

Need another word that means the same as “contention”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “contention” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Contention” are: arguing, argument, contestation, controversy, disceptation, disputation, tilt, competition, rivalry, disagreement, dispute, variance, claim, plea, submission, allegation

Contention as a Noun

Definitions of "Contention" as a noun

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

- *A point asserted as part of an argument.*
- *Heated disagreement.*
- *An assertion, especially one maintained in argument.*
- *A contentious speech act; a dispute where there is strong disagreement.*
- *The act of competing as for profit or a prize.*



Synonyms of "Contention" as a noun (16 Words)

allegation	A claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong, typically one made without proof. <i>An allegation of malpractice.</i>
arguing	A contentious speech act; a dispute where there is strong disagreement.
<u>argument</u>	An independent variable associated with a function or proposition and determining its value For example in the expression $y = F(x, x)$ the arguments of the function F are x and x and the value is y . <i>I've had an argument with my father.</i>
claim	An application for compensation under the terms of an insurance policy. <i>His claim that he was innocent.</i>
competition	Interaction between animal or plant species, or individual organisms, that are attempting to gain a share of a limited environmental resource. <i>A beauty competition.</i>

contestation	A contentious speech act; a dispute where there is strong disagreement. <i>Ideological contestation over social policy in the European Union.</i>
<u>controversy</u>	Prolonged public disagreement or heated discussion. <i>The design of the building has caused controversy.</i>
<u>disagreement</u>	A conflict of people's opinions or actions or characters. <i>There was some disagreement about the details.</i>
disceptation	Disputation, debate, discussion; an instance of this.
disputation	A contentious speech act; a dispute where there is strong disagreement. <i>Scholastic disputations.</i>
dispute	A disagreement or argument. <i>He had a dispute with his wife.</i>
<u>plea</u>	A defendant's answer by a factual matter (as distinguished from a demurrer). <i>Her plea of a headache was not entirely false.</i>
<u>rivalry</u>	The act of competing as for profit or a prize. <i>There always has been intense rivalry between the clubs.</i>
submission	The condition of having submitted to control by someone or something else. <i>They were forced into submission.</i>
tilt	A combat between two mounted knights tilting against each other with blunted lances. <i>The court s tilt toward conservative rulings.</i>
<u>variance</u>	The fact or quality of being different, divergent, or inconsistent. <i>A zoning variance.</i>



Usage Examples of "Contention" as a noun

- *Freud's contention that all dreams were wish fulfilment.*
- *The teams were in fierce contention for first place.*
- *The captured territory was the main area of contention between the two countries.*



Associations of "Contention" (30 Words)

argue	Present reasons and arguments. <i>She was too tired to argue the point.</i>
<u>argument</u>	An independent variable associated with a function or proposition and determining its value For example in the expression $y = F(x)$ the arguments of the function F are x and the value is y . <i>He rejected the argument that keeping the facility would be costly.</i>
bellicose	Having or showing a ready disposition to fight. <i>A mood of bellicose jingoism.</i>
combative	Having or showing a ready disposition to fight. <i>He made some enemies with his combative style.</i>
competition	A business relation in which two parties compete to gain customers. <i>Business competition can be fiendish at times.</i>

<u>contend</u>	Assert something as a position in an argument. <i>Factions within the government were contending for the succession to the presidency.</i>
<u>contentious</u>	Causing or likely to cause an argument; controversial. <i>A central and contentious element of the book.</i>
contentiousness	An inclination to be quarrelsome and contentious.
<u>contest</u>	An occasion on which a winner is selected from among two or more contestants. <i>A coalition was formed to contest the presidential elections.</i>
<u>controversy</u>	Prolonged public disagreement or heated discussion. <i>The design of the building has caused controversy.</i>
counterattack	Make a counterattack.
<u>debatable</u>	Open to doubt or debate. <i>It is debatable whether the country is coming out of recession.</i>
debate	Have an argument about something. <i>Last night s debate on the Education Bill.</i>
<u>disagreement</u>	The speech act of disagreeing or arguing or disputing. <i>Disagreements between parents and adolescents.</i>
<u>discord</u>	Lack of agreement or harmony between things. <i>We discorded commonly on two points.</i>
disputatious	Fond of having heated arguments. <i>It s a congenial hang out for disputatious academics.</i>
dispute	A disagreement or argument about something important. <i>An industrial dispute.</i>
dissension	Disagreement that leads to discord. <i>The mill was the cause of a dissension in 1620.</i>
fight	Be engaged in a fight carry on a fight. <i>The men were fighting.</i>
hassel	Norwegian chemist noted for his research on organic molecules (1897-1981).
issue	Prepare and issue for public distribution or sale. <i>I like him though I have some issues with the guy.</i>
litigious	Of or relating to litigation. <i>Our increasingly litigious society.</i>
polemical	Of or involving strongly critical or disputatious writing or speech. <i>A polemical essay.</i>

quarrel

A heated argument or disagreement, typically about a trivial issue and between people who are usually on good terms.

*They had a **quarrel**.*

quarrelsome

Given to or characterized by quarrelling.

***Quarrelsome** when drinking.*

rivalry

The act of competing as for profit or a prize.

*There always has been intense **rivalry** between the clubs.*

row

The act of rowing as a sport.

*Her villa stood in a **row** of similar ones.*

strife

Trouble or difficulty of any kind.

*Decades of civil **strife**.*

wrangle

Have a long, complicated dispute or argument.

*An insurance **wrangle** is holding up compensation payments.*

wrangling

An instance of intense argument (as in bargaining).

*Weeks of political **wrangling**.*

