

Need another word that means the same as “opposition”? Find 33 synonyms and 30 related words for “opposition” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Opposition” are: confrontation, enemy, foe, foeman, resistance, opponent, opposite, oppositeness, hostility, antagonism, antipathy, enmity, objection, dissent, criticism, defiance, obstruction, counteraction, opponents, competition, competitors, opposers, rivals, adversaries, antagonists, enemies, conflict, clash, difference, contrast, disparity, antithesis, polarity

Opposition as a Noun

Definitions of "Opposition" as a noun

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

- *A body of people united in opposing something.*
- *The act of hostile groups opposing each other.*
- *Resistance or dissent, expressed in action or argument.*
- *The principal parliamentary party opposed to that in office.*
- *The relation between opposed entities.*
- *A contestant that you are matched against.*
- *A group of opponents, especially in sport, business, or politics.*
- *A direction opposite to another.*
- *The apparent position of two celestial objects that are directly opposite each other in the sky, especially the position of a planet when opposite the sun.*
- *An armed adversary (especially a member of an opposing military force).*
- *A contrast or antithesis.*
- *The major political party opposed to the party in office and prepared to replace it if*

elected.

- *The action of opposing something that you disapprove or disagree with.*



Synonyms of "Opposition" as a noun (33 Words)

adversaries	Someone who offers opposition.
antagonism	The relation between opposing principles or forces or factors. <i>The inherent antagonism of capitalism and socialism.</i>
antagonists	Someone who offers opposition. <i>When bending the elbow the triceps are the antagonist.</i>
antipathy	A deep-seated feeling of aversion. <i>His fundamental antipathy to capitalism.</i>
antithesis	Exact opposite. <i>Love is the antithesis of selfishness.</i>
clash	A mismatch of colours. <i>It is hoped that clashes of dates will be avoided.</i>

competition	An event or contest in which people take part in order to establish superiority or supremacy in a particular area. <i>There is fierce competition between banks.</i>
competitors	The contestant you hope to defeat.
conflict	A disagreement or argument about something important. <i>The eternal conflict between the sexes.</i>
<u>confrontation</u>	A focussed comparison; bringing together for a careful comparison. <i>The race promised a classic confrontation between the two top runners in the world.</i>
contrast	Differences in colour, tone, or shape that contribute to the visual effect of a design or image. <i>Match the trimming with one of the stronger colours in the pattern to provide contrast.</i>
counteraction	Action intended to nullify the effects of some previous action.
criticism	The analysis and judgement of the merits and faults of a literary or artistic work. <i>The senator received severe criticism from his opponent.</i>
<u>defiance</u>	Intentionally contemptuous behavior or attitude. <i>An act of defiance.</i>
difference	A quantity by which amounts differ; the remainder left after subtraction of one value from another. <i>The difference in her is amazing.</i>
disparity	A great difference. <i>The arrangements could lead to disparity of treatment between companies.</i>
<u>dissent</u>	The act of protesting a public often organized manifestation of dissent. <i>There was no dissent from this view.</i>
<u>enemies</u>	Any hostile group of people. <i>He viewed lawyers as the real enemy.</i>
<u>enemy</u>	A personal enemy. <i>Enemy aircraft.</i>
<u>enmity</u>	A state or feeling of active opposition or hostility. <i>Decades of enmity between the two countries.</i>
foe	An enemy or opponent. <i>They had been political foes for years.</i>
foeman	An armed adversary (especially a member of an opposing military force).

<u>hostility</u>	The feeling of a hostile person. <i>He could no longer contain his hostility.</i>
<u>objection</u>	An expression or feeling of disapproval or opposition; a reason for disagreeing. <i>They have raised no objections to the latest plans.</i>
<u>obstruction</u>	The physical condition of blocking or filling a passage with an obstruction. <i>The filibuster was a major obstruction to the success of their plan.</i>
opponent	Someone who offers opposition. <i>Against superior opponents they fell two goals behind.</i>
opponents	Someone who offers opposition.
opposers	Someone who offers opposition.
opposite	A contestant that you are matched against. <i>We were opposites in temperament.</i>
oppositeness	The relation between opposed entities.
polarity	The relative orientation of poles; the direction of a magnetic or electric field. <i>He got the polarity of the battery reversed.</i>
resistance	The degree to which a substance or device opposes the passage of an electric current causing energy dissipation. By Ohm's law resistance measured in ohms is equal to the voltage divided by the current. <i>These trees are widely planted because of their resistance to salt and smog.</i>
rivals	The contestant you hope to defeat. <i>He had respect for his rivals.</i>



Usage Examples of "Opposition" as a noun

- *The leader of the Opposition.*
- *The home team made short work of the opposition.*
- *There was considerable opposition to the proposal.*
- *Her Majesty's loyal opposition.*
- *The invaders encountered stiff opposition.*
- *The opposition between practical and poetic language.*
- *Despite opposition from the newspapers he went ahead.*
- *A nature-culture opposition.*



Associations of "Opposition" (30 Words)

conflict	Be in conflict. <i>Doctors often come into conflict with politicians.</i>
conflicting	Incompatible or at variance; contradictory. <i>There are conflicting accounts of what occurred.</i>

confrontation	A hostile or argumentative situation or meeting between opposing parties. <i>Four months of violent confrontation between government and opposition forces.</i>
contradictory	A contradictory proposition. <i>Contradictory attributes of unjust justice and loving vindictiveness.</i>
counterpart	One of two copies of a legal document. <i>The minister held talks with his French counterpart.</i>
cracked	(of a person's voice) having an unusual harshness or pitch, especially through strain. <i>You must think my family are cracked.</i>
differ	Be different. <i>He differed from his contemporaries in ethical matters.</i>
disagree	Disapprove of. <i>Historians often disagree.</i>
disagreement	The speech act of disagreeing or arguing or disputing. <i>There was some disagreement about the details.</i>
discomfit	Make (someone) feel uneasy or embarrassed. <i>He was not noticeably discomfited by her tone.</i>
disconcert	Cause to lose one's composure. <i>The abrupt change of subject disconcerted her.</i>
discord	(of people) disagree. <i>We discorded commonly on two points.</i>
discordant	(of sounds) harsh and jarring because of a lack of harmony. <i>Studies with data from discordant twins will be useful to confirm our findings.</i>
discrepant	Not in agreement. <i>Widely discrepant statements.</i>
dissonant	Lacking harmony. <i>Jackson employs both harmonious and dissonant colour choices.</i>
divisive	Tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people. <i>The highly divisive issue of abortion.</i>
encounter	A hostile disagreement face-to-face. <i>He was shot dead in a police encounter.</i>
enemy	A personal enemy. <i>He viewed lawyers as the real enemy.</i>
factionous	Relating or inclined to dissension. <i>A factionous country.</i>

<u>incompatible</u>	(of equipment, computer programs, etc.) not capable of being used in combination. <i>Incompatible</i> colors.
<u>inconsistency</u>	An inconsistent aspect or element. The <i>inconsistency</i> between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.
inharmonious	Not forming or contributing to a pleasing whole; discordant. An <i>inharmonious</i> or incongruous mixture of architectural styles.
inhospitable	Unfavorable to life or growth. They are extremely <i>inhospitable</i> these days.
objector	A person who dissents from some established policy. <i>Objectors</i> to the housing plans.
opponent	Someone who competes with or opposes another in a contest, game, or argument. <i>Opponent</i> or opposing armies.
oppose	Be resistant to. A majority of the electorate <i>opposed</i> EC membership.
<u>oxymoron</u>	A figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction (e.g. faith unfaithful kept him falsely true).
rival	Be the rival of be in competition with. Nothing can <i>rival</i> cotton for durability.
<u>unfavorable</u>	Not encouraging or approving or pleasing. <i>Unfavorable</i> conditions.
vie	Compete eagerly with someone in order to do or achieve something. The athletes were vying for a place in the British team.

