

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.*

conflict	A state of mind in which a person experiences a clash of opposing feelings or needs. <i>He was immobilized by conflict and indecision.</i>
confrontation	A situation where two players or sides compete to win a sporting contest. <i>The race promised a classic confrontation between the two top runners in the world.</i>
duel	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 duel.</i>
feud	A prolonged and bitter quarrel or dispute. <i>His long standing feud with Universal Pictures.</i>
fight	The act of fighting any contest or struggle. <i>He had another fight with Katie.</i>
game	The equipment for a game especially a board game or a video game. <i>This was a game of shuttle diplomacy at which I had become adept.</i>
match	The score needed to win a match. <i>Stones of a perfect match and colour.</i>
meet	A meeting typically one with an illicit purpose. <i>The meet with Frank is on for 10 o'clock.</i>
race	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 races of human beings.</i>
skirmish	A minor short-term fight. <i>The unit was caught in several skirmishes and the commanding officer was killed.</i>
struggle	A very difficult task. <i>The struggle to get through the crowd exhausted her.</i>
tournament	A modern event involving display of military techniques and exercises. <i>The Royal Tournament.</i>
tussle	Disorderly fighting. <i>There was a tussle 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)

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

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

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

quiz	An examination consisting of a few short questions. <i>A pub quiz.</i>
rival	Be the rival of be in competition with. <i>Nothing can rival cotton for durability.</i>
rivalry	The act of competing as for profit or a prize. <i>There always has been intense rivalry between the clubs.</i>
strive	To exert much effort or energy. <i>We must strive to secure steady growth.</i>
struggle	A forceful or violent effort to get free of restraint or resist attack. <i>Many families on income support have to struggle to make ends meet.</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>
win	Win something through one's efforts. <i>Win points.</i>
wrangling	Engagement in a long, complicated dispute or argument. <i>Weeks of political wrangling.</i>

