

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.
*Doctors often come into **conflict** with politicians.*
- conflicting** Incompatible or at variance; contradictory.
*There are **conflicting** accounts of what occurred.*

<u>confrontation</u>	A hostile or argumentative situation or meeting between opposing parties. <i>Four months of violent confrontation between government and opposition forces.</i>
<u>contradictory</u>	A contradictory proposition. <i>Contradictory attributes of unjust justice and loving vindictiveness.</i>
<u>counterpart</u>	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>
<u>differ</u>	Be different. <i>He differed from his contemporaries in ethical matters.</i>
<u>disagree</u>	Disapprove of. <i>Historians often disagree.</i>
<u>disagreement</u>	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>
<u>discord</u>	(of people) disagree. <i>We discorded commonly on two points.</i>
<u>discordant</u>	(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>
<u>divisive</u>	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>
<u>enemy</u>	A personal enemy. <i>He viewed lawyers as the real enemy.</i>
factious	Relating or inclined to dissension. <i>A factious country.</i>

<u>incompatible</u>	(of equipment, computer programs, etc.) not capable of being used in combination. Incompatible colors.
<u>inconsistency</u>	An inconsistent aspect or element. The inconsistency between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.
inharmonious	Not forming or contributing to a pleasing whole; discordant. An inharmonious or incongruous mixture of architectural styles.
inhospitable	Unfavorable to life or growth. They are extremely inhospitable these days.
objector	A person who dissents from some established policy. Objectors to the housing plans.
opponent	Someone who competes with or opposes another in a contest, game, or argument. Opponent or opposing armies.
oppose	Be resistant to. A majority of the electorate opposed 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 rival cotton for durability.
<u>unfavorable</u>	Not encouraging or approving or pleasing. Unfavorable conditions.
vie	Compete eagerly with someone in order to do or achieve something. The athletes were vying for a place in the British team.

