

contend

[kən'tend] *v*

1. (for, against, with) бороться, сражаться
to contend for truth - сражаться за правду
to contend with difficulties - бороться с трудностями
2. состязаться, соперничать
five runners were contending in the first race - в первом забеге состязались /участвовали/ пять бегунов
to contend for the championship - *спорт.* а) бороться за первенство; б) оспаривать звание чемпиона
3. спорить
to contend against the opponents - спорить с противниками
the sisters contend about trifles - сёстры пререкаются по пустякам
he is ready to contend about everything - он спорит по любому поводу
4. настаивать, утверждать, заявлять
Columbus contended that the Earth was round - Колумб утверждал, что земля круглая
to contend that the Universe is expanding - считать /доказывать/, что Вселенная расширяется

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con-tend [contend contends contended contending] *BrE* [kən'tend] *AmE*

[kən'tend] *verb*

1. **transitive ~ that...** (formal) to say that sth is true, especially in an argument
Syn: ↑maintain
• I would contend that the minister's thinking is flawed on this point.
2. **intransitive ~ (for sth)** to compete against sb in order to gain sth
• Three armed groups were contending for power.

Derived ↑contend with somebody

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	contend
	BrE /kən'tend/
	NAme /kən'tend/
he / she / it	contends
	BrE /kən'tendz/
	NAme /kən'tendz/
past simple, past participle	contended
	BrE /kən'tendd/
	NAme /kən'tendd/
-ing form	contending
	BrE /kən'tendɪŋ/
	NAme /kən'tendɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'compete for (something)'): from Old French *contendre* or Latin *contendere*, from *con-* 'with' + *tendere* 'stretch, strive'.

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con-tend /kən'tend/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: *contendre*, from Latin *contendere*, from *com-* (⇒ *COM-*) + *tendere* 'to stretch']

1. [**intransitive**] to compete against someone in order to gain something

contend for

- Three armed groups are contending for power.
- Inevitably, fights break out between the members of contending groups.

2. [**transitive**] to argue or state that something is true **SYN insist**

contend (that)

- Some astronomers contend that the universe may be younger than previously thought.

contend with something *phrasal verb*

to have to deal with something difficult or unpleasant **SYN cope with:**

- The rescue team also had bad weather conditions to contend with.

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- **claim** to say that something is true, even though it has not been proved: He claims that he didn't see anything. | She claims to be a descendant of Charles Dickens.
- **allege** to claim that someone did something wrong or illegal, although you do not give any proof: It is alleged that he murdered his wife. | Patients allege that the two firms failed to warn doctors about the dangers of taking the drugs over a long period.
- **maintain** to repeatedly say that something is true, especially when other people do not believe you: He continued to maintain his innocence, even after he was sent to prison. | My mother always maintains that I learned to talk at six months.
- **insist** to say very firmly that something is true: She insists that Tom was there, although he denies it. | Turkey insists that there is more than enough water in the two rivers for all three countries.
- **assert** *formal* to state that something is true – used especially in formal writing when reporting someone's opinion: They assert that children work better on their own. | The Environment Minister asserted that one third of the country's cities had major pollution problems.

- **contend** *formal* to claim that something is true, especially when other people disagree with you: Lawyers contend that his back problems were due to an existing injury, not the accident. | It is possible, as Kennedy contends, that her medical condition is caused by her work.

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