

catalyst['kæt(ə)lɪst] *n*

1. *хум.* катализатор
catalyst poison - катализаторныйяд
2. что-л. ведущее к изменениям; кто-л. вызывающий перемены

catalyst

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

catalyst [catalyst catalysts] *BrE* ['kætəlɪst] ^ˈ *NAmE* ['kætəlɪst] ^ˈ *noun*

1. (**chemistry**) a substance that makes a chemical reaction happen faster without being changed itself
 - Chlorine will act as a catalyst.
2. ~ (**for sth**) a person or thing that causes a change
 - I see my role as being a catalyst for change.
 - The riots were later seen as the catalyst for the new political developments.

Word Origin:

early 20th cent.: from catalysis, 'the acceleration of a chemical reaction by a catalyst', on the pattern of analyst.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

cat a lyst /'kætl-əst, 'kætl-ɪst/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1900-2000; Origin: catalysis, on the model of analyst]

1. *technical* a substance that makes a chemical reaction happen more quickly without being changed itself
2. something or someone that causes an important change or event to happen

catalyst forThey hope his election will act as a catalyst for reform.**—catalytic** /,kætl'ɪtɪk </ / *adjective***catalyst**

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