

Need another word that means the same as “discourse”? Find 38 synonyms and 30 related words for “discourse” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Discourse” are: preaching, sermon, discussion, treatment, conversation, talk, dialogue, communication, conference, debate, consultation, essay, treatise, dissertation, paper, study, critique, monograph, disquisition, tract, interchange, argument, dissertate, hold forth, converse, discuss, talk about, expatiate, pontificate, speak, have a discussion, discuss matters, confer, consult, parley, chat**

## Discourse as a Noun

### Definitions of "Discourse" as a noun

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

- *An address of a religious nature (usually delivered during a church service).*
- *Extended verbal expression in speech or writing.*
- *An extended communication (often interactive) dealing with some particular topic.*
- *Written or spoken communication or debate.*
- *A connected series of utterances; a text or conversation.*
- *A formal discussion of a topic in speech or writing.*



## Synonyms of "Discourse" as a noun (22 Words)

### argument

An independent variable associated with a function or proposition and determining its value For example in the expression  $y = F(x)$  the arguments of the function  $F$  are  $x$  and  $x$  and the value is  $y$ .

*He rejected the **argument** that keeping the facility would be costly.*

### **communication**

The successful conveying or sharing of ideas and feelings.

*She gave him some hope of her return or at least of their future **communication**.*

### conference

A linking of several phones or computers, so that each user may communicate with the others simultaneously.

*An international **conference** on the environment.*

### **consultation**

A meeting with an expert, such as a medical doctor, in order to seek advice.

*Frequent **consultations** with his lawyer.*

<b>conversation</b>	A talk, especially an informal one, between two or more people, in which news and ideas are exchanged. <i>She picked up the phone and held a <b>conversation</b> in French.</i>
<b>critique</b>	A serious examination and judgment of something. <i>A <b>critique</b> of Marxist historicism.</i>
<b>debate</b>	A discussion in which reasons are advanced for and against some proposition or proposal. <i>There has been much <b>debate</b> about prices.</i>
<a href="#">dialogue</a>	A conversation between two persons. <i>They disagreed but kept an open <b>dialogue</b>.</i>
<b>discussion</b>	A detailed treatment of a topic in speech or writing. <i><b>Discussions</b> about environmental improvement.</i>
<b>disquisition</b>	An elaborate analytical or explanatory essay or discussion. <i>Nothing can kill a radio show quicker than a <b>disquisition</b> on intertextual analysis.</i>
<b>dissertation</b>	A long essay on a particular subject, especially one written for a university degree or diploma. <i>He had considered writing his doctoral <b>dissertation</b> on Kant.</i>
<b>essay</b>	An analytic or interpretive literary composition. <i>A misjudged <b>essay</b> in job preservation.</i>
<b>interchange</b>	A junction of highways on different levels that permits traffic to move from one to another without crossing traffic streams. <i>The <b>interchange</b> of ideas.</i>
<b>monograph</b>	A detailed written study of a single specialized subject or an aspect of it. <i>They are publishing a series of <b>monographs</b> on music in late medieval and Renaissance cities.</i>
<b>paper</b>	A sheet of paper with something written or printed on it. <i>A recently leaked cabinet <b>paper</b>.</i>
<a href="#">preaching</a>	The delivery of a sermon or religious address to an assembled group of people, typically in church. <i>Your <b>preaching</b> won't make me change my mind.</i>
<a href="#">sermon</a>	A long or tedious piece of admonition or reproof; a lecture. <i>I preached my first <b>sermon</b> on original sin.</i>
<b>study</b>	A room used for reading and writing and studying. <i>A <b>study</b> of a sample of 5 000 children.</i>
<b>talk</b>	The act of giving a talk to an audience. <i>Within days I was the <b>talk</b> of the town.</i>



**tract**

An indefinitely large extent of something.  
*The digestive **tract**.*

**treatise**

A formal exposition.  
*His **treatise** on Scottish political theory.*

**treatment**

The presentation or discussion of a subject.  
*They now offer the latest in beauty and body **treatments**.*



## Usage Examples of "Discourse" as a noun

- *An imagined discourse between two people.*
- *A discourse on critical theory.*
- *The language of political discourse.*

## Discourse as a Verb

### Definitions of "Discourse" as a verb

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

- *Talk at length and formally about a topic.*
- *Engage in conversation.*
- *Carry on a conversation.*
- *Speak or write authoritatively about a topic.*
- *To consider or examine in speech or writing.*

### Synonyms of "Discourse" as a verb (16 Words)

#### chat

Talk socially without exchanging too much information.  
*I have **chatted** to a few women on the Net.*

#### confer

Have a conference in order to talk something over.  
*The university **conferred** a degree on its most famous former student who never graduated.*

#### **consult**

Have discussions with (someone), typically before undertaking a course of action.  
*They had to **consult** before arriving at a decision.*

#### converse

Carry on a conversation.  
*She was withdrawn and preoccupied hardly able to **converse** with her mother.*

#### **debate**

Think about carefully; weigh.  
*He **debated** whether he should leave the matter alone or speak to her.*

#### **discuss**

Speak with others about something talk something over in detail have a discussion.  
*I **discussed** the matter with my wife.*

<b>discuss matters</b>	Speak with others about (something); talk (something) over in detail; have a discussion.
<b>dissertate</b>	Write a dissertation. <i>The speaker <b>dissertated</b> about the social politics in 18th century England.</i>
<b>expatiate</b>	Speak or write in detail about. <i>She <b>expatiated</b> on working class novelists.</i>
<b>have a discussion</b>	Have or possess, either in a concrete or an abstract sense.
<b>hold forth</b>	Keep from exhaling or expelling.
<b>parley</b>	Discuss, as between enemies. <i>They disagreed over whether to <b>parley</b> with the enemy.</i>
<b>pontificate</b>	Talk in a dogmatic and pompous manner. <i>The new professor always <b>pontificates</b>.</i>
<b>speak</b>	(of behaviour, an object, etc.) serve as evidence for something. <i>She refused to <b>speak</b> about the incident.</i>
<b>talk</b>	Exchange thoughts talk with. <i>If you don't oblige me I'll <b>talk</b>.</i>
<b>talk about</b>	Reveal information.

## Usage Examples of "Discourse" as a verb

- *He spent an hour discoursing with his supporters.*
- *She could discourse at great length on the history of Europe.*

## Associations of "Discourse" (30 Words)

<b>argument</b>	An independent variable associated with a function or proposition and determining its value For example in the expression $y = F(x)$ the arguments of the function $F$ are $x$ and the value is $y$ . <i>There is a strong <b>argument</b> for submitting a formal appeal.</i>
<b>chat</b>	Songbirds having a chattering call. <i>She <b>chatted</b> to her mother on the phone every day.</i>
<b>cloture</b>	(in a legislative assembly) a procedure for ending a debate and taking a vote; closure. <i>A <b>cloture</b> motion.</i>
<b>confabulate</b>	Fabricate imaginary experiences as compensation for loss of memory. <i>She could be heard on the telephone confabulating with someone.</i>

<b>confer</b>	Have a conference in order to talk something over. <i>The Minister may have exceeded the powers <b>conferred</b> on him by Parliament.</i>
<b>consult</b>	An act of consulting a professional a consultation. <i>The government must <b>consult</b> with interested bodies.</i>
<b>contention</b>	An assertion, especially one maintained in argument. <i>The teams were in fierce <b>contention</b> for first place.</i>
<b>contentiousness</b>	An inclination to be quarrelsome and contentious.
<b>contributor</b>	A causal factor in the existence or occurrence of something. <i>He became a regular <b>contributor</b> to the magazine.</i>
<b>controversial</b>	Marked by or capable of arousing controversy. <i>Years of wrangling over a <b>controversial</b> bypass.</i>
<b>controversy</b>	A contentious speech act; a dispute where there is strong disagreement. <i>The announcement ended a protracted <b>controversy</b>.</i>
<b>debate</b>	Consider a possible course of action in one's mind before reaching a decision. <i>MPs <b>debated</b> the issue in the Commons.</i>
<b>dialogue</b>	Provide a film or play with a dialogue. <i>He stated that he wasn't going to <b>dialogue</b> with the guerrillas.</i>
<b>discuss</b>	Speak with others about something talk something over in detail have a discussion. <i>They were <b>discussing</b> where to go for a drink.</i>
<b>discussion</b>	A conversation or debate about a specific topic. <i>The book contains an excellent <b>discussion</b> of modal logic.</i>
<b>disputable</b>	Open to argument or debate. <i>Whether it can be described as art criticism may be <b>disputable</b>.</i>
<b>disputation</b>	The formal presentation of a stated proposition and the opposition to it (usually followed by a vote). <i>A lengthy <b>disputation</b> about the rights and wrongs of a particular request.</i>
<b>dispute</b>	A disagreement or argument. <i>A territorial <b>dispute</b> between the two countries.</i>
<b>elocution</b>	A particular style of speaking. <i>A Rileyesque <b>elocution</b>.</i>
<b>enthuse</b>	Utter with enthusiasm. <i>They both <b>enthused</b> over my new look.</i>

<b>forum</b>	A court or tribunal. <i>We hope these pages act as a <b>forum</b> for debate.</i>
<b>hassel</b>	Norwegian chemist noted for his research on organic molecules (1897-1981).
<b><u>heated</u></b>	Made warm or hot het is a dialectal variant of heated. <i>A <b>heated</b> swimming pool.</i>
<b>interlocutor</b>	A person who takes part in a conversation.
<b>issue</b>	Make out and issue. <i><b>Issue</b> a new uniform to the children.</i>
<b><u>panel</u></b>	Decorate with panels. <i><b>Panel</b> the walls with wood.</i>
<b>polemical</b>	Of or involving strongly critical or disputatious writing or speech. <i>A <b>polemical</b> essay.</i>
<b>prompting</b>	The action of saying something to persuade, encourage, or remind someone to do or say something. <i>The audience could hear his <b>prompting</b>.</i>
<b><u>quarrel</u></b>	An angry dispute. <i>Some people <b>quarrel</b> with this approach.</i>
<b>talk</b>	The act of giving a talk to an audience. <i>Actions <b>talk</b> louder than words.</i>