

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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| continence | The exercise of self constraint in sexual matters. <i>You can improve your continence by strengthening the muscles of the pelvic floor.</i> |
| refusal to vote | The act of refusing. |
| self-denial | The trait of practicing self discipline. |
| self-restraint | Exhibiting restraint imposed on the self. |
| singleness | The quality of concentrating on one central objective. <i>The singleness of his motives could not be questioned.</i> |
| sobriety | The quality of being staid or solemn. <i>The price of beer compelled me to maintain a certain level of sobriety.</i> |
| spinsterhood | The state of being a spinster (usually an elderly unmarried woman). |
| teetotalism | Abstaining from alcohol. |
| <u>temperance</u> | The act of tempering. <i>The temperance movement.</i> |
| virginity | The condition or quality of being a virgin. <i>I lost my virginity.</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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| <u>abstain</u> | Restrain oneself from doing or enjoying something. <i>Forty one voted with the Opposition and some sixty more abstained.</i> |
| ballot | Vote by ballot. <i>There were fifty three abstentions and twenty eight spoilt ballots.</i> |
| candidate | Someone who is considered for something (for an office or prize or honor etc). <i>She was the perfect candidate for a biography.</i> |
| choose | Pick out select or choose from a number of alternatives. <i>I ll stay as long as I choose.</i> |
| <u>chosen</u> | Having been selected as the best or most appropriate. <i>He is by no means a forerunner in his chosen field.</i> |
| cloture | Terminate debate by calling for a vote. <i>A cloture motion.</i> |

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| done | Socially acceptable. <i>Therapy was not the done thing then.</i> |
| <u>elect</u> | Elected but not yet installed in office. <i>He was elected as councillor.</i> |
| election | A vote to select the winner of a position or political office. <i>The results of the election will be announced tonight.</i> |
| <u>elective</u> | An optional course of study. <i>He had never held elective office.</i> |
| elector | In the US a member of the electoral college. <i>Close to 60 per cent of the 60 000 registered electors voted.</i> |
| electorate | The body of enfranchised citizens; those qualified to vote. <i>75 per cent of the electorate voted for a Scottish parliament in some form.</i> |
| favour | Resemble (a parent or other relative) in facial features. <i>Please favour me with an answer.</i> |
| gerrymander | An act of gerrymandering dividing a voting area so as to give your own party an unfair advantage. <i>An attempt to gerrymander the election result.</i> |
| hustings | A meeting at which candidates in an election address potential voters. <i>I was out on the hustings talking to people.</i> |
| incoming | Revenue; income. <i>Incoming mail.</i> |
| opt | Make a choice from a range of possibilities. <i>Consumers will opt for low priced goods.</i> |
| option | Buy or sell an option on. <i>She was given the option of resigning or being dismissed.</i> |
| <u>pick</u> | Attack with or as if with a pickaxe of ice or rocky ground for example. <i>Pick meat from a bone.</i> |
| <u>prefer</u> | Give preference to one creditor over another. <i>Some people prefer camping to staying in hotels.</i> |
| <u>president</u> | The head of a company. <i>The Irish president.</i> |
| presidential | Relating to a president or presidency. <i>Presidential advisers.</i> |
| reelect | Elect again. |
| referendum | 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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| select | Selected or chosen for special qualifications. <i>The commonest phenotype in a population can be selected against.</i> |
| selection | A plot of land acquired by selection. <i>The publication of a selection of his poems.</i> |
| <u>suffrage</u> | Intercessory prayers, especially those for the dead. <i>Universal adult suffrage.</i> |
| <u>vote</u> | An act of giving or registering a vote. <i>Parliament has voted the money for the proposed expenditure.</i> |
| voter | A person who votes or has the right to vote at an election. |
| voting | A choice that is made by counting the number of people in favor of each alternative. |