

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)

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

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

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

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

**step on it**

Treat badly.

**streak**

Cover a surface with streaks.

*Hair that was **streaked** blonde.*

**sweep**

Clean by sweeping.

*We knew we had to **sweep** these three home games.*

**swoop**

Move with a sweep or in a swooping arc.

*She **swooped** up the hen in her arms.*

**travel rapidly**

Make a trip for pleasure.

**whirl**

Flow in a circular current, of liquids.

*The dervishes **whirl** around and around without getting dizzy.*

**whizz**

Move along very quickly.

*The weeks **whizzed** by.*

**whoosh**

Move with a whooshing sound.

*A train **whooshed** by.*

**wing**

Shoot a bird in the wing so as to prevent flight without causing death.

*One bird was **winged** for every bird killed.*

**zip**

Close with a zipper.

*The runner **zipped** past us at breakneck speed.*

**zoom**

Cause a lens or camera to zoom in or out.

*We can **zoom** out to view the entire slide.*



## 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)

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

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

