

Need another word that means the same as “contraction”? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for “contraction” in this overview.

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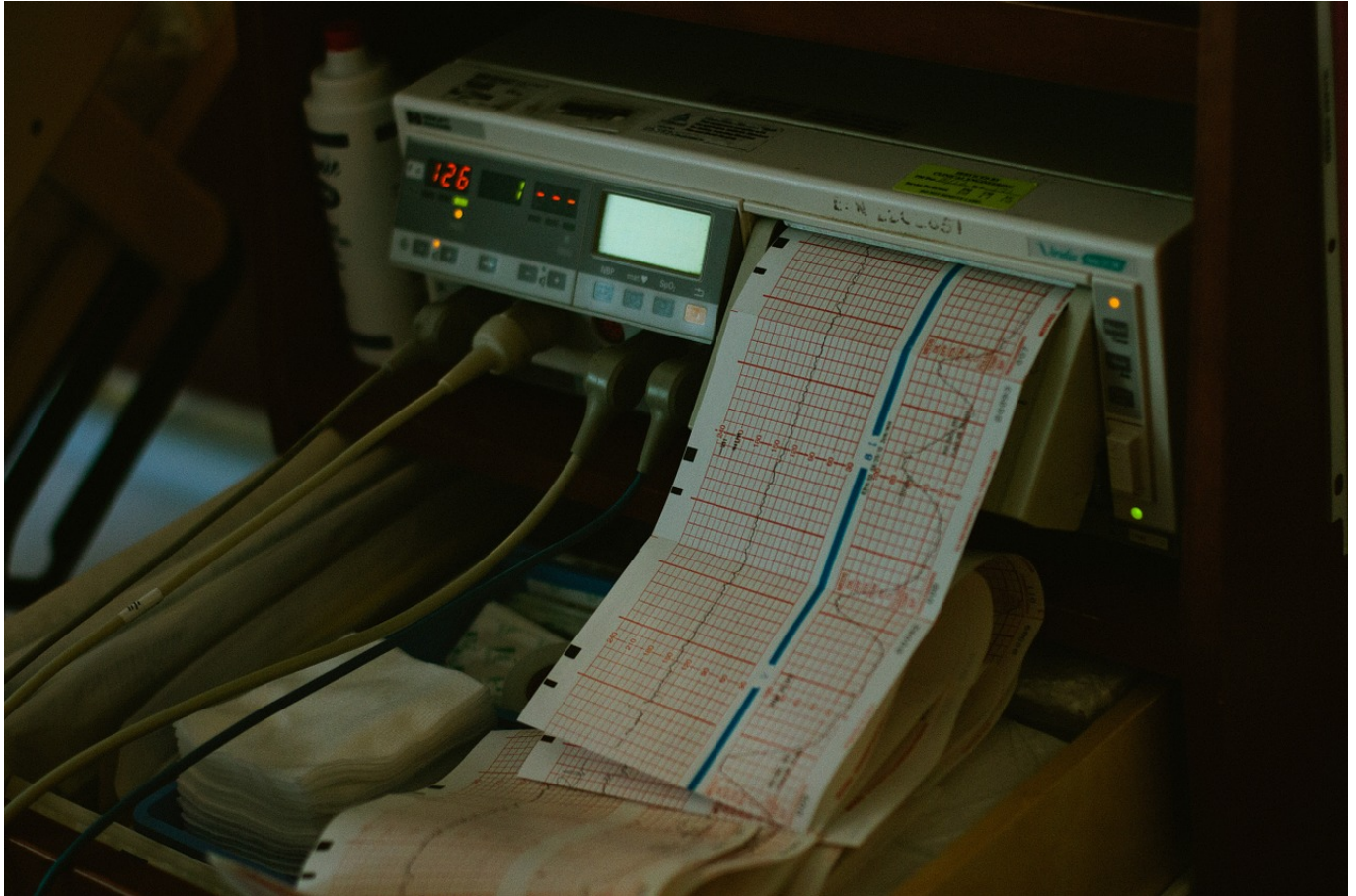
The synonyms of “Contraction” are: compression, condensation, muscle contraction, shrinking, reduction in size, shrinkage, tightening, tensing, flexing, labour pains, labour, abbreviation, short form, elision

Contraction as a Noun

Definitions of "Contraction" as a noun

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

- *A shortening of the uterine muscles occurring at intervals before and during childbirth.*
- *The process in which a muscle becomes or is made shorter and tighter.*
- *A shortening or tensing of a part or organ (especially of a muscle or muscle fiber).*
- *The process or result of becoming smaller or pressed together.*
- *The process of becoming smaller.*
- *A word formed from two or more words by omitting or combining some sounds.*
- *(physiology) a shortening or tensing of a part or organ (especially of a muscle or muscle fiber).*
- *The act of decreasing (something) in size or volume or quantity or scope.*
- *A word or group of words resulting from shortening an original form.*
- *The process of shortening a word by combination or elision.*



Synonyms of "Contraction" as a noun (14 Words)

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| abbreviation | Shortening something by omitting parts of it. <i>SKU is the abbreviation for Stock Keeping Unit.</i> |
| compression | Encoding information while reducing the bandwidth or bits required. |
| condensation | The conversion of a vapour or gas to a liquid. <i>The inside of the cab steamed up with condensation.</i> |
| elision | An omission of a passage in a book, speech, or film. <i>Unease at the elision of so many vital questions.</i> |
| flexing | The act of flexing. |
| labour | A group of moles. <i>A woman in labour.</i> |
| labour pains | A social class comprising those who do manual labor or work for wages. |
| muscle contraction | A bully employed as a thug or bodyguard. |

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| reduction in size | The act of decreasing or reducing something. |
| short form | Accidental contact between two points in an electric circuit that have a potential difference. |
| shrinkage | The process, fact, or amount of shrinking. Shrinkage is the retail trade s euphemism for shoplifting. |
| shrinking | The act of becoming less. |
| tensing | A grammatical category of verbs used to express distinctions of time. |
| tightening | The act of making something tighter. The tightening of economic controls. |



Usage Examples of "Contraction" as a noun

- *She was now in no doubt that she was having contractions.*
- *The contraction of a gas on cooling.*
- *Neurons control the contraction of muscles.*
- *'goodbye' is a contraction of 'God be with you.'*

- `o'clock' is a contraction of `of the clock.
- The general contraction of the industry did further damage to morale.
- The manufacturing sector suffered a severe contraction.
- `won't' is a contraction of `will not.



Associations of "Contraction" (30 Words)

- abbreviate** Shorten.
*I decided to **abbreviate** my stay in Cambridge.*
- abridge** Curtail (a right or privilege).
*The new law might **abridge** our freedom of expression.*
- abridgment** A shortened version of a written work.
- aqueous** Produced by the action of water.
*An **aqueous** solution of potassium permanganate.*

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| <u>compact</u> | Have the property of being packable or of compacting easily. <i>This powder compacts easily.</i> |
| compaction | An increase in the density of something. <i>Tyres take up valuable landfill space and prevent waste compaction.</i> |
| <u>compress</u> | Reduce the dynamic range of (a sound signal). <i>She compressed her lips.</i> |
| compression | Applying pressure. |
| condensation | The process of changing from a gaseous to a liquid or solid state. <i>The cloud is caused by condensation in the air.</i> |
| <u>condense</u> | Express (written or spoken material) in fewer words; make concise. <i>Condense the milk.</i> |
| consonant | Denoting or relating to a consonant. <i>Fricatives are by far the largest group of English consonants.</i> |
| <u>curtail</u> | Deprive someone of (something). <i>Civil liberties were further curtailed.</i> |
| dew | A beaded or glistening liquid resembling dew. <i>Her body had broken out in a fine dew of perspiration.</i> |
| diphthong | A digraph representing the sound of a diphthong or single vowel as in feat. |
| elision | The process of joining together or merging things, especially abstract ideas. <i>Unease at the elision of so many vital questions.</i> |
| <u>encapsulate</u> | Enclose (something) in or as if in a capsule. <i>The company would encapsulate the asbestos waste in concrete pellets.</i> |
| extract | Extract by the process of distillation. <i>An extract from a historical film.</i> |
| <u>foggy</u> | Indistinct or hazy in outline. <i>A dark and foggy night.</i> |
| <u>minimize</u> | Make small or insignificant. <i>They may minimize or even overlook the importance of such beliefs.</i> |
| <u>pressed</u> | Compacted by ironing. <i>Freshly pressed orange juice.</i> |
| pronounce | Speak pronounce or utter in a certain way. <i>She pronounces French words in a funny way.</i> |
| reduction | The act of decreasing or reducing something. <i>Talks on arms reduction.</i> |
| refrigeration | Deliberately lowering the body's temperature for therapeutic purposes. <i>Commercial refrigeration units.</i> |

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| <u>shorten</u> | Make shorter than originally intended; reduce or retrench in length or duration. <i>In winter the days shorten.</i> |
| <u>squeeze</u> | Squeeze like a wedge into a tight space. <i>She was his main squeeze.</i> |
| subsidence | An abatement in intensity or degree (as in the manifestations of a disease). <i>Subsidence</i> damage. |
| syllable | Pronounce a word or phrase clearly syllable by syllable. <i>The word pocket has two syllables.</i> |
| vapor | The process of becoming a vapor. |
| vaporization | Annihilation by vaporizing something. |
| vowel | A letter representing a vowel sound such as a e i o u. |