

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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The synonyms of “Fuss” are: bicker, bickering, pettifoggery, spat, squabble, tiff, ado, bustle, flurry, hustle, stir, dither, flap, pother, tizzy, bother, hassle, trouble, excitement, agitation, uproar, to-do, commotion, confusion, disturbance, tumult, hubbub, rigmarole, folderol, brouhaha, furore, much ado about nothing, protest, complaint, objection, inconvenience, effort, exertion, labour, mother, overprotect, fret, niggle, worry, be agitated, be worried, take pains, make a big thing out of, dash, rush, scurry, charge, fly, pester, disturb, harass

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>I hastened there without delay or ado.</i>
agitation	A state of agitation or turbulent change or development. <i>The techniques mostly involve agitation by stirring.</i>
bicker	A quarrel about petty points.
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bother	A person or thing that causes annoyance or difficulty. <i>I hope she hasn't been a bother.</i>
brouhaha	A noisy and overexcited reaction or response to something. <i>All that election brouhaha.</i>
bustle	A framework worn at the back below the waist for giving fullness to a woman's skirt. <i>All the noise and the traffic and the bustle.</i>
commotion	The act of making a noisy disturbance. <i>Damage caused by civil commotion.</i>
complaint	(civil law) the first pleading of the plaintiff setting out the facts on which the claim for relief is based. <i>There were complaints that the building was an eyesore.</i>

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

objection

An expression or feeling of disapproval or opposition; a reason for disagreeing.

*They have raised no **objections** to the latest plans.*

pettifoggery

A quarrel about petty points.

pother

An excited state of agitation.

*What a **pother** you make.*

protest

The act of protesting a public often organized manifestation of dissent.

*They finished the game under **protest** to the league president.*

rigmarole

A long, rambling story or statement.

*She went into a long **rigmarole** about the different jobs she d had.*

spat

A cloth covering (a legging) that covers the instep and ankles.

squabble

A quarrel about petty points.

*Family **squabbles**.*

stir

An act of stirring food or drink.

*Caroline felt a **stir** of anger deep within her breast.*

tiff

A quarrel about petty points.

*Joanna had a **tiff** with her boyfriend.*

tizzy

A state of nervous excitement or agitation.

*He got into a **tizzy** and was talking absolute tosh.*

to-do

A disorderly outburst or tumult.

trouble

Used to refer to the condition of a pregnant unmarried woman.

*He s been in **trouble** with the police.*

tumult

Violent agitation.

*The whole neighbourhood was in a state of fear and **tumult**.*

uproar

Loud confused noise from many sources.

*The room was in an **uproar**.*



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. <i>The streets bustled with people.</i>
<u>charge</u>	Energize a battery by passing a current through it in the direction opposite to discharge. <i>I need to charge my car battery.</i>
dash	Run or move very quickly or hastily. <i>A gust of rain dashed against the bricks.</i>
<u>disturb</u>	Change the arrangement or position of. <i>Don't disturb the patient's wounds by moving him too rapidly.</i>
<u>fly</u>	Release a bird to fly especially a hawk for hunting or a pigeon for racing. <i>I must fly.</i>
<u>fret</u>	Provide a musical instrument with frets. <i>What shape the sea has fretted into the land.</i>
<u>harass</u>	Subject to aggressive pressure or intimidation. <i>Being harassed at work can leave you feeling confused and helpless.</i>
make a big thing out of	Head into a specified direction.
<u>mother</u>	Care for like a mother. <i>He found a beautiful wife that mothered his children.</i>
overprotect	Care for like a mother. <i>The experience led his parents to overprotect his sisters.</i>
<u>pester</u>	Annoy persistently. <i>She constantly pestered him with telephone calls.</i>
rush	Cause to move fast or to rush or race. <i>To rush the bank and fire willy nilly could be disastrous for everyone.</i>
scurry	To move about or proceed hurriedly. <i>Pedestrians scurried for cover.</i>
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>I had an altercation with the ticket collector.</i>
argue	Exchange or express diverging or opposite views, typically in a heated or angry way. <i>I tried to argue him out of it.</i>
bicker	(of a flame or light) flash, gleam, or flicker. <i>Couples who bicker over who gets what from the divorce.</i>
brawl	To quarrel noisily, angrily or disruptively. <i>He d got into a drunken brawl in a bar.</i>
bustle	A framework worn at the back below the waist for giving fullness to a woman's skirt. <i>People clutching clipboards bustled about.</i>
<u>busy</u>	Keep busy with. <i>Busy with her work.</i>
cavil	A petty or unnecessary objection. <i>They cavilled at the cost.</i>
<u>commotion</u>	A state of confused and noisy disturbance. <i>They set off firecrackers to make a lot of commotion.</i>
confuse	Mistake one thing for another. <i>Her remarks confused the debate.</i>
dither	Display or print (a colour image) in such a way that it appears to contain more colours than are really available. <i>He was in a dither.</i>

dogfight	Arrange for an illegal dogfight. <i>Sergeant Smith and a colleague were in a dogfight with an enemy aircraft.</i>
fight	Be engaged in a fight carry on a fight. <i>She watched him fight his way across the room.</i>
flap	Pronounce with a flap of alveolar sounds. <i>He flapped the envelope in front of my face.</i>
flurry	Move in an agitated or confused manner. <i>A flurry of snow.</i>
fluster	Be flustered behave in a confused manner. <i>There s nothing you can do or say to fluster Bernie.</i>
flutter	An act of fluttering. <i>A flutter on the horses.</i>
hassle	Annoy continually or chronically. <i>An election year hassle with farmers.</i>
nitpick	Be overly critical; criticize minor details. <i>The state is nitpicking about minor administrative matters.</i>
picky	Exacting especially about details. <i>They are becoming increasingly picky about where they stay.</i>
priggish	Exaggeratedly proper. <i>She was priggish about sex.</i>
quarrel	An angry dispute. <i>We quarreled over the question as to who discovered America.</i>
quibble	Argue over petty things. <i>Let s not quibble over pennies.</i>
scuffle	Fight or struggle in a confused way at close quarters. <i>The drunken men started to scuffle.</i>
sophism	A deliberately invalid argument displaying ingenuity in reasoning in the hope of deceiving someone.
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spat	Clap one's hands together. <i>Mollusks or oysters spat.</i>
squabble	Argue over petty things. <i>Family squabbles.</i>

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.*