

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**.*

<b>continence</b>	The exercise of self constraint in sexual matters. <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. <i>The <b>singleness</b> of his motives could not be questioned.</i>
<b>sobriety</b>	The quality of being staid or solemn. <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. <i>The <b>temperance</b> movement.</i>
<b>virginity</b>	The condition or quality of being a virgin. <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)

<b>abstain</b>	Restrain oneself from doing or enjoying something. <i>Forty one voted with the Opposition and some sixty more <b>abstained</b>.</i>
<b>ballot</b>	Vote by ballot. <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). <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. <i>I ll stay as long as I <b>choose</b>.</i>
<b>chosen</b>	Having been selected as the best or most appropriate. <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. <i>A <b>cloture</b> motion.</i>

<b>done</b>	Socially acceptable. <i>Therapy was not the <b>done</b> thing then.</i>
<b><u>elect</u></b>	Elected but not yet installed in office. <i>He was <b>elected</b> as councillor.</i>
<b>election</b>	A vote to select the winner of a position or political office. <i>The results of the <b>election</b> will be announced tonight.</i>
<b><u>elective</u></b>	An optional course of study. <i>He had never held <b>elective</b> office.</i>
<b>elector</b>	In the US a member of the electoral college. <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. <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. <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. <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. <i>I was out on the <b>hustings</b> talking to people.</i>
<b>incoming</b>	Revenue; income. <i><b>Incoming</b> mail.</i>
<b>opt</b>	Make a choice from a range of possibilities. <i>Consumers will <b>opt</b> for low priced goods.</i>
<b>option</b>	Buy or sell an option on. <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. <i><b>Pick</b> meat from a bone.</i>
<b><u>prefer</u></b>	Give preference to one creditor over another. <i>Some people <b>prefer</b> camping to staying in hotels.</i>
<b><u>president</u></b>	The head of a company. <i>The Irish <b>president</b>.</i>
<b>presidential</b>	Relating to a president or presidency. <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.

<b>select</b>	Selected or chosen for special qualifications. <i>The commonest phenotype in a population can be <b>selected</b> against.</i>
<b>selection</b>	A plot of land acquired by selection. <i>The publication of a <b>selection</b> of his poems.</i>
<b>suffrage</b>	Intercessory prayers, especially those for the dead. <i>Universal adult <b>suffrage</b>.</i>
<b>vote</b>	An act of giving or registering a vote. <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.