

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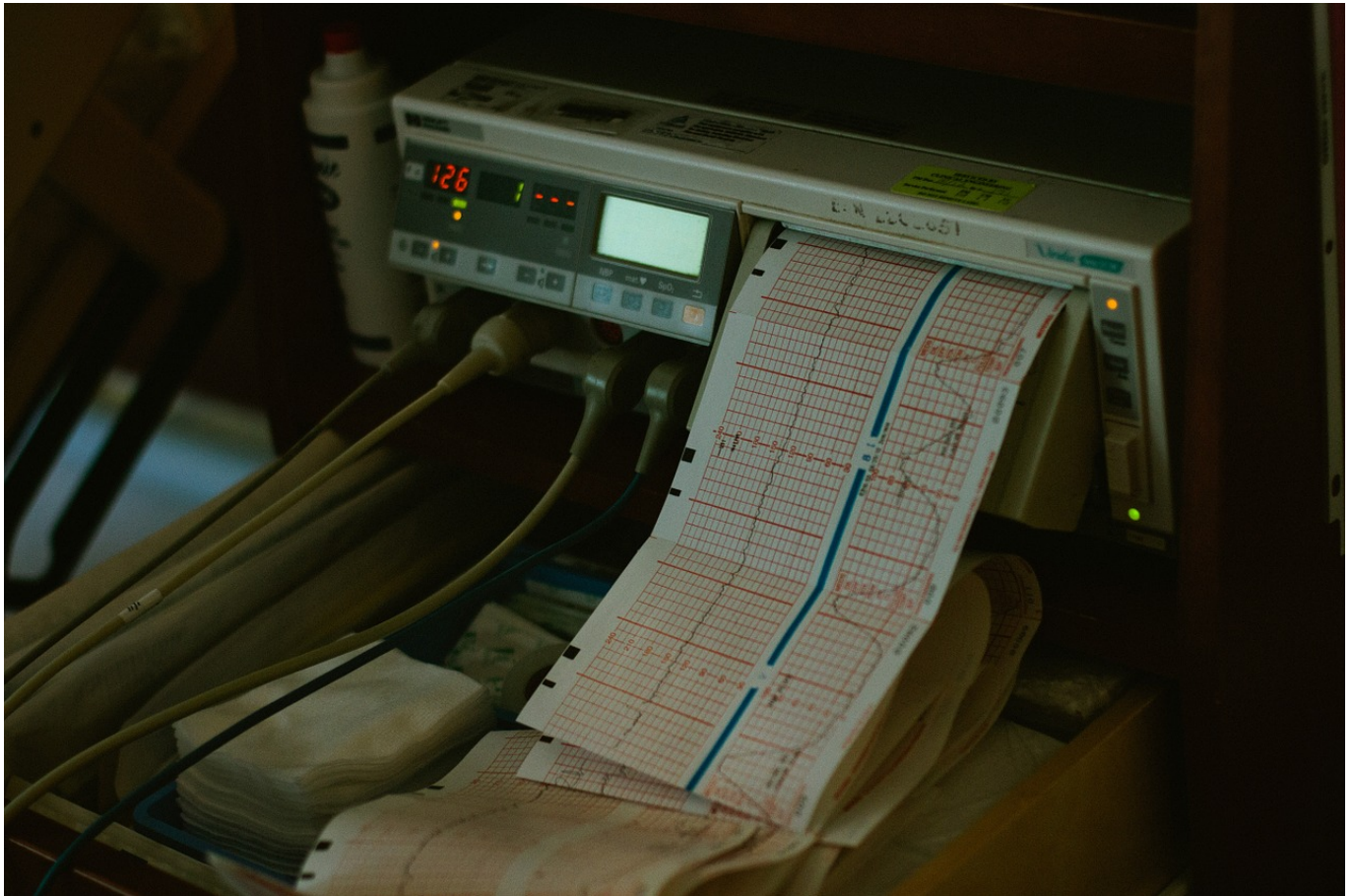
**The synonyms of “Contraction” are: compression, condensation, muscle contraction, shrinking, reduction in size, shrinkage, tightening, tensing, flexing, labour pains, labour, abbreviation, short form, elision**

## 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)

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

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

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

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