

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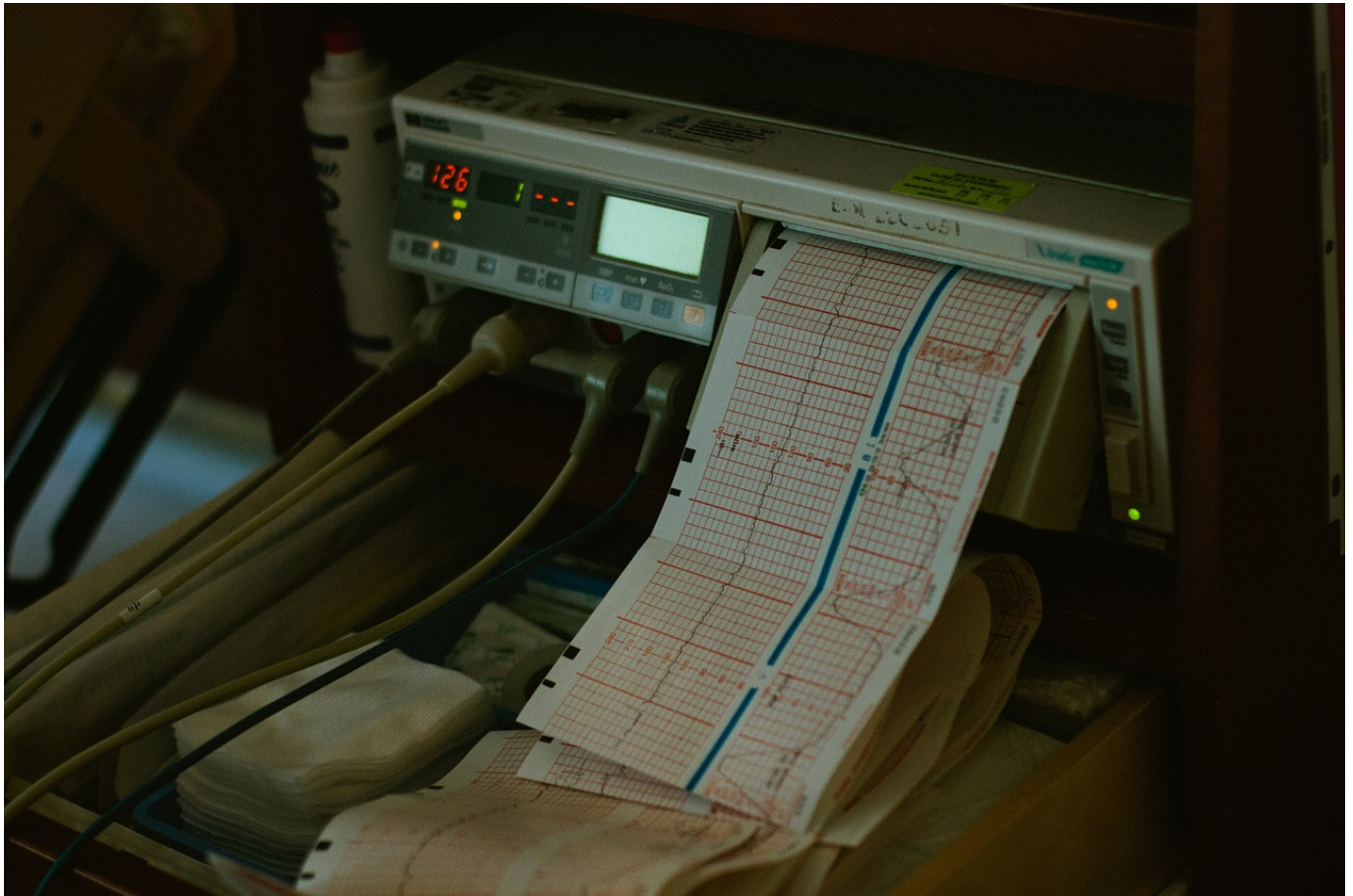
The synonyms of “Contraction” are: compression, condensation, muscle contraction, shrinking, reduction in size, shrinkage, tightening, tensing, flexing, labour pains, labour, abbreviation, short form, elision

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)

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.

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.*

<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>

<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). Subsidence 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.