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Pronunciation: Brit.  /ɪˈməʊʃn/,

 U.S.  /əˈmoʊʃ(ə)n/,  /iˈmoʊʃ(ə)n/

Forms: 15 **emociion**, 15 **emotioun** (*Sc.*), 15– **emotion**.

Frequency (in current use): ●●●●●●●●●●

Origin: Of multiple origins. Partly a borrowing from French. Partly a borrowing from Latin. **Etymons:** French *esmocion*; Latin *emotion-*, *emotio*.

Etymology: Partly < Middle French *esmocion*, *esmotion*, *emotion* (French *émotion* ... [\(Show More\)](#))

†1.

a. Political agitation, civil unrest; a public commotion or uprising. *Obs.* [Thesaurus »](#)

1562–a1797

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b. *gen.* Movement; disturbance, perturbation; an instance of this. *Obs.* [Thesaurus »](#)

1594–a1822

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†2. A movement from one place to another; a migration. *Obs.* [Thesaurus »](#)

1596–1695

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3.

a. Originally: an agitation of mind; an excited mental state. Subsequently: any strong mental or instinctive feeling, as pleasure, grief, hope, fear, etc., deriving esp. from one's circumstances, mood, or relationship with others. [Thesaurus »](#)

1602–1992

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b. As a mass noun: strong feelings, passion; (more generally) instinctive feeling as distinguished from reasoning or knowledge. [Thesaurus »](#)

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