

contest**1. [ˈkɒntest] n**

1. столкновение, борьба; спор

the contest of France and England for North America - борьба /столкновение/ между Францией и Англией из-за Северной Америки

2. соревнование, состязание

international contest - международное соревнование

contest weight - вес (боксёра) перед состязанием

3. конкурс

musical contest - музыкальный конкурс

2. [kənˈtest] v

1. оспаривать; опротестовывать; отвергать

to contest a point [a right, a statement] - оспаривать пункт [право, утверждение]

to contest a judge's decision - опротестовать решение судьи

the lawyer contested the claim - юрист отверг эту претензию

2. ставить под вопрос правильность (чего-л.)

to contest an election [a will] - ставить под вопрос законность выборов [завещания]

3. 1) спорить, бороться

to contest every inch of ground - бороться за каждую пядь земли

2) бороться (с другим кандидатом) за место в парламенте

4. соревноваться, участвовать в соревновании; соперничать

to contest a match [a race] - участвовать в матче [в скачках]

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con-test [contest contests contested contesting] **noun, verb****noun** *BrE* [ˈkɒntest] ^ˈ; *NAmE* [ˈkɑːntes] ^ˈ**1.** a competition in which people try to win sth

• a singing contest

• a talent contest

• to **enter/win/lose a contest****see also** ↑beauty contest**2.** ~ (for sth) a struggle to gain control or power

• a contest for the leadership of the party

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• a beauty/talent contest

competition • • **quiz** • • **championship** • • **tournament** • • **cup** • • **match** • • **race** •an **international** contest/competition/championship/tournament/match/race**enter/hold** a contest/competition/quiz/championship/tournament/race**win** a contest/competition/quiz/championship/tournament/cup/match/race**2. C** (especially journalism)

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race • • **competition** • • **rivalry** •(a) contest/race/competition/rivalry **for** sth**in** (a) contest/race/competition/rivalry **with** sb/sth**enter/win/lose** the contest/race**Contest or race?** In many cases you can use either word to talk about political elections. However, **contest** usually refers to the election itself; **race** covers the whole period of campaigning for an election which can last months. **Race** can also be used to talk about the drive to achieve sth

• The race is on (= has begun) to find a cure for this disease.

Example Bank:

• Both sides are predicting victory in this close contest.

• During the election contest newspapers are not allowed to publish public opinion polls.

• He won his opening contest against Costa of Argentina.

• In the animal kingdom intruders usually lose contests over territories.

• Jackson has injured his knee and is now out of the contest.

• Sporting contests are held in the arena.

• The New Zealanders are looking forward to future contests with South Africa.

• The contest was too one-sided to be exciting.

• The contestants are eliminated one by one until the last two compete in a head-to-head contest.

• The other bidders for the contract complained that it had not been a fair contest.

- They won the doubles contest against the Williams sisters.
- This contest is wide open: any of half a dozen teams could win it.
- We have three major beauty contests a year.
- the contest between these two great boxers
- the contest for the leadership of the party
- He won an amateur talent contest at the age of 15.
- Her friends persuaded her to enter a beauty contest.
- It was a close contest between two evenly-matched crews.
- She's the favourite for this year's Eurovision Song Contest.
- To enter the contest, simply send an email to this address...
- a beauty/talent contest

Idiom: ↑no contest

verb **BrE** [kən'test] ^ˈ ; **NAmE** [kən'test] ^ˈ

1. ~ **sth** to take part in a competition, election, etc. and try to win it

- Three candidates contested the leadership.
- The party has decided not to contest this election.
- a **hotly/fiercely/keenly contested** game (= one in which the players try very hard to win and the scores are close)

2. ~ **sth** to formally oppose a decision or statement because you think it is wrong

- to contest a will (= try to show that it was not correctly made in law)
- The divorce was not contested.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	contest
	BrE /kən'test/
	NAmE /kən'test/
he / she / it	contests
	BrE /kən'tests/
	NAmE /kən'tests/
past simple, past participle	contested
	BrE /kən'testɪd/
	NAmE /kən'testɪd/
-ing form	contesting
	BrE /kən'testɪŋ/
	NAmE /kən'testɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Defence lawyers successfully contested the case.
- His views on evolution are strongly contested by other scientists.
- The election was bitterly contested.
- Her son contested the will, stating that she was not of sound mind when she signed it.
- It turned out to be another hotly contested tournament.
- There were almost 2 000 candidates contesting the remaining 80 positions.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **contest**¹ **W3** /'kɒntest \$ 'kɑːn- **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun** [countable]

1. a competition or a situation in which two or more people or groups are competing with each other

contest for

- the bitter contest for the Republican presidential nomination
- Stone decided to **hold a contest** to see who could write the best song.
- I only **entered** the **contest** for fun.
- It is clear that the election will be a **close contest**.

contest between/against

- the 1960 contest between Kennedy and Nixon
- the 1975 Liberal **leadership contest**

2. **no contest** *informal*

a) **spoken** used to say that someone or something is the best of its kind:

- I think you're the best rider here, no contest.

b) if a victory is no contest, it is very easy to achieve

3. **plead no contest** *law* to state that you will not offer a defence in a court of law for something wrong you have done

COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **enter a contest** (=take part in one) Anyone over 18 years old can enter the contest.
- **take part in a contest** Twenty-five countries took part in the contest.

- **compete in a contest** The band has competed in many contests over the years.
- **win/lose a contest** He won a public-speaking contest at his school.
- **withdraw from a contest** (=stop taking part in a contest) Two candidates had withdrawn from the contest.
- **have/hold a contest** My college holds an athletics contest once a year.
- **a contest takes place** The contest took place in Berlin.

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + contest

- **a leadership contest** (=in which two politicians compete to become leader of their party) The party did not want the turmoil of a leadership contest.
- **a presidential contest** the 1987 U.S presidential contest
- **an electoral /election contest** What will be the outcome of the electoral contest?
- **a beauty contest** (=to find the most beautiful person) Miss Colombia won the beauty contest.
- **a talent contest** (=to find the best performer) She's singing a song in the school talent contest.
- **a popularity contest** (=to decide which person people like the most) The competition has turned into a popularity contest.
- **close** (=one which someone wins by a very small amount) The race was a close contest between two evenly matched crews.
- **fair** (=one in which everyone has the same chance of winning) Divide the class into groups in a way that will make it a fair contest.
- **even/equal** *British English* (=one in which everyone has the same chance of winning) One of the men was much older so it was hardly an even contest.
- **uneven/unequal** *British English* (=one in which one of the people, groups etc has a better chance of winning) Given their military strength, the war was a pretty unequal contest.

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THESAURUS

- **competition** an organized event in which people or teams compete against each other, especially in order to win a prize: My sister entered a dance competition. | The winner of the competition will be announced in June.
- **contest** a competition in which people do an activity, and a group of judges decide the winner: a beauty contest | a contest to find America's strongest man
- **championship** an important sports competition to find the best player or team in the world or in a particular area: the European Athletics Championship | Brazil went on to win the world championship.
- **tournament** a competition in a sport or game, in which many players or teams compete against each other until there is one winner: a golf tournament
- **quiz** a competition in which people have to answer questions: a TV quiz show

II. **contest**² /kən'test/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *verb* [transitive] *formal*

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: *contester*, from Latin *contestari* 'to call a witness, bring a legal case', from *com-* (⇒ COM-) + *testis* 'witness']

1. to say formally that you do not accept something or do not agree with it:
" His brothers are contesting the will.
2. to compete for something or to try to win it:
" His wife is contesting a seat on the council.

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