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au·to·mat·ic (,ô-tə-'ma-tik )[Synonyms of automatic >](#)

- a** : largely or wholly involuntary
especially : **REFLEX sense 5**
automatic blinking of the eyelids
b : acting or done spontaneously or unconsciously
the *automatic* applause of the audience
c : done or produced as if by machine : **MECHANICAL**
the answers were *automatic*
- : having a self-acting or self-regulating mechanism
an *automatic* transmission
- of a firearm** : firing repeatedly until the trigger is released

(,ô-tə-'ma-ti-k(ə-)lē ) **adverb**(,ô-tə-mə-'ti-sə-tē ) -ma- **noun**

automatic 2 of 2 noun

- : a machine or apparatus that operates [automatically](#)
especially : an automatic firearm



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3 American football : **AUDIBLE**

Adjective

instinctive

instinctual

involuntary

knee-jerk

mechanic

mechanical

robotic

spontaneous

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Choose the Right Synonym for *automatic*

SPONTANEOUS, **IMPULSIVE**, **INSTINCTIVE**, **AUTOMATIC**, **MECHANICAL** mean acting or activated without deliberation.

SPONTANEOUS implies lack of prompting and connotes naturalness.

a *spontaneous* burst of applause

IMPULSIVE implies acting under stress of emotion or spirit of the moment.

impulsive acts of violence

INSTINCTIVE stresses action involving neither judgment nor will.

blinking is an *instinctive* reaction

AUTOMATIC implies action engaging neither the mind nor the emotions and



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a *mechanical* teaching method

Adjective

Without thinking, he gave an **automatic** reply.

She always has an **automatic** smile for everyone.

Noun

Will your next car be a manual or an **automatic**?

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Adjective

In one report broadcast on Israel's Channel 12, Israeli soldiers can be seen working hand in hand with Syrian villagers to collect boxes of artillery rounds, **automatic** weapons, grenade launchers and other armaments.

— Uriel Heilman, *New York Daily News*, 2 Mar. 2025

Hashtag United currently lead the division by three points and sit in the **automatic** promotion place into the second tier of the women's game in England, the FA Women's Championship.

— Asif Burhan, *Forbes*, 1 Mar. 2025

Noun

There were, at most, two **automatics** on the pad at any time for as many as twenty



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The gearbox offerings will likely include 6-speed manuals and 6-speed **automatics**.

— Michael Harley, *Forbes*, 30 Nov. 2024

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Etymology

Adjective

borrowed from New Latin *automaticus*, from Latin *automatum* "contrivance with a hidden mechanism that appears to operate on its own" (borrowed from Greek *autómaton*) + *-icus* [-IC entry 1](#) — more at [AUTOMATON](#)

Noun

derivative of [AUTOMATIC entry 1](#)

First Known Use

Adjective

1686, in the meaning defined at [sense 1a](#)

Noun

1870, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Time Traveler

The first known use of *automatic* was in 1686

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automatic pilot

automatic teller

automatic teller machine

automatic transmission

automatic writing

Browning automatic rifle

achromatic

acrobatic

adriatic

aliphatic

antistatic

aromatic

astigmatic

autocratic

bureaucratic

charismatic

cholestatic

cinematic

See All Rhymes for *automatic*

automated teller machine

automatic

automatic block signal

See All Nearby Words



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3 : firing repeatedly until the trigger is released



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automatic 2 of 2 noun

: an automatic machine or device

especially : an automatic firearm

automatic adjective

au·to·mat·ic

: happening or existing through the operation of a preexisting arrangement that is triggered by some event

specifically : happening or existing through the operation of law

automatic reversal

an *automatic* appeal

adverb

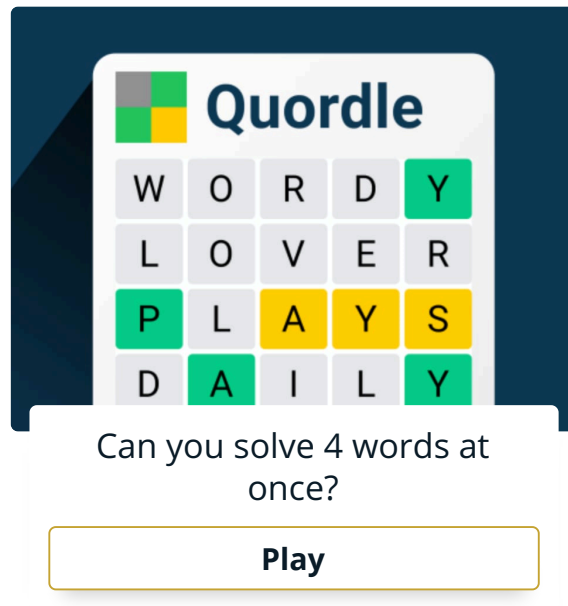
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Play

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Pick the best words!

Play

Missing Letter

A daily crossword with a twist

Play

Challenging Standardized Test Words Quiz Vol. 3

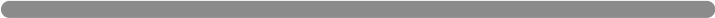
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