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n.

1.

a. A substance, usually a peptide or steroid, produced by one tissue and conveyed by the bloodstream to another to effect physiological activity, such as growth or metabolism.

b. A synthetic compound that acts like a hormone in the body.

2. Any of various similar substances found in plants and insects that regulate development.

[From Greek *hormōn*, present participle of *hormān*, to urge on, from *hormē*, impulse; see *er-*¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

hor·mon al (-mō nəl), **hor·mon ic** (-mōn ĭk) *adj.*

hor·mon al·ly *adv.*

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