

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

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**The synonyms of “War” are: warfare, state of war, conflict, combat, fighting, struggle, action, military action, bloodshed, contest, tussle, campaign, crusade, battle, fight, movement, drive, mission, wage war, make war, be at war, be in conflict, conduct a war, do battle, join battle, take the field, take up arms**

## War as a Noun

### Definitions of "War" as a noun

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

- *A state of armed conflict between different countries or different groups within a country.*
- *An active struggle between competing entities.*
- *The waging of armed conflict against an enemy.*
- *A sustained campaign against an undesirable situation or activity.*
- *A legal state created by a declaration of war and ended by official declaration during which the international rules of war apply.*
- *A state of competition or hostility between different people or groups.*
- *A concerted campaign to end something that is injurious.*



## Synonyms of "War" as a noun (18 Words)

- action** Something done (usually as opposed to something said).  
*The weekend sporting **action** begins on Saturday.*
- battle** An open clash between two opposing groups (or individuals).  
*Grant won a decisive victory in the **battle** of Chickamauga.*
- bloodshed** The shedding of blood resulting in murder.  
*He avenged the **bloodshed** of his kinsmen.*
- campaign** A series of military operations intended to achieve a particular objective, confined to a particular area, or involving a specified type of fighting.  
*A desert **campaign**.*
- combat** Fighting between armed forces.  
*Five Hurricanes were shot down in **combat**.*
- conflict** A serious disagreement or argument, typically a protracted one.  
*Doctors often come into **conflict** with politicians.*
- contest** An occasion on which a winner is selected from among two or more contestants.  
*A tennis **contest**.*

<u>crusade</u>	Any of the more or less continuous military expeditions in the 11th to 13th centuries when Christian powers of Europe tried to recapture the Holy Land from the Muslims. <i>The Albigensian <b>crusades</b>.</i>
<u>drive</u>	Hitting a golf ball off of a tee with a driver. <i>A variable speed <b>drive</b> permitted operation through a range of speeds.</i>
<b>fight</b>	The inclination or ability to fight or struggle. <i>He d had another <b>fight</b> with Katie.</i>
<b>fighting</b>	The act of fighting any contest or struggle. <i>There was <b>fighting</b> in the streets.</i>
<b>military action</b>	The military forces of a nation.
<u>mission</u>	An organization of missionaries in a foreign land sent to carry on religious work. <i>By then the <b>mission</b> had journeyed over 3 500 miles.</i>
<b>movement</b>	A campaign undertaken by a political social or artistic movement. <i>A <b>movement</b> to declare war on poverty.</i>
<b>state of war</b>	The territory occupied by a nation.
<b>struggle</b>	An open clash between two opposing groups (or individuals)-Thomas Paine. <i>A power <b>struggle</b> for the leadership.</i>
<b>tussle</b>	A vigorous struggle or scuffle, typically in order to obtain or achieve something. <i>There was a <b>tussle</b> for the ball.</i>
<u>warfare</u>	An active struggle between competing entities. <i>Diplomatic <b>warfare</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "War" as a noun

- *The war on poverty.*
- *Japan declared war on Germany.*
- *Thousands of people were killed in the war.*
- *The war against crime.*
- *The two countries were at war for the next eight years.*
- *War was declared in November but actual fighting did not begin until the following spring.*
- *Diplomatic warfare.*
- *A price war.*
- *A price war among tour operators.*
- *A war of wits.*
- *I fought in two wars.*
- *A war on drugs.*
- *The authorities are waging war against smuggling.*

- *She was at war with her parents.*



## War as a Verb

### Definitions of "War" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "war" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Make or wage war.*
- *Engage in a war.*



## Synonyms of "War" as a verb (12 Words)

<b>battle</b>	Battle or contend against in or as if in a battle. <i>They <b>battled</b> over the budget.</i>
<b>be at war</b>	Be identical or equivalent to.
<b>be in conflict</b>	Spend or use time.
<b>combat</b>	Battle or contend against in or as if in a battle. <i>We must <b>combat</b> the prejudices against other races.</i>
<b>conduct a war</b>	Behave in a certain manner.
<b>do battle</b>	Behave in a certain manner; show a certain behavior; conduct or comport oneself.
<b>fight</b>	Fight against or resist strongly. <i>The company intends to <b>fight</b> the decision.</i>
<b>join battle</b>	Become part of; become a member of a group or organization.
<b>make war</b>	Induce to have sex.

**take the field** Take by force.

**take up arms** Have with oneself; have on one's person.

**wage war** Carry on (wars, battles, or campaigns).



### Usage Examples of "War" as a verb

- *Conflicting emotions warred within her.*
- *Small states warred against each another.*



## Associations of "War" (30 Words)

- amphibious** Relating to, living in, or suited for both land and water.  
*Frogs are **amphibious** animals.*
- armament** A military force equipped for war.  
*Instruments of **disarmament** rather than of **armament**.*
- arms** Distinctive emblems or devices originally borne on shields in battle and now forming the heraldic insignia of families, corporations, or countries.  
***Arms** exports.*
- battle** Battle or contend against in or as if in a battle.  
*He fought a **battle** for recognition.*
- battlefield** A region where a battle is being (or has been) fought.  
*They made a tour of Civil War **battlefields**.*
- bombardier** A member of a bomber crew in the US air force responsible for aiming and releasing bombs.



<b>byzantine</b>	A native or inhabitant of Byzantium or of the Byzantine Empire.
<b><u>defensive</u></b>	An attitude of defensiveness especially in the phrase on the defensive. A <b>defensive</b> stance.
<b>demolition</b>	The act of demolishing. Ireland s <b>demolition</b> of England.
<b><u>disarm</u></b>	Remove offensive capability from. Guerrillas had completely <b>disarmed</b> their forces.
<b>fighter</b>	A person who does not easily admit defeat in spite of difficulties or opposition. World War II <b>fighter</b> planes.
<b>fighting</b>	The action of fighting violence or conflict. Terrible <b>fighting</b> broke out in the streets.
<b>grenade</b>	A small bomb thrown by hand or launched mechanically.
<b><u>gun</u></b>	Shoot with a gun. A grease <b>gun</b> .
<b><u>hostile</u></b>	Troops belonging to the enemy's military forces. <b>Hostile</b> factions.
<b><u>invade</u></b>	Occupy in large numbers or live on a host. Hitler <b>invaded</b> Poland on September 1 1939.
<b>invasion</b>	An instance of invading a country or region with an armed force. An <b>invasion</b> of locusts.
<b>martial</b>	Relating to fighting or war. <b>Martial</b> bravery.
<b><u>militant</u></b>	A militant person. The army are in conflict with <b>militant</b> groups.
<b><u>military</u></b>	Characteristic of or associated with soldiers or the military. The build up of <b>military</b> activity.
<b>munition</b>	Supply with munitions. <b>Munition</b> factories.
<b>naval</b>	Relating to a navy or navies. A <b>naval</b> base.
<b>ordnance</b>	Large but transportable armament. The gun was a brand new piece of <b>ordnance</b> .
<b><u>soldier</u></b>	Serve as a soldier. Graham wasn t enjoying this but he <b>soldiered</b> on.
<b>submarine</b>	Attack by submarine. <b>Submarine</b> volcanic activity.

**tactic** The art of disposing armed forces in order of battle and of organizing operations, especially during contact with an enemy.  
*Basic infantry **tactics** were taught by guest instructors.*

**warfare** An active struggle between competing entities.  
*Diplomatic **warfare**.*

**warmonger** A person who advocates war or warlike policies.

**warrior** (especially in former times) a brave or experienced soldier or fighter.  
*I really love the **warrior** pose it makes me feel centred and strong.*

