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Main Entry: **zoom**

Pronunciation: \ˈzūm\

Function: *verb*

Etymology: imitative

Date: 1903

intransitive verb

1 a : to move with a loud low hum or buzz **b** : to go speedily : [ZIP](#) <cars *zooming* by on the highway>

2 of an airplane : to climb for a short time at an angle greater than that which can be maintained in steady flight so that the machine is carried upward at the expense of stored kinetic energy

3 a : to focus a camera or microscope on an object using a zoom lens so that the object's apparent distance from the observer changes —often used with *in* or *out* **b** : [FOCUS](#), [ZERO](#) —used with *in* <trying to zoom in on the cause of these problems>

4 : to increase sharply <retail sales *zoomed*>

transitive verb

: to cause to zoom

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