

Need another word that means the same as “battle”? Find 19 synonyms and 30 related words for “battle” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Battle” are: struggle, conflict, engagement, fight, clash, skirmish, dogfight, affray, fray, encounter, confrontation, contest, competition, combat, contend with, scramble, labour

Battle as a Noun

Definitions of "Battle" as a noun

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

- *A lengthy and difficult conflict or struggle.*
- *An energetic attempt to achieve something.*
- *A hostile meeting of opposing military forces in the course of a war.*
- *An open clash between two opposing groups (or individuals)-Thomas Paine.*
- *A sustained fight between large organized armed forces.*
- *An open clash between two opposing groups (or individuals).*



Synonyms of "Battle" as a noun (13 Words)

- affray** Noisy quarrel.
*Lowe was charged with causing an **affray**.*
- clash** An incompatibility leading to disagreement.
*There have been minor **clashes** with security forces.*
- competition** The activity or condition of striving to gain or win something by defeating or establishing superiority over others.
*A beauty **competition**.*
- conflict** A state of opposition between persons or ideas or interests.
*Bewildered by her own inner **conflict** she could only stand there feeling vulnerable.*
- confrontation** A hostile disagreement face-to-face.
*Four months of violent **confrontation** between government and opposition forces.*

- contest** An occasion on which a winner is selected from among two or more contestants.
*A **contest** between traditional and liberal views.*
- dogfight** A close combat between military aircraft.
*Their rancor dated from a political **dogfight** between them.*
- encounter** A casual or unexpected convergence.
*He was shot dead in a police **encounter**.*
- engagement** The duration of an agreement to get married.
*He lost his romantic ideas about war when he got into a real **engagement**.*
- fight** The act of fighting any contest or struggle.
*The team was full of **fight**.*
- fray** A noisy fight.
- skirmish** A minor short-term fight.
*There was a **skirmish** over the budget.*
- struggle** A forceful or violent effort to get free of restraint or resist attack.
*The centre is the result of the scientists **struggle** to realize their dream.*



Usage Examples of "Battle" as a noun

- *Police tried to control the battle between the pro- and anti-abortion mobs.*
- *The Battle of Waterloo.*
- *The battle against ageing.*
- *He died in battle.*
- *The battle lasted for several hours.*
- *He fought a battle for recognition.*
- *Grant won a decisive victory in the battle of Chickamauga.*



Battle as a Verb

Definitions of "Battle" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "battle" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Battle or contend against in or as if in a battle.*
- *Struggle tenaciously to achieve or resist something.*
- *Engage in a fight or struggle against.*



Synonyms of "Battle" as a verb (6 Words)

- combat** Battle or contend against in or as if in a battle.
*We must **combat** the prejudices against other races.*
- contend with** Maintain or assert.
- fight** Fight against or resist strongly.
*Siblings are always **fighting**.*
- labour** Of a woman in childbirth be in labour.
*United **laboured** against confident opponents.*

scramble Order (a fighter aircraft or its pilot) to take off immediately in an emergency or for action.
*As the jet headed towards Italian airspace two F104 fighters **scrambled** from a base in Sicily to intercept it.*

struggle To exert strenuous effort against opposition.
*Passengers **struggle** with bags and briefcases.*



Usage Examples of "Battle" as a verb

- *He has been battling against the illness.*
- *Firefighters battled a 9,800-acre brush fire.*
- *They battled over the budget.*



Associations of "Battle" (30 Words)

amphibious	Relating to, living in, or suited for both land and water. An amphibious assault.
antagonist	A substance which interferes with or inhibits the physiological action of another. <i>LSD is a serotonin antagonist.</i>
battlefield	The piece of ground on which a battle is or was fought. An ideological battlefield .
belligerent	Someone who fights (or is fighting). A conference of socialists from all belligerent countries.
challenger	A person who makes a rival claim to or threatens someone's hold on a position. Heroic challengers of authority.

clash	(of colours) appear discordant or ugly when placed close to each other. <i>We play our home games when they do not clash with those of Liverpool or Everton.</i>
<u>compete</u>	Compete for something engage in a contest measure oneself against others. <i>He competed in numerous track meets as a child.</i>
competitor	The contestant you hope to defeat. <i>Our main industrial competitors.</i>
<u>contend</u>	Compete for something; engage in a contest; measure oneself against others. <i>He contends that the judge was wrong.</i>
<u>contender</u>	The contestant you hope to defeat. <i>A presidential contender.</i>
<u>counterpart</u>	One of two copies of a legal document. <i>The minister held talks with his French counterpart.</i>
crossfire	A lively or heated interchange of ideas and opinions. <i>The sponsors are caught in the crossfire of the battle between the world champion and his team boss.</i>
<u>dissident</u>	Characterized by departure from accepted beliefs or standards. <i>A dissident who had been jailed by a military regime.</i>
encounter	An unexpected or casual meeting with someone or something. <i>What do we know about the people we encounter in our daily lives.</i>
<u>enemy</u>	A personal enemy. <i>This man was her sworn enemy.</i>
fight	Fight against or resist strongly. <i>General Hill fights his troops well.</i>
<u>hostile</u>	Unsolicited and resisted by the management of the target company (used of attempts to buy or take control of a business). <i>The brewery fought off a hostile takeover bid last year.</i>
invasion	(pathology) the spread of pathogenic microorganisms or malignant cells to new sites in the body. <i>There was a brief pitch invasion when Sunderland scored.</i>
irreconcilable	Incapable of being resolved. <i>These two views of the economy are irreconcilable.</i>
<u>militant</u>	A militant reformer. <i>Militants became increasingly impatient of parliamentary manoeuvres.</i>
<u>nemesis</u>	(Greek mythology) the goddess of divine retribution and vengeance. <i>Injury consistently his nemesis struck him down during the match.</i>

opponent	Characterized by active hostility. <i>Against superior opponents they fell two goals behind.</i>
oppose	Actively resist (a person or system). <i>The board opposed his motion.</i>
opposing	Characterized by active hostility. <i>The brothers fought on opposing sides in the war.</i>
<u>overtake</u>	Catch up with and possibly overtake. <i>Weariness overtook him and he retired to bed.</i>
rival	Be the rival of be in competition with. <i>She has no rivals as a female rock singer.</i>
<u>unbeatable</u>	Hard to defeat. <i>Views from the patio are unbeatable.</i>
unseat	Remove from political office. <i>Rawhide unseated Kevin Bradley at the first fence.</i>
vie	Compete for something; engage in a contest; measure oneself against others. <i>The athletes were vying for a place in the British team.</i>
<u>warfare</u>	The waging of armed conflict against an enemy. <i>Diplomatic warfare.</i>

