

Need another word that means the same as “compete”? Find 39 synonyms and 30 related words for “compete” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Compete” are: contend, vie, take part, play, be a contestant, be a competitor, participate, be involved, get involved, engage, fight, battle, clash, tussle, grapple, wrestle, wrangle, jockey, wage war, cross swords, lock horns, go head to head, rival, challenge, keep up with, keep pace with, compare with, be the equal of, match up to, match, be on a par with, be in the same class as, be in the same league as, come near to, come close to, touch, approach, approximate, emulate**

## Compete as a Verb

### Definitions of "Compete" as a verb

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

- *Be able to rival another or others.*
- *Take part in a contest.*
- *Strive to gain or win something by defeating or establishing superiority over others.*
- *Compete for something; engage in a contest; measure oneself against others.*



## Synonyms of "Compete" as a verb (39 Words)

### **approach**

Come near or nearer to (someone or something) in distance or time.

*His playing **approaches** that of Horowitz.*

### **approximate**

Come close or be similar to something in quality, nature, or quantity.

*Reality can be **approximated** by computational techniques.*

### **battle**

Battle or contend against in or as if in a battle.

*Firefighters **battled** a 9 800 acre brush fire.*

### **be a competitor**

Happen, occur, take place.

### **be a contestant**

To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted — used only in infinitive form.

### **be in the same class as**

Be identical to; be someone or something.

### **be in the same league as**

Have the quality of being; (copula, used with an adjective or a predicate noun.

### **be involved**

Represent, as of a character on stage.

### **be on a par with**

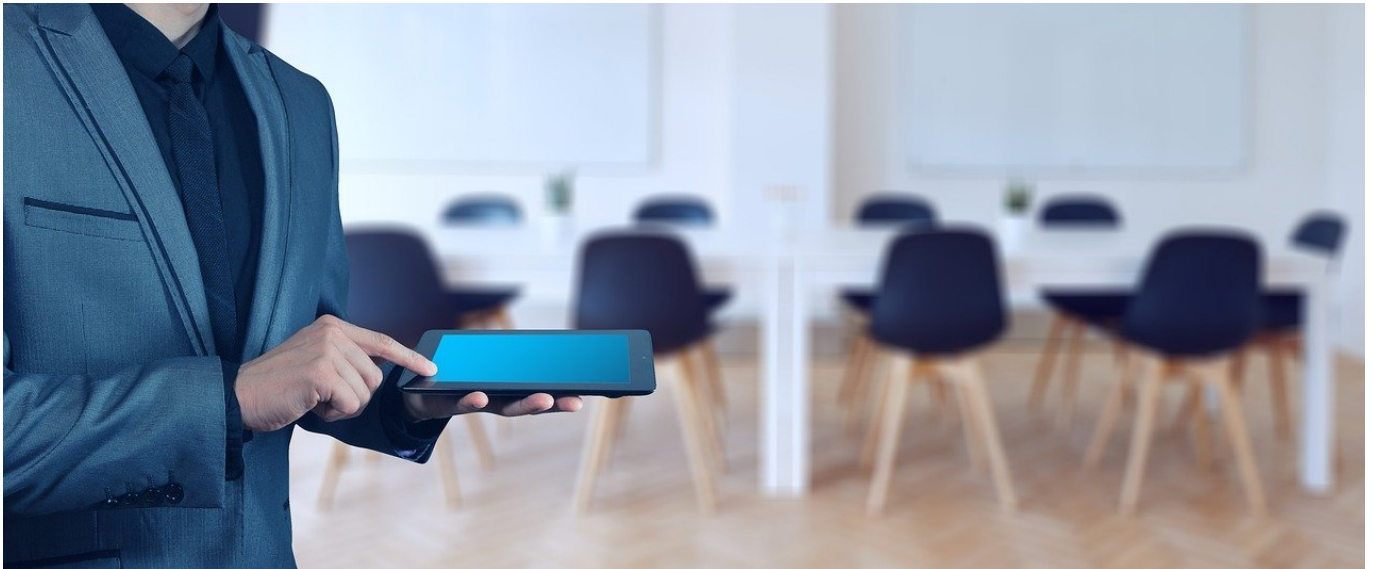
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### **be the equal of**

Have the quality of being; (copula, used with an adjective or a predicate noun.

<b>challenge</b>	Issue a challenge to. <i>A new way of life that would <b>challenge</b> them.</i>
<b>clash</b>	(of colours) appear discordant or ugly when placed close to each other. <i>The yellow shirt <b>clashed</b> with her purple skirt.</i>
<b>come close to</b>	Reach or enter a state, relation, condition, use, or position.
<b>come near to</b>	Exist or occur in a certain point in a series.
<b>compare with</b>	Consider or describe as similar, equal, or analogous.
<b><u>contend</u></b>	Come to terms with. <i>He <b>contends</b> that the judge was wrong.</i>
<b>cross swords</b>	Hinder or prevent (the efforts, plans, or desires) of.
<b><u>emulate</u></b>	Compete with successfully; approach or reach equality with. <i>This artist's drawings cannot <b>emulate</b> his water colors.</i>
<b><u>engage</u></b>	Engage or hire for work. <i><b>Engage</b> aid help services or support.</i>
<b>fight</b>	Fight against or resist strongly. <i>General Hill <b>fight</b>s his troops well.</i>
<b>get involved</b>	Cause to move; cause to be in a certain position or condition.
<b>go head to head</b>	Be ranked or compare.
<b>grapple</b>	Succeed in doing, achieving, or producing (something) with the limited or inadequate means available. <i>He <b>grappled</b> the young man around the throat.</i>
<b>jockey</b>	Ride a racehorse as a professional jockey. <i>Both men will be <b>jockeying</b> for the two top jobs.</i>
<b>keep pace with</b>	Keep in a certain state, position, or activity.
<b>keep up with</b>	Keep under control; keep in check.
<b>lock horns</b>	Build locks in order to facilitate the navigation of vessels.
<b>match</b>	Make equal uniform corresponding or matching. <i>Try to <b>match</b> the colour scheme and graphics of your site to your business culture.</i>
<b>match up to</b>	Make correspond or harmonize.
<b>participate</b>	Have or possess (a particular quality). <i>Thousands <b>participated</b> in a nationwide strike.</i>
<b>play</b>	Make a disc music player or other device produce sounds or recorded images. <i>He <b>plays</b> the flute.</i>

<b>rival</b>	Be the rival of be in competition with. <i>Nothing can <b>rival</b> cotton for durability.</i>
<b>take part</b>	Require as useful, just, or proper.
<b>touch</b>	Be relevant to. <i>He <b>touched</b> his toes to the horse s flanks.</i>
<b>tussle</b>	Make messy or untidy. <i>The demonstrators <b>tussled</b> with police.</i>
<b>vie</b>	Compete eagerly with someone in order to do or achieve something. <i>The athletes were vying for a place in the British team.</i>
<b>wage war</b>	Carry on (wars, battles, or campaigns).
<b><u>wrangle</u></b>	To quarrel noisily, angrily or disruptively. <i>The horses were <b>wrangled</b> early.</i>
<b>wrestle</b>	Combat to overcome an opposing tendency or force. <i>I <b>wrestled</b> with this decision for years.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Compete" as a verb

- *Universities are competing for applicants.*
- *He competed with a number of other candidates.*
- *He competed in numerous track meets as a child.*
- *No one can compete with his physical prowess.*



## Associations of "Compete" (30 Words)

<b>antagonist</b>	A substance which interferes with or inhibits the physiological action of another. <i>He turned to confront his <b>antagonist</b>.</i>
<a href="#">athlete</a>	A person who takes part in competitive track and field events (athletics). <i>He had the broad shouldered build of a natural <b>athlete</b>.</i>
<a href="#">battle</a>	Battle or contend against in or as if in a battle. <i>They <b>battled</b> over the budget.</i>
<b>challenger</b>	The contestant you hope to defeat. <i>A potential <b>challenger</b> for the party leadership.</i>
<b>competition</b>	The activity or condition of striving to gain or win something by defeating or establishing superiority over others. <i>He wanted to know what the <b>competition</b> was doing.</i>
<b>competitor</b>	An organization or country engaged in commercial or economic competition with others. <i>Two <b>competitors</b> were banned for taking drugs.</i>
<a href="#">contend</a>	Succeed in doing, achieving, or producing (something) with the limited or inadequate means available. <i>She had to <b>contend</b> with his uncertain temper.</i>

<b><u>contender</u></b>	The contestant you hope to defeat. <i>A presidential <b>contender</b>.</i>
<b><u>contention</u></b>	The act of competing as for profit or a prize. <i>The teams were in fierce <b>contention</b> for first place.</i>
<b><u>contest</u></b>	An occasion on which a winner is selected from among two or more contestants. <i>She declared her intention to <b>contest</b> the presidency.</i>
<b><u>counterpart</u></b>	One of two copies of a legal document. <i>The minister held talks with his French <b>counterpart</b>.</i>
<b>emasculate</b>	Remove the testicles of a male animal. <i>In his mind her success <b>emasculated</b> him.</i>
<b>encounter</b>	Come together. <i>His close <b>encounter</b> with death.</i>
<b><u>enemy</u></b>	A personal enemy. <i><b>Enemy</b> aircraft.</i>
<b>marathoner</b>	Someone who participates in long-distance races (especially in marathons).
<b><u>nemesis</u></b>	The inescapable agent of someone's or something's downfall. <i>One risks <b>nemesis</b> by uttering such words.</i>
<b>objector</b>	A person who expresses opposition to or disagreement with something. <i><b>Objectors</b> to the housing plans.</i>
<b>opponent</b>	Someone who competes with or opposes another in a contest, game, or argument. <i>Against superior <b>opponents</b> they fell two goals behind.</i>
<b>oppose</b>	Contrast with equal weight or force. <i>A workers movement <b>opposed</b> the regime.</i>
<b>opposing</b>	Characterized by active hostility. <i>On the <b>opposing</b> page there were two addresses.</i>
<b>outmaneuver</b>	Defeat by more skillful maneuvering. <i>The English troops <b>outmaneuvered</b> the Germans.</i>
<b>outwit</b>	Beat through cleverness and wit. <i>Ray had <b>outwitted</b> many an opponent.</i>
<b><u>overtake</u></b>	Catch up with and possibly overtake. <i>Disaster <b>overtook</b> the town in 1296.</i>
<b>rival</b>	Be the rival of be in competition with. <i>Nothing can <b>rival</b> cotton for durability.</i>
<b><u>rivalry</u></b>	The act of competing as for profit or a prize. <i>There always has been intense <b>rivalry</b> between the clubs.</i>

<b>scourge</b>	Punish severely; excoriate. <i>Our people did <b>scourge</b> him severely.</i>
<b>strive</b>	Attempt by employing effort. <i>Scholars must <b>strive</b> against bias.</i>
<b>struggle</b>	To exert strenuous effort against opposition. <i>The centre is the result of the scientists <b>struggle</b> to realize their dream.</i>
<b>unseat</b>	Remove from political office. <i>The Republicans are trying to <b>unseat</b> the liberal Democrat.</i>
<b>vie</b>	Compete eagerly with someone in order to do or achieve something. <i>The athletes were vying for a place in the British team.</i>

