

Need another word that means the same as “contest”? Find 52 synonyms and 30 related words for “contest” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Contest” are: competition, match, tournament, game, meet, battle, fight, clash, feud, struggle, conflict, confrontation, collision, combat, tussle, skirmish, duel, race, contend, repugn, compete for, contend for, vie for, challenge for, fight for, fight over, battle for, struggle for, tussle for, compete in, contend in, fight in, battle in, enter, take part in, be a competitor in, participate in, put one's name down for, go in for, oppose, object to, challenge, dispute, take a stand against, resist, defy, strive against, struggle against, take issue with, debate, argue about, quarrel over**

## Contest as a Noun

### Definitions of "Contest" as a noun

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

- *An occasion on which a winner is selected from among two or more contestants.*
- *A competition for a political position.*
- *A struggle between rivals.*
- *An event in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity, or in a quality.*
- *A dispute or conflict.*



## Synonyms of "Contest" as a noun (18 Words)

### battle

An open clash between two opposing groups (or individuals).  
*The **battle** lasted for several hours.*

### **clash**

A sports fixture (used chiefly in journalism).  
*A **clash** of tweeds and a striped shirt.*

### collision

An instance of simultaneous transmission by more than one node of a network.  
*The **collision** of the two ships resulted in a serious oil spill.*

### combat

Non-violent conflict or opposition.  
*A **combat** zone.*

### **competition**

The activity or condition of striving to gain or win something by defeating or establishing superiority over others.  
***Competition** with ungulates or condylarths appears to have been the undoing of marsupials in North America.*

<b>conflict</b>	A state of mind in which a person experiences a clash of opposing feelings or needs. <i>He was immobilized by <b>conflict</b> and indecision.</i>
<b>confrontation</b>	A situation where two players or sides compete to win a sporting contest. <i>The race promised a classic <b>confrontation</b> between the two top runners in the world.</i>
<b>duel</b>	A contest with deadly weapons arranged between two people in order to settle a point of honour. <i>He won by a short head after a great final furlong <b>duel</b>.</i>
<b>feud</b>	A prolonged and bitter quarrel or dispute. <i>His long standing <b>feud</b> with Universal Pictures.</i>
<b>fight</b>	The act of fighting any contest or struggle. <i>He d had another <b>fight</b> with Katie.</i>
<b>game</b>	The equipment for a game especially a board game or a video game. <i>This was a <b>game</b> of shuttle diplomacy at which I had become adept.</i>
<b>match</b>	The score needed to win a match. <i>Stones of a perfect <b>match</b> and colour.</i>
<b>meet</b>	A meeting typically one with an illicit purpose. <i>The <b>meet</b> with Frank is on for 10 o clock.</i>
<b>race</b>	A series of races for horses or dogs held at a fixed time on a set course. <i>Some biologists doubt that there are important genetic differences between <b>races</b> of human beings.</i>
<b>skirmish</b>	A minor short-term fight. <i>The unit was caught in several <b>skirmishes</b> and the commanding officer was killed.</i>
<b>struggle</b>	A very difficult task. <i>The <b>struggle</b> to get through the crowd exhausted her.</i>
<b>tournament</b>	A modern event involving display of military techniques and exercises. <i>The Royal <b>Tournament</b>.</i>
<b>tussle</b>	Disorderly fighting. <i>There was a <b>tussle</b> for the ball.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Contest" as a noun

- *A tennis contest.*
- *A leadership contest.*
- *A contest between traditional and liberal views.*



## Contest as a Verb

### Definitions of "Contest" as a verb

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

- *Oppose (an action or theory) as mistaken or wrong.*
- *Take part in (a competition or election).*
- *Engage in competition to attain (a position of power).*
- *Engage in dispute about.*
- *To make the subject of dispute, contention, or litigation.*



## Synonyms of "Contest" as a verb (34 Words)

<b>argue about</b>	Present reasons and arguments.
<b>battle for</b>	Battle or contend against in or as if in a battle.
<b>battle in</b>	Battle or contend against in or as if in a battle.
<b>be a competitor in</b>	Be priced at.
<b>challenge</b>	Issue a challenge to. <i>A certain number of jurors may be <b>challenged</b>.</i>
<b>challenge for</b>	Raise a formal objection in a court of law.
<b>compete for</b>	Compete for something engage in a contest measure oneself against others.
<b>compete in</b>	Compete for something; engage in a contest; measure oneself against others.
<b><u>contend</u></b>	Maintain or assert. <i>Militant groups are <b>contending</b> for control of the country.</i>
<b>contend for</b>	Be engaged in a fight; carry on a fight.
<b>contend in</b>	Maintain or assert.
<b>debate</b>	Argue with one another. <i>We <b>debated</b> the question of abortion.</i>
<b>defy</b>	Challenge (someone) to fight. <i>His actions <b>defy</b> belief.</i>
<b>dispute</b>	Argue about (something). <i>He taught and <b>disputed</b> with local poets.</i>
<b>enter</b>	Set out on an enterprise or subject of study. <i>A solicitor <b>entered</b> a plea of guilty on her behalf.</i>
<b>fight for</b>	Be engaged in a fight; carry on a fight.
<b>fight in</b>	Make a strenuous or labored effort.
<b>fight over</b>	Exert oneself continuously, vigorously, or obtrusively to gain an end or engage in a crusade for a certain cause or person; be an advocate for.
<b>go in for</b>	Be abolished or discarded.
<b>object to</b>	Be averse to or express disapproval of.
<b>oppose</b>	Be resistant to. <i>A majority of the electorate <b>opposed</b> EC membership.</i>
<b>participate in</b>	Become a participant; be involved in.

<b>put one's name down for</b>	Cause (someone) to undergo something.
<b>quarrel over</b>	Have a disagreement over something.
<b>repugn</b>	To affect a person with repugnance or aversion Also without object to cause repugnance.
<b><u>resist</u></b>	Stand up or offer resistance to somebody or something. <i>Antibodies help us to <b>resist</b> infection.</i>
<b>strive against</b>	Attempt by employing effort.
<b>struggle against</b>	Be engaged in a fight; carry on a fight.
<b>struggle for</b>	Make a strenuous or labored effort.
<b>take a stand against</b>	Have with oneself; have on one's person.
<b>take issue with</b>	Accept or undergo, often unwillingly.
<b>take part in</b>	Travel or go by means of a certain kind of transportation, or a certain route.
<b>tussle for</b>	Make messy or untidy.
<b>vie for</b>	Compete for something; engage in a contest; measure oneself against others.



## Usage Examples of "Contest" as a verb

- *She declared her intention to contest the presidency.*
- *The former chairman contests his dismissal.*
- *A coalition was formed to contest the presidential elections.*
- *The issues have been hotly contested.*
- *They contested the outcome of the race.*



## Associations of "Contest" (30 Words)

### athlete

A person who is proficient in sports and other forms of physical exercise.  
*He had the broad shouldered build of a natural **athlete**.*

### battle

Battle or contend against in or as if in a battle.  
*The **battle** against ageing.*

### **bellicose**

Demonstrating aggression and willingness to fight.  
***Bellicose** young officers.*

### **championship**

The position or title of the winner of a championship contest.  
*The team's final match before the European **championships**.*

### **combative**

Having or showing a ready disposition to fight.  
*A **combative** impulse.*

### compete

Compete for something engage in a contest measure oneself against others.  
*He **competed** with a number of other candidates.*

<b>competition</b>	The person or people over whom one is attempting to establish one's supremacy or superiority; the opposition. <i>I walked round to check out the <b>competition</b>.</i>
<b>competitive</b>	Involving competition or competitiveness. <i>A car industry <b>competitive</b> with any in the world.</i>
<b>competitor</b>	An organization or country engaged in commercial or economic competition with others. <i>Our main industrial <b>competitors</b>.</i>
<u><b>contend</b></u>	Succeed in doing, achieving, or producing (something) with the limited or inadequate means available. <i>He <b>contends</b> that the judge was wrong.</i>
<u><b>contender</b></u>	A person or group competing with others to achieve something. <i>The major <b>contenders</b> in the football championship.</i>
<u><b>contention</b></u>	A contentious speech act; a dispute where there is strong disagreement. <i>The teams were in fierce <b>contention</b> for first place.</i>
<u><b>contentious</b></u>	Inclined or showing an inclination to dispute or disagree, even to engage in law suits. <i>A style described as abrasive and <b>contentious</b>.</i>
<b>contestant</b>	A person who participates in competitions. <i>An anxious <b>contestant</b> on a television quiz show.</i>
<u><b>discord</b></u>	Lack of agreement or harmony between things. <i>A prosperous family who showed no signs of <b>discord</b>.</i>
<u><b>divisive</b></u>	Tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people. <i>The highly <b>divisive</b> issue of abortion.</i>
<b>internecine</b>	Destructive to both sides in a conflict. <i>The region's history of savage <b>internecine</b> warfare.</i>
<b>interscholastic</b>	Used of competition or cooperation between secondary schools.
<b>opponent</b>	Someone who offers opposition. <i>The news will delight <b>opponents</b> of GM foods.</i>
<b>opposing</b>	Facing; opposite. <i>The brothers fought on <b>opposing</b> sides in the war.</i>
<b>pentathlon</b>	An athletic event comprising five different events for each competitor in particular also modern pentathlon an event involving fencing shooting swimming riding and cross country running.
<b>popularity</b>	The state or condition of being liked, admired, or supported by many people. <i>The universal <b>popularity</b> of American movies.</i>

<b>quiz</b>	An examination consisting of a few short questions. <i>A pub <b>quiz</b>.</i>
<b>rival</b>	Be the rival of be in competition with. <i>Nothing can <b>rival</b> cotton for durability.</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>strive</b>	To exert much effort or energy. <i>We must <b>strive</b> to secure steady growth.</i>
<b>struggle</b>	A forceful or violent effort to get free of restraint or resist attack. <i>Many families on income support have to <b>struggle</b> to make ends meet.</i>
<b>vie</b>	Compete for something; engage in a contest; measure oneself against others. <i>The athletes were vying for a place in the British team.</i>
<b>win</b>	Win something through one's efforts. <i><b>Win</b> points.</i>
<b>wrangling</b>	Engagement in a long, complicated dispute or argument. <i>Weeks of political <b>wrangling</b>.</i>

