

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

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**The synonyms of “Combat” are: fight, fighting, scrap, battle, action, hostilities, conflict, war, warfare, bloodshed, battle against, do battle with, wage war against, take up arms against, strive against, contend with, tackle, attack, counter, oppose, resist, withstand, stand up to, face up to, make a stand against, put up a fight against, confront, defy**

## Combat as a Noun

### Definitions of "Combat" as a noun

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

- *Fighting between armed forces.*
- *Non-violent conflict or opposition.*
- *An engagement fought between two military forces.*
- *The act of fighting; any contest or struggle.*



## Synonyms of "Combat" as a noun (10 Words)

<b>action</b>	The most important or interesting work or activity in a specific area or field. <i>Strike <b>action</b> was threatened.</i>
<b>battle</b>	A hostile meeting of opposing military forces in the course of a war. <i>The <b>battle</b> against ageing.</i>
<b>bloodshed</b>	Indiscriminate slaughter. <i>The valley is no stranger to <b>bloodshed</b> and murder.</i>
<b>conflict</b>	A prolonged armed struggle. <i>Regional <b>conflicts</b>.</i>
<b>fight</b>	The act of fighting any contest or struggle. <i>Their <b>fight</b> for control of the company.</i>
<b>fighting</b>	The action of fighting violence or conflict. <i>Terrible <b>fighting</b> broke out in the streets.</i>
<b>hostilities</b>	The feeling of a hostile person. <i>The outbreak of <b>hostilities</b>.</i>



**scrap**

The act of fighting; any contest or struggle.  
*The unhappy couple got into a terrible **scrap**.*

**war**

A legal state created by a declaration of war and ended by official declaration during which the international rules of war apply.  
*Diplomatic **warfare**.*

**warfare**

Engagement in or the activities involved in war or conflict.  
*Guerrilla **warfare**.*



## Usage Examples of "Combat" as a noun

- *Pilots re-enacted the aerial combats of yesteryear.*
- *Electoral combat.*
- *Five Hurricanes were shot down in combat.*
- *A combat zone.*



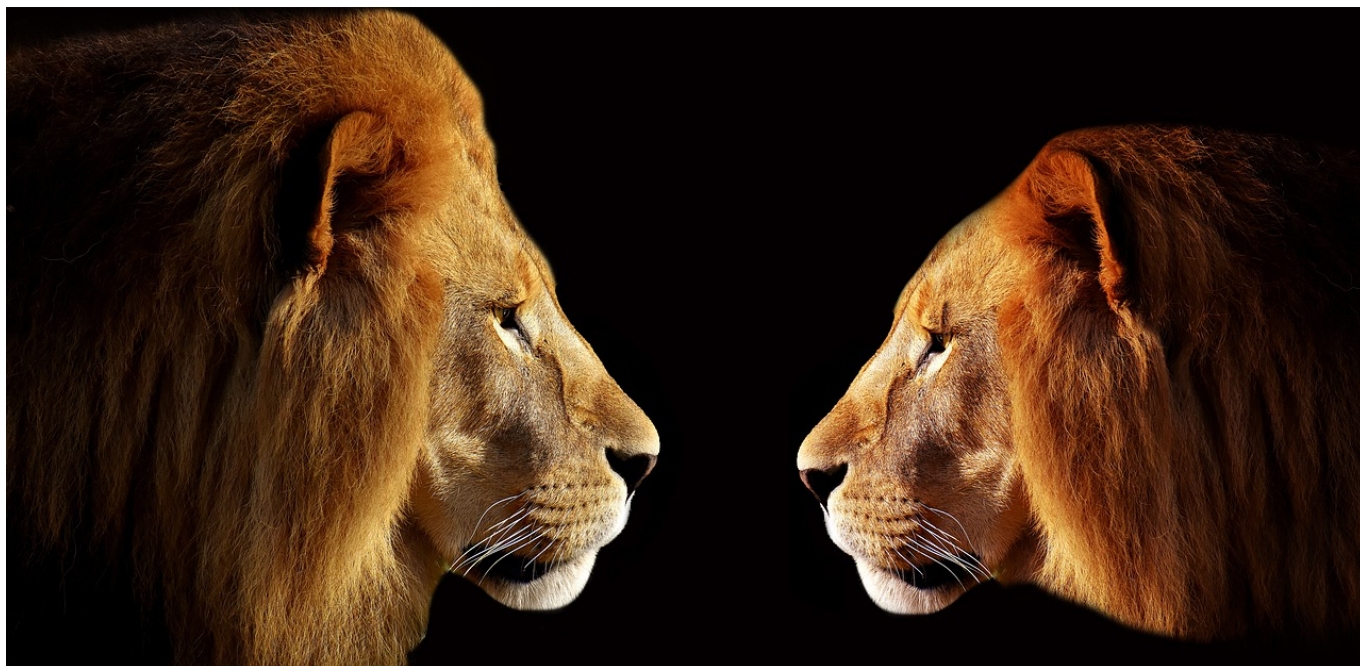


## Combat as a Verb

### Definitions of "Combat" as a verb

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

- *Engage in a fight with; oppose in battle.*
- *Battle or contend against in or as if in a battle.*
- *Take action to reduce or prevent (something bad or undesirable).*



## Synonyms of "Combat" as a verb (20 Words)

<b>attack</b>	Attack in speech or writing. <i>The terrorists did not <b>attack</b> again until March.</i>
<b><u>battle</u></b>	Battle or contend against in or as if in a battle. <i>They <b>battled</b> over the budget.</i>
<b>battle against</b>	Battle or contend against in or as if in a battle.
<b>confront</b>	Deal with (something unpleasant) head on. <i>The child screamed when he <b>confronted</b> the man in the Halloween costume.</i>
<b>contend with</b>	Come to terms with.
<b><u>counter</u></b>	Speak in response. <i>He <b>countered</b> with some very persuasive arguments.</i>
<b>defy</b>	Challenge (someone) to fight. <i>Go now <b>defy</b> him to the combat.</i>
<b>do battle with</b>	Carry on or function.
<b>face up to</b>	Deal with (something unpleasant) head on.
<b>fight</b>	Be engaged in a fight carry on a fight. <i>A churchman who has dedicated his life to <b>fighting</b> racism.</i>
<b>make a stand against</b>	Reach a destination, either real or abstract.

**oppose**

Be resistant to.

*We **oppose** the ban on abortion.*

**put up a fight  
against**

Cause to be in a certain state; cause to be in a certain relation.

**resist**

Resist immunologically the introduction of some foreign tissue or organ.

*I couldn't **resist** buying the blouse.*

**stand up to  
strive against**

Be tall; have a height of; copula.

Attempt by employing effort.

**tackle**

Make determined efforts to deal with (a problem or difficult task).

*A young man **tackled** him over why the council had spent money on a swimming pool.*

**take up arms against**

Interpret something in a certain way; convey a particular meaning or impression.

**wage war against**

Carry on (wars, battles, or campaigns).

**withstand**

Remain undamaged or unaffected by; resist.

*The structure had been designed to **withstand** winds of more than 100 mph.*





## Usage Examples of "Combat" as a verb

- *Your men combated against the first of ours.*
- *The Kurds are combating Iraqi troops in Northern Iraq.*
- *We must combat the prejudices against other races.*
- *He hath no more antagonists to combat.*
- *An effort to combat drug trafficking.*



## Associations of "Combat" (30 Words)

<b>aggress</b>	Attack or behave aggressively towards initiate a conflict with. <i>He <b>aggressed</b> a flight attendant on an Air France flight.</i>
	Determination and forcefulness.
<b>aggressiveness</b>	<i>Smaller quicker players use their speed and <b>aggressiveness</b> to make up for lack of bulk.</i>
<b>battle</b>	Battle or contend against in or as if in a battle. <i>They <b>battled</b> over the budget.</i>
<b>battlefield</b>	A place or situation of strife or conflict. <i><b>Battlefield</b> nuclear weapons.</i>
<b>bellicose</b>	Demonstrating aggression and willingness to fight. <i><b>Bellicose</b> young officers.</i>
<b>belligerence</b>	Hostile or warlike attitude or nature. <i>Mortimer was eyeing Guy with <b>belligerence</b>.</i>



<b>belligerent</b>	A nation or person engaged in war or conflict, as recognized by international law. <i>Ships and goods captured at sea by a <b>belligerent</b>.</i>
<b>brunt</b>	Main force of a blow etc. <i>Bore the <b>brunt</b> of the attack.</i>
<b>conflict</b>	Be in conflict. <i>Doctors often come into <b>conflict</b> with politicians.</i>
<b>counterattack</b>	Make a counterattack.
<b>deployment</b>	The distribution of forces in preparation for battle or work. <i>They agreed to round up their troops for immediate <b>deployment</b>.</i>
<b>fight</b>	The inclination or ability to fight or struggle. <i>Don t <b>fight</b> it.</i>
<b>fighting</b>	The act of fighting any contest or struggle. <i>There was <b>fighting</b> in the streets.</i>
<b>fist</b>	Strike with the fist. <i>Karr clenched his <b>fists</b>.</i>
<a href="#"><u>hostile</u></a>	Showing or feeling opposition or dislike; unfriendly. <i>A <b>hostile</b> remark.</i>
<b>internecine</b>	Relating to conflict within a group. <i>An <b>internecine</b> feud among proxy holders.</i>
<b>irreconcilable</b>	Incapable of being resolved. <i>These two views of the economy are <b>irreconcilable</b>.</i>
<b>melee</b>	A confused crowd of people. <i>Several people were hurt in the <b>melee</b>.</i>
<b>onslaught</b>	A fierce or destructive attack. <i>In some parks the <b>onslaught</b> of cars and people far exceeds capacity.</i>
<b>preparation</b>	Something done to get ready for an event or undertaking. <i>A microscope <b>preparation</b>.</i>
<b>punch</b>	An iced mixed drink usually containing alcohol and prepared for multiple servings normally served in a punch bowl. <i>Photos give their arguments an extra visual <b>punch</b>.</i>
<b>skirmish</b>	Engage in a skirmish. <i>The unit was caught in several <b>skirmishes</b> and the commanding officer was killed.</i>
<b>sortie</b>	An operational flight by a single military aircraft. <i>An early morning <b>sortie</b> into the garden of our hotel.</i>

<b>strategy</b>	A plan for directing overall military operations and movements. <i>Time to develop a coherent economic <b>strategy</b>.</i>
<b>struggle</b>	An open clash between two opposing groups (or individuals). <i>He <b>struggled</b> to break free.</i>
<u>tactical</u>	(of bombing or weapons) done or for use in immediate support of military or naval operations. <i>As a <b>tactical</b> officer in the field he had no equal.</i>
<b>terrorism</b>	The unlawful use of violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims. <i>International <b>terrorism</b>.</i>
<u>war</u>	Engage in a war. <i>The two countries were at <b>war</b> for the next eight years.</i>
<u>warfare</u>	Engagement in or the activities involved in war or conflict. <i>Diplomatic <b>warfare</b>.</i>

