

Need another word that means the same as “rivalry”? Find 3 synonyms and 30 related words for “rivalry” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Rivalry” are: competition, contention, competitiveness**

## Rivalry as a Noun

### Definitions of "Rivalry" as a noun

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

- *The act of competing as for profit or a prize.*
- *Competition for the same objective or for superiority in the same field.*



## Synonyms of "Rivalry" as a noun (3 Words)

- competition** Interaction between animal or plant species, or individual organisms, that are attempting to gain a share of a limited environmental resource.  
***Competition** with ungulates or condylarths appears to have been the undoing of marsupials in North America.*
- competitiveness** An aggressive willingness to compete.  
*Shoppers are often pleasantly surprised by the **competitiveness** of the prices.*
- contention** An assertion, especially one maintained in argument.  
*The teams were in fierce **contention** for first place.*





## Usage Examples of "Rivalry" as a noun

- *There always has been intense rivalry between the clubs.*
- *Personal and political rivalries.*



## Associations of "Rivalry" (30 Words)

### argue

Have an argument about something.  
*It stands to reason she **argued**.*

<u><b>argument</b></u>	An independent variable associated with a function or proposition and determining its value For example in the expression $y = F(x)$ the arguments of the function $F$ are $x$ and the value is $y$ . <i>The editor added the <b>argument</b> to the poem.</i>
<u><b>argumentative</b></u>	Using or characterized by systematic reasoning. <i>An <b>argumentative</b> child.</i>
<b>bellicose</b>	Having or showing a ready disposition to fight. <i>A mood of <b>bellicose</b> jingoism.</i>
<b>belligerent</b>	A nation or person engaged in war or conflict, as recognized by international law. <i>A conference of socialists from all <b>belligerent</b> countries.</i>
<b>combative</b>	Having or showing a ready disposition to fight. <i>A <b>combative</b> impulse.</i>
<u><b>compete</b></u>	Compete for something engage in a contest measure oneself against others. <i>He <b>competed</b> with a number of other candidates.</i>
<b>competition</b>	The activity or condition of striving to gain or win something by defeating or establishing superiority over others. <i>A beauty <b>competition</b>.</i>
<b>conflict</b>	Be in conflict. <i>His <b>conflict</b> of interest made him ineligible for the post.</i>
<u><b>confrontational</b></u>	Tending to deal with situations in an aggressive way; hostile or argumentative. <i>He distanced himself from the <b>confrontational</b> approach adopted by his predecessor.</i>
<u><b>contend</b></u>	Struggle to surmount (a difficulty). <i>Militant groups are <b>contending</b> for control of the country.</i>
<u><b>contention</b></u>	A contentious speech act; a dispute where there is strong disagreement. <i>The teams were in fierce <b>contention</b> for first place.</i>
<u><b>contentious</b></u>	(of a person) given to provoking argument. <i>A style described as abrasive and <b>contentious</b>.</i>
<u><b>contest</b></u>	An occasion on which a winner is selected from among two or more contestants. <i>A <b>contest</b> between traditional and liberal views.</i>
<u><b>controversy</b></u>	Prolonged public disagreement or heated discussion. <i>The design of the building has caused <b>controversy</b>.</i>
<u><b>debatable</b></u>	Open to discussion or argument. <i>It is <b>debatable</b> whether the country is coming out of recession.</i>

<b>debate</b>	The formal presentation of a stated proposition and the opposition to it (usually followed by a vote). <i>Last night s <b>debate</b> on the Education Bill.</i>
<b>discord</b>	Lack of agreement or harmony. <i>The <b>discord</b> between indigenous and Western cultures.</i>
<b>disputatious</b>	Inclined or showing an inclination to dispute or disagree, even to engage in law suits. <i>It s a congenial hang out for <b>disputatious</b> academics.</i>
<b>dispute</b>	Question whether (a statement or alleged fact) is true or valid. <i>He had a <b>dispute</b> with his wife.</i>
<b>divisive</b>	Dissenting (especially dissenting with the majority opinion). <i>The highly <b>divisive</b> issue of abortion.</i>
<b>fight</b>	Be engaged in a fight carry on a fight. <i>He d had another <b>fight</b> with Katie.</i>
<b>issue</b>	Supplies as food or clothing or ammunition issued by the government. <i>The chance of carrying such a scheme to a successful <b>issue</b> was small.</i>
<b>litigious</b>	Of or relating to litigation. <i>A <b>litigious</b> and acrimonious spirit.</i>
<b>polemical</b>	Of or involving dispute or controversy. <i>A <b>polemical</b> essay.</i>
<b>quarrelsome</b>	Given to quarreling. <i>A moody <b>quarrelsome</b> man.</i>
<b>strife</b>	Bitter conflict; heated often violent dissension. <i>Decades of civil <b>strife</b>.</i>
<b>struggle</b>	A very difficult task. <i>A power <b>struggle</b> for the leadership.</i>
<b>wrangle</b>	A dispute or argument, typically one that is long and complicated. <i>The horses were <b>wrangled</b> early.</i>
<b>wrangling</b>	An instance of intense argument (as in bargaining). <i>Weeks of political <b>wrangling</b>.</i>



