

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.  
*An **allegation** of malpractice.*
- arguing** A contentious speech act; a dispute where there is strong disagreement.
- argument** 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  $x$  and the value is  $y$ .  
*I've had an **argument** with my father.*
- claim** An application for compensation under the terms of an insurance policy.  
*His **claim** that he was innocent.*
- competition** Interaction between animal or plant species, or individual organisms, that are attempting to gain a share of a limited environmental resource.  
*A beauty **competition**.*

<b>contestation</b>	A contentious speech act; a dispute where there is strong disagreement. <i>Ideological <b>contestation</b> over social policy in the European Union.</i>
<b>controversy</b>	Prolonged public disagreement or heated discussion. <i>The design of the building has caused <b>controversy</b>.</i>
<b>disagreement</b>	A conflict of people's opinions or actions or characters. <i>There was some <b>disagreement</b> about the details.</i>
<b>disceptation</b>	Disputation, debate, discussion; an instance of this.
<b>disputation</b>	A contentious speech act; a dispute where there is strong disagreement. <i>Scholastic <b>disputations</b>.</i>
<b>dispute</b>	A disagreement or argument. <i>He had a <b>dispute</b> with his wife.</i>
<b>plea</b>	A defendant's answer by a factual matter (as distinguished from a demurrer). <i>Her <b>plea</b> of a headache was not entirely false.</i>
<b>rivalry</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>submission</b>	The condition of having submitted to control by someone or something else. <i>They were forced into <b>submission</b>.</i>
<b>tilt</b>	A combat between two mounted knights tilting against each other with blunted lances. <i>The court s <b>tilt</b> toward conservative rulings.</i>
<b>variance</b>	The fact or quality of being different, divergent, or inconsistent. <i>A zoning <b>variance</b>.</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.  
*She was too tired to **argue** the point.*
- argument** 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  $y$ .  
*He rejected the **argument** that keeping the facility would be costly.*
- bellicose** Having or showing a ready disposition to fight.  
*A mood of **bellicose** jingoism.*
- combative** Having or showing a ready disposition to fight.  
*He made some enemies with his **combative** style.*
- competition** A business relation in which two parties compete to gain customers.  
*Business **competition** can be fiendish at times.*

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

<b>quarrel</b>	A heated argument or disagreement, typically about a trivial issue and between people who are usually on good terms. <i>They had a <b>quarrel</b>.</i>
<b>quarrelsome</b>	Given to or characterized by quarrelling. <i><b>Quarrelsome</b> when drinking.</i>
<b>rivalry</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>row</b>	The act of rowing as a sport. <i>Her villa stood in a <b>row</b> of similar ones.</i>
<b>strife</b>	Trouble or difficulty of any kind. <i>Decades of civil <b>strife</b>.</i>
<b>wrangle</b>	Have a long, complicated dispute or argument. <i>An insurance <b>wrangle</b> is holding up compensation payments.</i>
<b>wrangling</b>	An instance of intense argument (as in bargaining). <i>Weeks of political <b>wrangling</b>.</i>

