Need another word that means the same as “fuss”? Find 57 synonyms and 30 related words for “fuss” in this overview.

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Fuss as a Noun

Definitions of "Fuss" as a noun

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, “fuss” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- A protest or dispute of a specified degree or kind.
- An excited state of agitation.
- A display of unnecessary or excessive excitement, activity, or interest.
- A rapid active commotion.
- An angry disturbance.
- Elaborate or complex procedures; trouble or difficulty.
- A quarrel about petty points.
Synonyms of "Fuss" as a noun (39 Words)

**ado**
A rapid active commotion.
*I hastened there without delay or ado.*

**agitation**
A state of agitation or turbulent change or development.
*The techniques mostly involve agitation by stirring.*

**bicker**
A quarrel about petty points.

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**bother**
A person or thing that causes annoyance or difficulty.
*I hope she hasn’t been a bother.*

**brouhaha**
A noisy and overexcited reaction or response to something.
*All that election brouhaha.*

**bustle**
A framework worn at the back below the waist for giving fullness to a woman’s skirt.
*All the noise and the traffic and the bustle.*

**commotion**
The act of making a noisy disturbance.
*Damage caused by civil commotion.*

**complaint**
(civil law) the first pleading of the plaintiff setting out the facts on which the claim for relief is based.
*There were complaints that the building was an eyesore.*
confusion
Uncertainty about what is happening, intended, or required.
There seems to be some confusion about which system does what.

disturbance
An unhappy and worried mental state.
Children with learning difficulty and personality disturbance.
dither
Indecisive behaviour.
All of a dither he prophesied instant chaos.
effort
A force exerted by a machine or in a process.
Contributed to the war effort.
extinction
Something that arouses a feeling of excitement.
His face was flushed with excitement and his hands trembled.
exertion
Physical or mental effort.
The exertion of authority.
flap
An act of flapping something typically a wing or arm up and down or from side to side.
He pushed through the tent flap.
flurry
A number of things arriving or happening suddenly and during the same period.
A flurry of snow.
folderol
Trivial or nonsensical fuss.
All the folderol of the athletic contests and the cheerleaders.
furore
A sudden outburst (as of protest.
The verdict raised a furore over the role of courtroom psychiatry.
hassle
An angry disturbance.
When I told them I would not work on Sundays I got hassle.
hubbub
A chaotic din caused by a crowd of people.
She fought through the hubbub.
hustle
A state of great activity.
The hustles being used to avoid the draft.
inconvenience
A difficulty that causes anxiety.
The inconveniences of life in a remote city.
labour
Productive work (especially physical work done for wages.
Manual labour.
much ado about nothing
A great amount or extent.
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<td>protest</td>
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<td>tumult</td>
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<td>uproar</td>
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Usage Examples of "Fuss" as a noun

- They settled in with very little fuss.
- He didn't want to make a fuss.
- He didn't put up too much of a fuss.
- I don't know what all the fuss is about.
Fuss as a Verb

Definitions of "Fuss" as a verb

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, “fuss” as a verb can have the following definitions:

- Care for like a mother.
- Busy oneself restlessly.
- Worry unnecessarily or excessively.
- Disturb or bother (someone).
- Treat (someone) with excessive attention or affection.
- Show unnecessary or excessive concern about something.
Synonyms of "Fuss" as a verb (18 Words)

- **be agitated**: Have the quality of being; (copula, used with an adjective or a predicate noun.
- **be worried**: Spend or use time.
- **bustle**: (of a place) be full of activity.  
  The streets **bustled** with people.
- **charge**: Energize a battery by passing a current through it in the direction opposite to discharge.  
  *I need to charge my car battery.*
- **dash**: Run or move very quickly or hastily.  
  *A gust of rain dashed against the bricks.*
- **disturb**: Change the arrangement or position of.  
  *Don’t disturb the patient’s wounds by moving him too rapidly.*
- **fly**: Release a bird to fly especially a hawk for hunting or a pigeon for racing.  
  *I must fly.*
- **fret**: Provide a musical instrument with frets.  
  *What shape the sea has fretted into the land.*
- **harass**: Subject to aggressive pressure or intimidation.  
  *Being harassed at work can leave you feeling confused and helpless.*
- **make a big thing out of**: Head into a specified direction.
- **mother**: Care for like a mother.  
  *He found a beautiful wife that mothered his children.*
- **overprotect**: Care for like a mother.  
  *The experience led his parents to overprotect his sisters.*
- **pester**: Annoy persistently.  
  *She constantly pestered him with telephone calls.*
- **rush**: Cause to move fast or to rush or race.  
  *To rush the bank and fire willy nilly could be disastrous for everyone.*
- **scurry**: To move about or proceed hurriedly.  
  *Pedestrians scurried for cover.*
- **take pains**: Take by force.
**worry**  
Be worried, concerned, anxious, troubled, or uneasy.  
*I began to worry whether I had done the right thing.*

**Usage Examples of "Fuss" as a verb**

- *When she cries in her sleep, try not to fuss her.*
- *She's always fussing about her food.*
- *She flattered and fussed her.*
- *She fusses over her husband.*
- *Beside him Kegan was fussing with sheets of paper.*
- *Don't fuss too much over the grandchildren—they are quite big now.*

**Associations of "Fuss" (30 Words)**

- **altercation** Noisy quarrel.  
  *I had an alteration with the ticket collector.*
- **argue** Exchange or express diverging or opposite views, typically in a heated or angry way.  
  *I tried to argue him out of it.*
- **bicker** (of a flame or light) flash, gleam, or flicker.  
  *Couples who bicker over who gets what from the divorce.*
- **brawl** To quarrel noisily, angrily or disruptively.  
  *He got into a drunken brawl in a bar.*
- **bustle** A framework worn at the back below the waist for giving fullness to a woman’s skirt.  
  *People clutching clipboards bustled about.*
- **busy** Keep busy with.  
  *Busy with her work.*
- **cavil** A petty or unnecessary objection.  
  *They cavilled at the cost.*
- **commotion** A state of confused and noisy disturbance.  
  *They set off firecrackers to make a lot of commotion.*
- **confuse** Mistake one thing for another.  
  *Her remarks confused the debate.*
- **dither** Display or print (a colour image) in such a way that it appears to contain more colours than are really available.  
  *He was in a dither.*
**dogfight**
Arrange for an illegal dogfight.
*Sergeant Smith and a colleague were in a dogfight with an enemy aircraft.*

**fight**
Be engaged in a fight carry on a fight.
*She watched him fight his way across the room.*

**flap**
Pronounce with a flap of alveolar sounds.
*He flapped the envelope in front of my face.*

**flurry**
Move in an agitated or confused manner.
*A flurry of snow.*

**fluster**
Be flustered behave in a confused manner.
*There s nothing you can do or say to fluster Bernie.*

**flutter**
An act of fluttering.
*A flutter on the horses.*

**hassle**
Annoy continually or chronically.
*An election year hassle with farmers.*

**nitpick**
Be overly critical; criticize minor details.
*The state is nitpicking about minor administrative matters.*

**picky**
Exacting especially about details.
*They are becoming increasingly picky about where they stay.*

**priggish**
Exaggeratedly proper.
*She was priggish about sex.*

**quarrel**
An angry dispute.
*We quarreled over the question as to who discovered America.*

**quibble**
Argue over petty things.
*Let s not quibble over pennies.*

**scuffle**
Fight or struggle in a confused way at close quarters.
*The drunken men started to scuffle.*

**sophism**
A deliberately invalid argument displaying ingenuity in reasoning in the hope of deceiving someone.

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A deliberately invalid argument displaying ingenuity in reasoning in the hope of deceiving someone.
*Trying to argue that I had benefited in any way from the disaster was pure sophistry.*

**spat**
Clap one’s hands together.
*Mollusks or oysters spat.*

**squabble**
Argue over petty things.
*Family squabbles.*
tussle  
Fight or struggle in a confused way at close quarters.  
*There was a tussle for the ball.*

wrangle  
An instance of intense argument (as in bargaining).  
*The bar keeper threw them out but they continued to wrangle on down the street.*