

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 $y = F(x, x)$ 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.*

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

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

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

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

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