

impulse**1. [ˈɪmpʌls] n****1. 1) удар; толчок**

the impulse of a wave - удар волны

impulse turbine - *тех.* активная турбина

2) физ., физиол. импульс**2. 1) побудительная причина, стимул, толчок**

to give an impulse to smth. - дать толчок чему-л., послужить стимулом для чего-л.

2) порыв; побуждение; влечение

inward impulse - внутреннее побуждение

blind impulse - слепой порыв

creative impulse - творческий порыв

a man of impulse - импульсивный человек

to act on /under/ impulse - делать что-л. непроизвольно /поддавшись порыву/

to be guided by impulse - действовать по внутреннему побуждению

to arouse an impulse - возбудить желание

to check /to control, to restrain/ an impulse - сдерживать порыв

to be seized with a sudden impulse - быть охваченным внезапным порывом

to feel an irresistible impulse to do smth. - испытывать непреодолимое желание сделать что-л.

under an impulse of curiosity - подстрекаемый любопытством

2. [ˈɪmpʌls] v**1. редк. давать толчок, побуждать****2. физ. посылать импульсы****impulse**

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im-pulse [impulse impulses] BrE [ˈɪmpʌls] ^m NAmE [ˈɪmpʌls] ^m noun

1. countable, usually singular, uncountable ~ (to do sth) a sudden strong wish or need to do sth, without stopping to think about the results

- He had a sudden impulse to stand up and sing.
- I resisted the impulse to laugh.
- Her first impulse was to run away.
- The door was open and **on (an) impulse** she went inside.
- He tends to act **on impulse**.

2. countable (technical) a force or movement of energy that causes sth else to react

- **nerve/electrical impulses**
- The impulse is conducted along the length of the wire.

3. countable, usually singular, uncountable (formal) something that causes sb/sth to do sth or to develop and make progress

- to give an impulse to the struggling car industry
- He was motivated by the impulse for social reform.

Word Origin:

early 17th cent. (as a verb in the sense 'give an impulse to'): the verb from Latin **impuls-** 'driven on', the noun from **impulsus** 'impulsion', both from the verb **impellere**, from **in-** 'towards' + **pellere** 'to drive'.

Example Bank:

- Acting on impulse, he picked up the keys and slipped them into his pocket.
- He fought down an impulse to scream.
- Impulses that are repeatedly denied can arise in other forms.
- My first impulse was to run away.
- Nerve impulses are transmitted to the brain.
- On an impulse, I went in and bought a box of chocolates.
- Radio waves are converted into electrical impulses.
- She felt a sudden impulse to look to her left.
- She gave in to an impulse and took the money.
- Some people will buy a pet on impulse without any idea of what is involved
- Supermarkets sell candy as impulse items at the checkout counter.
- The little black designer dress had been an impulse buy.
- We are all subject to aggressive impulses.
- basic impulses towards things such as food and drink
- the impulse behind a concept
- the impulse for social reform
- the impulse that prompted economic change
- the political impulses towards joining a trade union
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[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: impulsus, from the past participle of impellere; ⇒ †impel]

1. [uncountable and countable] a sudden strong desire to do something without thinking about whether it is a sensible thing to do

SYN urge

impulse to do something

- " a sudden impulse to laugh
- " Marge's first impulse was to run.
- " Gerry couldn't resist the impulse to kiss her.

on impulse

- " On impulse, I picked up the phone and rang her.
- " Most beginners buy plants on impulse and then hope for the best.

impulse buying/shopping (=when you buy things that you had not planned to buy)

2. [countable] **technical** a short electrical signal that travels in one direction along a nerve or wire:

The eye converts light signals to nerve impulses.

3. [countable] a reason or aim that causes a particular kind of activity or behaviour:

It is the passions which provide the main impulse of music.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ adjectives

- **strong** He had a strong impulse to punch Stan in the face.
- **irresistible** (=very strong) I felt an irresistible impulse to giggle.
- **a sudden impulse** She felt a sudden impulse to play some music.
- **somebody's first/initial impulse** Her first impulse was to turn and walk away.
- **a natural impulse** My natural impulse was to shout for help.

■ verbs

- **have/feel an impulse to** Rosa had an impulse to tell Henry the truth.
- **resist/control an impulse** (=not do something, even though you have an impulse to do it) Derek resisted the impulse to eat any more cake.
- **act on an impulse** (=do something because you have a sudden desire to do it) Acting on an impulse, he decided to visit his sister.
- **obey an impulse** *formal* (also **yield to an impulse** *literary*) (=do something because you have a sudden very strong desire to do it) Yielding to an impulse, she called him on her mobile phone.

■ impulse + NOUN

- **an impulse buy** (=buying something without having planned it) She admitted that the necklace had been an impulse buy.

■ phrases

- **do something on impulse** (=do something without having planned it) James bought her some flowers on impulse.

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