl around and around without getting dizzy.</i>
whizz	Move along very quickly. <i>The weeks whizzed by.</i>
<u>whoosh</u>	Move with a whooshing sound. <i>A train whooshed by.</i>
wing	Shoot a bird in the wing so as to prevent flight without causing death. <i>One bird was winged for every bird killed.</i>
<u>zip</u>	Close with a zipper. <i>The runner zipped past us at breakneck speed.</i>
<u>zoom</u>	Cause a lens or camera to zoom in or out. <i>We can zoom out to view the entire slide.</i>



Usage Examples of "Speed" as a verb

- *Humps are to be used to reduce speeding.*
- *May God speed you.*

- *I got a ticket for speeding.*
- *The runner zipped past us at breakneck speed.*
- *The car that crashed was speeding.*
- *More kids than ever are speeding, tripping, and getting stoned.*
- *I got into the car and home we sped.*



Associations of "Speed" (30 Words)

- accelerate** (especially of a vehicle) begin to move more quickly.
*The car **accelerated** towards her.*
- acceleration** An increase in rate of change.
*Modern science caused an **acceleration** of cultural change.*
- agility** The gracefulness of a person or animal that is quick and nimble.
*Games teach hand eye coordination mental **agility** and alertness.*
- airspeed** The speed of an aircraft relative to the air through which it is moving.
- celerity** Swiftness of movement.

decelerate	Reduce the speed of. <i>The train began to decelerate.</i>
expedite	Speed up the progress of; facilitate. <i>He promised to expedite economic reforms.</i>
fast	Securely fixed in place. <i>I keep my watch fifteen minutes fast.</i>
fastness	A strongly fortified defensive structure. <i>A remote Himalayan mountain fastness.</i>
<u>haste</u>	A condition of urgency making it necessary to hurry. <i>He soon regretted his haste.</i>
hasten	Move fast. <i>This tragedy probably hastened his own death from heart disease.</i>
hastily	In a hurried or hasty manner. <i>Hastily he scanned the headlines.</i>
hie	Move hurriedly. <i>I hied me to a winehouse.</i>
hurry	A condition of urgency making it necessary to hurry. <i>Hurry up and finish your meal.</i>
pace	Regulate or set the pace of. <i>Her eyes could size up a lad's wallet at fifty paces.</i>
quick	At a fast rate quickly. <i>Was quick to respond.</i>
quicken	Stimulate or become stimulated. <i>She quickened her pace desperate to escape.</i>
quickly	With little or no delay. <i>Reg's illness progressed frighteningly quickly.</i>
<u>quickness</u>	Skillful performance or ability without difficulty. <i>His quickness of mind gained him the respect of all parties.</i>
race	Compete regularly in races as a sport or leisure activity. <i>The psychologist raced the rats through a long maze.</i>
rapidity	The fact of happening at a great rate; swiftness. <i>The fish sank into the sand with such rapidity that it must be seen to be believed.</i>
rush	Cause to move fast or to rush or race. <i>There was a rush for the door.</i>
rushed	Done under pressure. <i>I'm too rushed to do it.</i>

- speedy** Moving quickly.
*A **speedy** car.*
- stronghold** A place where a particular cause or belief is strongly defended or upheld.
*A Labour **stronghold**.*
- swift** A swift flying insectivorous bird with long slender wings and a superficial resemblance to a swallow spending most of its life on the wing.
*The **swiftest** horse in his stable.*
- swiftness** The quality of moving at high speed.
*Researchers were impressed with the **swiftness** of responses.*
- tempo** (music) the speed at which a composition is to be played.
*The **tempo** of life dictated by a heavy workload.*
- urgently** In a way which requires immediate action or attention.
*Health care reform is needed **urgently**.*
- velocity** The speed of something in a given direction.
*The tank shot backwards at an incredible **velocity**.*

