

contraction

I
[kən'trækʃ(ə)n] *n*

1. заключение брачного контракта
2. приобретение (*привычки и т. п.*)
contraction of a disease - заболевание, возникновение болезни

II
[kən'trækʃ(ə)n] *n*

1. 1) сокращение, сжатие, сужение
- 2) *тех.* усадка
2. *лингв.*
- 1) сокращение, стяжение
- 2) стяжённая, сокращённая форма; контрактура
3. *физиол.* родовая схватка
4. ограничение; сокращение (*деловой активности и т. п.*)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

con-trac-tion [contraction contractions] *BrE* [kən'trækʃn] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [kən'trækʃn]

noun

1. **uncountable** the process of becoming smaller
 - the expansion and contraction of the metal
 - The sudden contraction of the markets left them with a lot of unwanted stock.
- Opp:** ↑expansion
 - Physical stress caused by expansion and contraction can damage components within the computer.
2. **countable, uncountable** a sudden and painful contracting of muscles, especially of the muscles around a woman's ↑womb that happen when she is giving birth to a child
 - The contractions started coming every five minutes.
3. **countable** (*linguistics*) a short form of a word
 - 'He's' may be a contraction of 'he is' or 'he has'.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: via Old French from Latin *contractio(n)-*, from *contrahere* 'draw together', from *con-* 'together' + *trahere* 'draw'.

Example Bank:

- The contractions were coming every ten minutes.
- the contraction of the pipes in cold weather
- The design needs to allow for the expansion and contraction of the metal.

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con-trac-tion /kən'trækʃən/ *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] **noun**

1. [**countable**] *medical* a very strong and painful movement of a muscle, especially the muscles around the ↑womb during birth
2. [**uncountable**] the process of becoming smaller or narrower:
the contraction of metal as it cools
3. [**countable**] a shorter form of a word or words:
'Haven't' is a contraction of 'have not'.

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