

Need another word that means the same as “abstention”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “abstention” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Abstention” are: abstinence, refusal to vote, teetotalism, temperance, sobriety, abstemiousness, celibacy, chastity, singleness, continence, virginity, self-restraint, self-denial, bachelorhood, spinsterhood**

## Abstention as a Noun

### Definitions of "Abstention" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “abstention” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *An instance of declining to vote for or against a proposal or motion.*
- *The trait of abstaining (especially from alcohol).*
- *Restraint in one's consumption; abstinence.*

### Synonyms of "Abstention" as a noun (15 Words)

**abstemiousness** Restricted to bare necessities.

**abstinence** The practice of restraining oneself from indulging in something, typically alcohol or sex.

*I started drinking again after six years of **abstinence**.*

**bachelorhood** A man who has never been married.

**celibacy** The state of abstaining from marriage and sexual relations.  
*A priest who had taken a vow of **celibacy**.*

**chastity** Morality with respect to sexual relations.  
*Vows of **chastity**.*

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| <b>continence</b>      | The exercise of self constraint in sexual matters.<br><i>You can improve your <b>continence</b> by strengthening the muscles of the pelvic floor.</i> |
| <b>refusal to vote</b> | The act of refusing.  |
| <b>self-denial</b>     | The trait of practicing self discipline.  |
| <b>self-restraint</b>  | Exhibiting restraint imposed on the self.   |
| <b>singleness</b>      | The quality of concentrating on one central objective.<br><i>The <b>singleness</b> of his motives could not be questioned.</i>                        |
| <b>sobriety</b>        | The quality of being staid or solemn.<br><i>The price of beer compelled me to maintain a certain level of <b>sobriety</b>.</i>                        |
| <b>spinsterhood</b>    | The state of being a spinster (usually an elderly unmarried woman).   |
| <b>teetotalism</b>     | Abstaining from alcohol.  |
| <b>temperance</b>      | The act of tempering.<br><i>The <b>temperance</b> movement.</i>   |
| <b>virginity</b>       | The condition or quality of being a virgin.<br><i>I lost my <b>virginity</b>.</i>   |

## Usage Examples of "Abstention" as a noun

- *A resolution passed by 126 votes to none, with six abstentions.*
- *Alcohol consumption versus abstention.*

## Associations of "Abstention" (30 Words)

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| <b>abstain</b>   | Restrain oneself from doing or enjoying something.<br><i>Forty one voted with the Opposition and some sixty more <b>abstained</b>.</i>         |
| <b>ballot</b>    | Vote by ballot.<br><i>There were fifty three abstentions and twenty eight spoilt <b>ballots</b>.</i>   |
| <b>candidate</b> | Someone who is considered for something (for an office or prize or honor etc).<br><i>She was the perfect <b>candidate</b> for a biography.</i> |
| <b>choose</b>    | Pick out select or choose from a number of alternatives.<br><i>I ll stay as long as I <b>choose</b>.</i>                                       |
| <b>chosen</b>    | Having been selected as the best or most appropriate.<br><i>He is by no means a forerunner in his <b>chosen</b> field.</i>                     |
| <b>cloture</b>   | Terminate debate by calling for a vote.<br><i>A <b>cloture</b> motion.</i>   |

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| <b>done</b>             | Socially acceptable.<br><i>Therapy was not the <b>done</b> thing then.</i>  |
| <b><u>elect</u></b>     | Elected but not yet installed in office.<br><i>He was <b>elected</b> as councillor.</i>   |
| <b>election</b>         | A vote to select the winner of a position or political office.<br><i>The results of the <b>election</b> will be announced tonight.</i>                            |
| <b><u>elective</u></b>  | An optional course of study.<br><i>He had never held <b>elective</b> office.</i>  |
| <b>elector</b>          | In the US a member of the electoral college.<br><i>Close to 60 per cent of the 60 000 registered <b>electors</b> voted.</i>                                       |
| <b>electorate</b>       | The body of enfranchised citizens; those qualified to vote.<br><i>75 per cent of the <b>electorate</b> voted for a Scottish parliament in some form.</i>          |
| <b>favour</b>           | Resemble (a parent or other relative) in facial features.<br><i>Please <b>favour</b> me with an answer.</i>   |
| <b>gerrymander</b>      | An act of gerrymandering dividing a voting area so as to give your own party an unfair advantage.<br><i>An attempt to <b>gerrymander</b> the election result.</i> |
| <b>hustings</b>         | A meeting at which candidates in an election address potential voters.<br><i>I was out on the <b>hustings</b> talking to people.</i>                              |
| <b>incoming</b>         | Revenue; income.<br><i><b>Incoming</b> mail.</i>  |
| <b>opt</b>              | Make a choice from a range of possibilities.<br><i>Consumers will <b>opt</b> for low priced goods.</i>  |
| <b>option</b>           | Buy or sell an option on.<br><i>She was given the <b>option</b> of resigning or being dismissed.</i>  |
| <b><u>pick</u></b>      | Attack with or as if with a pickaxe of ice or rocky ground for example.<br><i><b>Pick</b> meat from a bone.</i>   |
| <b><u>prefer</u></b>    | Give preference to one creditor over another.<br><i>Some people <b>prefer</b> camping to staying in hotels.</i>   |
| <b><u>president</u></b> | The head of a company.<br><i>The Irish <b>president</b>.</i>  |
| <b>presidential</b>     | Relating to a president or presidency.<br><i><b>Presidential</b> advisers.</i>  |
| <b>reelect</b>          | Elect again.  |
| <b>referendum</b>       | A general vote by the electorate on a single political question which has been referred to them for a direct decision.  |

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| <b>select</b>    | Selected or chosen for special qualifications.<br><i>The commonest phenotype in a population can be <b>selected</b> against.</i> |
| <b>selection</b> | A plot of land acquired by selection.<br><i>The publication of a <b>selection</b> of his poems.</i>                              |
| <b>suffrage</b>  | Intercessory prayers, especially those for the dead.<br><i>Universal adult <b>suffrage</b>.</i>                                  |
| <b>vote</b>      | An act of giving or registering a vote.<br><i>Parliament has <b>voted</b> the money for the proposed expenditure.</i>            |
| <b>voter</b>     | A person who votes or has the right to vote at an election.  |
| <b>voting</b>    | A choice that is made by counting the number of people in favor of each alternative.   |