

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 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.

**bickering**

A quarrel about petty points.

**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.*

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

<b><u>objection</u></b>	An expression or feeling of disapproval or opposition; a reason for disagreeing. <i>They have raised no <b>objections</b> to the latest plans.</i>
<b>pettifoggery</b>	A quarrel about petty points.
<b>pother</b>	An excited state of agitation. <i>What a <b>pother</b> you make.</i>
<b><u>protest</u></b>	The act of protesting a public often organized manifestation of dissent. <i>They finished the game under <b>protest</b> to the league president.</i>
<b>rigmarole</b>	A long, rambling story or statement. <i>She went into a long <b>rigmarole</b> about the different jobs she d had.</i>
<b><u>spat</u></b>	A cloth covering (a legging) that covers the instep and ankles.
<b>squabble</b>	A quarrel about petty points. <i>Family <b>squabbles</b>.</i>
<b>stir</b>	An act of stirring food or drink. <i>Caroline felt a <b>stir</b> of anger deep within her breast.</i>
<b>tiff</b>	A quarrel about petty points. <i>Joanna had a <b>tiff</b> with her boyfriend.</i>
<b><u>tizzy</u></b>	A state of nervous excitement or agitation. <i>He got into a <b>tizzy</b> and was talking absolute tosh.</i>
<b>to-do</b>	A disorderly outburst or tumult.
<b>trouble</b>	Used to refer to the condition of a pregnant unmarried woman. <i>He s been in <b>trouble</b> with the police.</i>
<b>tumult</b>	Violent agitation. <i>The whole neighbourhood was in a state of fear and <b>tumult</b>.</i>
<b><u>uproar</u></b>	Loud confused noise from many sources. <i>The room was in an <b>uproar</b>.</i>



## 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)

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

<b>altercation</b>	Noisy quarrel. <i>I had an <b>altercation</b> with the ticket collector.</i>
<b>argue</b>	Exchange or express diverging or opposite views, typically in a heated or angry way. <i>I tried to <b>argue</b> him out of it.</i>
<b>bicker</b>	(of a flame or light) flash, gleam, or flicker. <i>Couples who <b>bicker</b> over who gets what from the divorce.</i>
<b>brawl</b>	To quarrel noisily, angrily or disruptively. <i>He d got into a drunken <b>brawl</b> in a bar.</i>
<b>bustle</b>	A framework worn at the back below the waist for giving fullness to a woman's skirt. <i>People clutching clipboards <b>bustled</b> about.</i>
<b>busy</b>	Keep busy with. <i><b>Busy</b> with her work.</i>
<b>cavil</b>	A petty or unnecessary objection. <i>They <b>cavilled</b> at the cost.</i>
<b>commotion</b>	A state of confused and noisy disturbance. <i>They set off firecrackers to make a lot of <b>commotion</b>.</i>
<b>confuse</b>	Mistake one thing for another. <i>Her remarks <b>confused</b> the debate.</i>
<b>dither</b>	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 <b>dither</b>.</i>



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