

Need another word that means the same as “contender”? Find 4 synonyms and 30 related words for “contender” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Contender” are: challenger, competition, competitor, rival

Contender as a Noun

Definitions of "Contender" as a noun

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

- *The contestant you hope to defeat.*
- *A person or group competing with others to achieve something.*



Synonyms of "Contender" as a noun (4 Words)

challenger	A person who disputes the truth of or places themselves in opposition to something. <i>The bold challenger of campus orthodoxy.</i>
competition	The person or people over whom one is attempting to establish one's supremacy or superiority; the opposition. <i>A beauty competition.</i>
competitor	The contestant you hope to defeat. <i>Two competitors were banned for taking drugs.</i>
rival	A person or thing that equals another in quality. <i>He had respect for his rivals.</i>

Usage Examples of "Contender" as a noun

- *The major contenders in the football championship.*
- *A presidential contender.*

Associations of "Contender" (30 Words)

antagonist	A drug that neutralizes or counteracts the effects of another drug. <i>When bending the elbow the triceps are the antagonist.</i>
antithetical	Connected with, containing, or using the rhetorical device of antithesis. <i>When praising the government Pyrocles invokes the familiar oxymoronic and antithetical mode.</i>
battle	Battle or contend against in or as if in a battle. <i>The battle lasted for several hours.</i>
challenger	A person who makes a rival claim to or threatens someone's hold on a position. <i>The bold challenger of campus orthodoxy.</i>
championship	The position or title of the winner of a championship contest. <i>A championship course.</i>
compete	Compete for something engage in a contest measure oneself against others. <i>No one can compete with his physical prowess.</i>
competition	The act of competing as for profit or a prize. <i>Competition with ungulates or condylarths appears to have been the undoing of marsupials in North America.</i>

competitor	An organization or country engaged in commercial or economic competition with others. <i>Two competitors were banned for taking drugs.</i>
<u>contend</u>	Come to terms with. <i>He contended that Communism had no future.</i>
<u>contention</u>	An assertion, especially one maintained in argument. <i>The captured territory was the main area of contention between the two countries.</i>
<u>contest</u>	An occasion on which a winner is selected from among two or more contestants. <i>A tennis contest.</i>
contestant	A person who participates in competitions. <i>An anxious contestant on a television quiz show.</i>
<u>counterpart</u>	A person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing in a different place or situation. <i>The minister held talks with his French counterpart.</i>
emasculate	Castrate (a man or male animal). <i>In his mind her success emasculated him.</i>
<u>enemy</u>	A personal enemy. <i>Enemy aircraft.</i>
foe	An armed adversary (especially a member of an opposing military force). <i>His work was praised by friends and foes alike.</i>
knead	Make bread or pottery by kneading flour or clay. <i>She kneaded his back.</i>
<u>nemesis</u>	A downfall caused by an inescapable agent. <i>Injury consistently his nemesis struck him down during the match.</i>
objector	A person who dissents from some established policy. <i>Objectors to the housing plans.</i>
opponent	Characterized by active hostility. <i>An opponent of the economic reforms.</i>
oppose	Be against; express opposition to. <i>We oppose the ban on abortion.</i>
opposing	Characterized by active hostility. <i>On the opposing page there were two addresses.</i>
outshine	Shine brighter than. <i>A supernova would outshine all the other stars in its galaxy.</i>

outwit	Deceive by greater ingenuity. <i>Ray had outwitted many an opponent.</i>
<u>overtake</u>	Catch up with and possibly overtake. <i>Her car overtook a line of vehicles.</i>
rival	Be the rival of be in competition with. <i>He has no serious rival for the job.</i>
<u>rivalry</u>	Competition for the same objective or for superiority in the same field. <i>There always has been intense rivalry between the clubs.</i>
scourge	Something causing misery or death. <i>Our people did scourge him severely.</i>
unseat	Cause (someone) to fall from a horse or bicycle. <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>