

fight**1. [faɪt] n**

1) бой, битва; *воен. тж.* боевые действия

hand-to-hand fight - рукопашный бой

fight in retreat - отход с боем

running fight - а) отход с боями; бой на отходе; б) упорное отстаивание своих позиций

to start the fight - завязать сражение, начать бой

2) драка; схватка

free fight - всеобщая драка, свалка

to make a poor fight of it - оказывать слабое сопротивление

to put up a good fight - сражаться мужественно /храбро/

3) встреча по боксу, бой (на ринге)

4) ссора, стычка

2. борьба

finish fight - *амер.* борьба до конца

a fight for social justice - борьба за социальную справедливость

fight to the death - борьба не на жизнь, а на смерть

the good fight - а) борьба за правое дело; б) *библ.* подвиг добрый

to carry on a stubborn fight against smb. - вести упорную борьбу против кого-л.

to have a hard fight to make the two ends meet - с большим трудом сводить концы с концами

3. боевой дух; задор; драчливость

to have plenty of fight in one - быть полным боевого задора

he had still some fight in him - он ещё не совсем пал духом

to put some fight into smb. - подбодрить /воодушевить/ кого-л.

to show fight - быть готовым к борьбе, не поддаваться

2. [faɪt] v (fought)

1) вести боевые действия, бой; сражаться, воевать

to fight for one's country - сражаться /воевать/ за родину

to fight a battle - принимать участие в сражении

2) драться

to fight a duel - драться на дуэли

to fight desperately - отчаянно сражаться

to fight fair - драться честно

to fight like a lion - сражаться как лев

porters fought for our luggage - носильщики наперебой хватили наши вещи

3) вести бой (бокс); встречаться на ринге

to fight a bout with - провести схватку (с кем-л.)

4) ссориться

2. бороться

to fight against disease [against sleep] - бороться с болезнью [со сном]

to fight a fire - бороться с огнём, тушить пожар

to fight against temptation - бороться с искушением

he fought through all these troubles - он успешно преодолел все эти трудности

to fight the good fight - а) бороться за правое дело; б) *библ.* подвизаться подвигом добрым

to fight a bad habit [despair] - бороться с дурной привычкой [с отчаянием]

3. защищать, поддерживать (в борьбе)

to fight a case /an action/ - защищать дело (в суде)

4. *редк.* руководить, управлять; маневрировать (чем-л. в сражении)

to fight one's ship - вести морской бой

to fight the gun - вести огонь из орудия в бою

5. стравливать, натравливать друг на друга; заставлять драться

to fight cocks - устраивать петушиные бои

◇ to fight one's way - с боем прокладывать /пробивать/ себе дорогу

to fight one's way in life /in the world/ - пробивать себе дорогу в жизни

to fight with one's own shadow - а) бороться с призраками; вести бесполезную борьбу; б) бороться с воображаемым врагом; ≅

бояться собственной тени

to fight the problem - *амер. полит.* уклоняться от решения вопроса; ≅ финтить вилять

to fight for one's own hand - отстаивать свои интересы, постоять за себя

to fight a lone hand - бороться в одиночку

to fight shy of smb., smth. - уклоняться, избегать кого-л., чего-л., держаться в стороне от кого-л., чего-л.

to fight dog, to fight bear - биться до последнего

an army fights on its belly - *посл.* голодная армия сражается плохо

fight

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fight [fight fights fought fighting] verb noun BrE [faɪt] ^m NAmE [faɪt] ^m
verb (fought, fought BrE [fɔʊt] ^m; NAmE [fɔʊt] ^m)

IN WAR/BATTLE

1. intransitive, transitive to take part in a war or battle against an enemy

- soldiers trained to fight
- He fought in Vietnam.
- ~ **against sb** My grandfather fought against the Fascists in Spain.
- ~ **sb/sth to fight a war/battle**
- They gathered soldiers to fight the invading army.

STRUGGLE/HIT

2. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sb)** to struggle physically with sb
- My little brothers are always fighting.
 - She'll **fight like a tiger** to protect her children.

IN CONTEST

3. **transitive, intransitive** to take part in a contest against sb
- ~ **sb/sth (for sth)** to **fight an election/a campaign**
 - ~ **for sth** She's fighting for a place in the national team.

OPPOSE

4. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to try hard to stop, deal with or oppose sth bad
- to **fight racism/corruption/poverty, etc.**
 - Workers are fighting the decision to close the factory.
 - The fire crews had problems fighting the blaze.
 - We will fight for as long as it takes.

TRY TO GET/DO STH

5. **intransitive, transitive** to try very hard to get sth or to achieve sth
- ~ **(for sth)** He's still fighting for compensation after the accident.
 - ~ **your way...** She gradually fought her way to the top of the company.
 - ~ **to do sth** Doctors fought for more than six hours to save his life.

ARGUE

6. **intransitive ~ (with sb) (about/over sth)** to have an argument with sb about sth
- It's a trivial matter and not worth fighting about.
 - I remember lying in bed listening to my parents fighting.

IN BOXING

7. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sb)** to take part in a [↑]boxing match
- Doctors fear he may never fight again.

LAW

8. **transitive, intransitive** to try to get what you want in court
- ~ **(sb) for sth** He fought his wife for custody of the children.
 - ~ **sth** I'm determined to fight the case.

more at live to fight another day **at** [↑]live ¹

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	fight
	BrE /fɑ:t/
	NAme /faɪt/
he / she / it	fight(s)
	BrE /fɑ:ts/
	NAme /faɪts/
past simple, past participle	fought
	BrE /fɔ:t/
	NAme /fɔ:t/
-ing form	fighting
	BrE /'faɪtɪŋ/
	NAme /'faɪtɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

fight verb

1. I, T

- The soldiers were trained to fight in the jungle.
- wage** • • **skirmish** • | **formal engage** • • **take up arms** •
- fight/skirmish/engage **with** sb/sth
- fight/take up arms **against** sb/sth
- fight/wage (a) **war/battle/campaign**

2. I, T

• She fought her attacker bravely.

wrestle • **struggle** • **brawl** • **grapple** • **box** • **scuffle** • |especially journalism **clash** •

fight/wrestle/struggle/brawl/grapple/scuffle/clash **with** sb

fight/struggle/box **against** sb

fight/struggle **fiercely/furiously**

3. I, T

• There are ten parties fighting the election.

compete • **struggle** • **contest** • |formal **vie** • |especially journalism **battle** •

fight/compete/struggle/vie/battle **for** sth

fight/compete/struggle/vie **for power**

fight/compete/struggle/battle **hard**

4. T, I

• Workers are fighting the decision to close the factory.

combat • **oppose** • **resist** • **defy** • **rebel** •

fight/rebel **against** sb/sth

fight/oppose/resist a **plan/proposal**

fight/combat **crime/disease/pollution/inflation**

5. I, T

• Campaigners fought to save the school from closure.

campaign • **work** • **lobby** • **agitate** •

fight/campaign/work/lobby/agitate **for/to do sth**

fight/campaign/lobby **on behalf of** sb

a **group** fights/campaigns/works/lobbies

Fight or campaign? Campaigning is often to persuade people that a political or social change is needed, or a practice needs to be stopped. **Fight** is often used to talk about achieving justice for yourself, for example gaining the right to do sth.

6. I (AmE)

• It's not worth fighting about.

argue • **quarrel** • **fall out** • **squabble** • **bicker** • |BrE, informal **row** • |especially journalism **clash** •

fight/argue/quarrel/fall out/squabble/bicker/row/clash **with** sb

fight/argue/quarrel/fall out/squabble/bicker/row/clash **over** sth

fight/argue/quarrel/fall out/squabble/bicker/row **about** sth

Collocations:

War and peace

Starting a war

declare /make /wage war (on sb/sth)

go to war (against/with sb)

cause/spark/provoke/foment/quell unrest

incite/lead /crush/suppress a revolt/rebellion

launch/mount/carry out a surprise/terrorist attack

prevent/halt/represent an escalation of the conflict

be torn apart by/be on the brink of civil war

enter/invade /occupy sb's territory

lead /launch/resist/repel an invasion

Military operations

adopt/develop /implement /pursue a military strategy

carry out/execute /perform military operations/manoeuvres (*especially US*) maneuvers

send/deploy /station/pull back/withdraw troops

go on/fly/carry out a reconnaissance/rescue mission

train/equip/deploy army/military/combat units

lead /launch/conduct a raid/a surprise attack/an (air/airborne/amphibious) assault (on sb)

employ/use guerrilla tactics

conduct/wage biological/guerrilla warfare

fight/crush/defeat the rebels/the insurgency

suffer/inflict a crushing defeat

achieve /win a decisive victory

halt/stop the British/German/Russian advance

order/force a retreat

Fighting

join/serve in the army/navy/air force

be/go/remain /serve on active duty

serve/complete /return from a tour of duty

be sent to the front (line)

attack/strike/engage /defeat/kill/destroy the enemy

see/report/be engaged in heavy fighting

call for/be met with armed resistance

come under heavy/machine-gun/mortar fire

fire a machine-gun/mortar shells/rockets (at sb/sth)

shoot a rifle/a pistol/bullets/missiles

launch/fire a cruise/ballistic/anti-tank missile

use biological/chemical/nuclear weapons
inflict/suffer/sustain heavy losses/casualties
be hit/killed by enemy/friendly/artillery fire
become/be held as a prisoner of war

Civilians in war

harm/kill/target/protect innocent/unarmed civilians
cause/avoid/limit/minimize civilian casualties/collateral damage
impose/enforce/lift a curfew
engage in/be a victim of ethnic cleansing
be sent to an internment/a concentration camp
accept/house/resettle refugees fleeing from war
fear/threaten military/violent reprisals
commit/be accused of war crimes/crimes against humanity/genocide

Making peace

make/bring/win/achieve /maintain /promote peace
call for/negotiate/broker/declare a ceasefire/a temporary truce
sign a ceasefire agreement
call for/bring/put an end to hostilities
demand /negotiate /accept the surrender of sb/sth
establish/send (in) a peacekeeping force
negotiate /conclude/ratify/sign/accept/reject/break/violate a peace treaty

Example Bank:

- Children will fight even over small things.
- He did not believe that the enemy was ready to fight.
- He fought alongside his comrades.
- He fought hard to overcome his disability.
- He taught me how to fight with a sword.
- He was stabbed as he tried to fight the robbers off.
- He's always fighting with his brother.
- Regional monopolies were bitterly fought for.
- Riot police fought with militants demonstrating in support of the uprising.
- She fought hard against his strong grip.
- The second half was fiercely fought, but neither side managed to score.
- The soldiers were prepared to fight to the death if they had to.
- They are committed to fighting against racism.
- They fought bravely against the enemy.
- They fought for control of the island.
- They were fighting over disputed land.
- We are fighting for equal rights.
- We need a good manager who is prepared to fight for a fair share of the funds.
- Campaigners fought to save the hospital from closure.
- Collins fought back to level the match at 2 sets all.
- Doctors fear he may never fight again following his injury in last night's match.
- Four teams will fight it out in the play-offs.
- He's still fighting for compensation after the accident.
- It was a hard fought campaign.
- She fought her attacker, eventually forcing him to flee.
- She fought tooth and nail to keep custody of the children.
- She's fighting for a place in the national team.
- The country fought several wars against its neighbours.
- The organization fights on behalf of political prisoners across the world.
- The soldiers were trained to fight in the jungle.
- There are twelve parties fighting the election.
- We are committed to fighting poverty.

Example Bank:

- Even if the fighting dies down, no answer is in sight to the political crisis.
- Fierce fighting broke out among the refugees.
- For nearly two months the fighting raged.
- He prefers others to do the fighting for him.
- He was badly wounded during the fighting.
- The conspirators took no part in the fighting which ensued.
- The sword and mace were favourite weapons for hand-to-hand fighting.
- The talks are intended to end the fighting.
- There has been renewed fighting between the government forces and the rebels.
- refugees fleeing the fighting
- Heavy fighting broke out in the east of the country.
- There were outbreaks of street fighting in three districts of the city last night.
- Why can't we stop all this fighting and talk sensibly?

Idioms: ↑fight a losing battle ▪ ↑fight fire with fire ▪ ↑fight for life ▪ ↑fight shy of of doing something ▪ ↑fight to the death ▪ ↑fight to the finish ▪ ↑fight tooth and nail ▪ ↑fight your ▪ ↑fight your own battles ▪ ↑fighting chance ▪ ↑fighting fit ▪ ↑fighting spirit ▪ ↑fighting talk

Derived Word ↑fighting

Derived ↑fight back ▪ ↑fight it out ▪ ↑fight out something ▪ ↑fight somebody off ▪ ↑fight something back

noun

STRUGGLE

- 1. countable** a struggle against sb/sth using physical force
 - ~ **(with sb/sth)** He **got into a fight** with a man in the bar.
 - I had a fight with the ticket machine, which was being temperamental.
 - a **street/gang fight**
 - ~ **(between A and B)** A **fight broke out** between rival groups of fans.
 - a world title fight (= fighting as a sport, especially ↑boxing)

TRYING TO GET/DO STH

- 2. singular** the work of trying to destroy, prevent or achieve sth
 - ~ **(against sth)** the fight against crime
 - ~ **(for sth)** a fight for survival
 - ~ **(to do sth)** Workers won their fight to stop compulsory redundancies.

COMPETITION

- 3. singular** a competition or an act of competing, especially in a sport
 - The team **put up a good fight** (= they played well) but were finally beaten.
 - She now **has a fight on her hands** (= will have to play very well) to make it through to the next round.

ARGUMENT

- 4. countable** ~ **(with sb) (over/about sth)** (especially NAmE) an argument about sth
 - Did you have a fight with him?
 - We had a fight over money.

BATTLE/WAR

- 5. countable** a battle, especially for a particular place or position
 - In the fight for Lemberg, the Austrians were defeated.

DESIRE TO FIGHT

- 6. uncountable** the desire or ability to keep fighting for sth
 - In spite of many defeats, they still had plenty of fight left in them.
 - Losing their leader took all the fight out of them.
- more at** pick a fight **at** ↑pick v., be spoiling for a fight **at** ↑spoil v.

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fight noun

1. C

- He got into a fight in a bar.

brawl • • **struggle** • • **scuffle** • • **tussle** • |journalism **clash** •

a fight/brawl/struggle/scuffle/tussle/clash **with** sb

a fight/brawl/struggle/scuffle/tussle/clash **between** people

a fight/brawl/struggle/scuffle/tussle/clash **over** sth

be in/get into/be involved in a fight/brawl/scuffle/tussle/clash

2. sing.

- the fight against crime

war • • **crusade** • • **battle** • • **struggle** • • **campaign** •

a fight/crusade/battle/struggle/campaign **for** sth

a fight/war/crusade/battle/struggle/campaign **against** sth

a fight/war/battle/struggle **between** people

lead/continue the fight/war/crusade/battle/struggle/campaign

Fight, war or crusade? A **war** is about stopping things, like drugs and crime, that everyone agrees are bad. A **fight** can be about achieving justice for yourself. A **crusade** is often about persuading people to share your beliefs about what is right and wrong.

3. C (especially AmE)

- We had a fight over money.

argument • • **quarrel** • • **squabble** • • **shouting match** • • **disagreement** • • **dispute** • |BrE, informal **row** • |informal **tiff** •

a/an fight/argument/quarrel/squabble/shouting match/disagreement/row/tiff **with** sb

a/an fight/argument/quarrel/squabble/shouting match/disagreement/dispute/row/tiff **between** A and B

(a/an) fight/argument/quarrel/squabble/disagreement/dispute/row **about/over** sb/sth

a/an fight/argument/quarrel/row/dispute **breaks out**

Fight, argument, quarrel or row? A **quarrel**, **row** or **fight** is usually only between people who know each other:

• We had an argument with the waiter about the bill.

✗ We had a quarrel/row/fight with the waiter about the bill. A **quarrel** is less violent than a **row** or **fight**, but it can continue for a period of time; an **argument** can be violent or it can be a serious discussion.

Synonyms:

campaign

battle • struggle • drive • war • fight

These are all words for an effort made to achieve or prevent sth.

campaign • a series of planned activities that are intended to achieve a particular social, commercial or political aim: ▪ the campaign for parliamentary reform ◇▪ an advertising campaign

battle • a competition or argument between people or groups of people trying to win power or control: ▪ She finally won the legal battle for compensation. ◇▪ the endless battle between man and nature

struggle • a competition or argument between people or groups of people trying to win power or control: ▪ the struggle for independence ◇▪ the struggle between good and evil

battle or struggle?

A **struggle** is always about things that seem absolutely necessary, such as life and death or freedom. A **battle** can also be about things that are not absolutely necessary, just desirable, or about the pleasure of winning: ▪ the battle/struggle between good and evil ◇a legal struggle for compensation ◇a struggle of wills/wits.

drive • an organized effort by a group of people to achieve sth: ▪ the drive for greater efficiency ◇▪ a drive to reduce energy consumption

campaign or drive?

A **campaign** is usually aimed at getting other people to do sth; a **drive** may be an attempt by people to get themselves to do sth: ▪ From today, we're going on an economy drive ▪ (= we must spend less) ▪. A **campaign** may be larger, more formal and more organized than a **drive**.

war • [sing.] an effort over a long period of time to get rid of or stop sth bad: ▪ the war against crime

fight • [sing.] the work of trying to stop or prevent sth bad or achieve sth good; an act of competing, especially in a sport: ▪ Workers won their fight to stop compulsory redundancies.

war or fight?

A **war** is about stopping things, like drugs and crime, that everyone agrees are bad. A **fight** can be about achieving justice for yourself.

a campaign/battle/struggle/drive/war/fight **against** sth

a campaign/battle/struggle/drive/fight **for** sth

a **one-man/one-woman/personal** campaign/battle/struggle/war

a **bitter** campaign/battle/struggle/drive/war/fight

to **launch/embark on** a campaign/battle/drive

to **lead/continue** the campaign/battle/struggle/drive/fight

to **win/lose** a battle/struggle/war/fight

Synonyms:

fight

clash • brawl • struggle • scuffle

These are all words for a situation in which people try to defeat each other using physical force.

fight • a situation in which two or more people try to defeat each other using physical force: ▪ He got into a fight with a man in the bar.

clash • (journalism) a short fight between two groups of people: ▪ Clashes broke out between police and demonstrators.

brawl • a noisy and violent fight involving a group of people, usually in a public place: ▪ a drunken brawl in a bar

struggle • a fight between two people or groups of people, especially when one of them is trying to escape, or to get sth from the other: ▪ There were no signs of a struggle at the murder scene.

scuffle • a short and not very violent fight or struggle: ▪ He was involved in a scuffle with a photographer.

a fight/clash/brawl/struggle/scuffle **over** sth

in a fight/brawl/struggle/scuffle

a **violent** fight/clash/struggle

to **be in/get into/be involved in** a fight/clash/brawl/scuffle

a fight/clash/brawl/scuffle **breaks out**

Example Bank:

- Andy was drunk and spoiling for a fight.
- Are we losing the fight against illegal drugs?
- By 1807 politics had become a fight to the death between the two factions.
- Coal workers are determined to put up a fight to save their jobs.
- Doctors have now joined in the fight to make this treatment available to all.
- Don't get into any more fights!
- He is still engaged in a bitter fight with his old company.
- He killed a man in a fight.
- He tried to pick a fight with me.

- He was killed during a series of running fights outside a disco.
- I don't know who started the fight.
- I'm not giving up without a fight!
- If the polls are wrong and it's a fight to the finish, the result may not be known until all the votes have been counted.
- In a straight fight the army usually won.
- In a straight fight the crusaders usually won; in skirmishes, the Saracens often overcame their more numerous opponents.
- It was a fair fight and Stephen won.
- No doubt Ferguson wants his team to make a fight of it.
- Now he is facing his toughest fight yet— back to fitness after a series of injuries.
- She died at the age of 43 after a brave fight against cancer.
- She just gave up her fight for life.
- She now has a fight on her hands to make it through to the next round.
- She now has a fight on her hands= will have to play very well to make it through to the next round.
- She said they would continue their fight to find a cure for AIDS.
- She vowed to take her fight to the High Court.
- Suddenly the argument developed into a real fight.
- The dog fights took place every Sunday morning.
- The fight for justice goes on.
- The fight for supremacy in the sport is on.
- The fight is on to have this brutal practice stamped out.
- The fight was broken up by a teacher.
- The government has vowed to step up the fight against crime.
- The team put up a good fight but were finally beaten.
- The team put up a good fight= they played well but were finally beaten.
- There's nothing he likes so much as a good fight.
- They got involved in a fight with some older boys.
- They inadvertently got mixed up in a free fight involving some 20 people.
- They nearly had a fight over who should move first.
- This will be a straight fight between Labour and the Conservatives the other parties are nowhere.
- This will be a straight fight between the two parties.
- Union leaders know that they have a real fight on their hands.
- a long fight to beat inflation
- a new weapon in the fight against car crime
- fights between hostile clans
- fights between police and football fans
- his fight with cancer
- lawyers leading the fight for compensation for the injured workers
- the company's desperate fight for survival in a cut-throat market
- the world title fight between Tyson and Lewis
- their fight for a fair deal
- Did you two have a fight?
- He has lined up a world title fight against Lewis.
- He is unbeaten in 34 fights.
- In the fight for Lemburg, the Austrians lost.
- The government has released new figures in the fight against crime.
- The referee stopped the fight in the third round.
- They got tickets to watch the world title fight.
- a fist fight

fight

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I. **fight**¹ **S1 W1** /fɑɪt/ **BrE** " **AmE** " **verb** (past tense and past participle **fought** /fɔʊt/\$ fɔʊt/)

[Language: Old English; Origin: feohtan]

1. **WAR** [intransitive and transitive] to take part in a war or battle

fight in

the families of those who fought in the war

fight against/with

rebel forces fighting against the Russians

fight about/over/for

They fought for control of the islands.

Neither country is capable of fighting a long war.

Later the Indians fought the Anglo settlers.

2. **HIT PEOPLE** [intransitive and transitive] if someone fights another person, or if two people fight, they hit and kick the other person in order to hurt them

fight with

Two guys were fighting with each other in the street.

fight about/over/for

They were fighting over a girl.

She fought him desperately, kicking and biting.

3. **TRY TO DO SOMETHING** [intransitive and transitive] to try hard to do or get something

fight for

- The men were fighting for higher wages.
- Stockley is fighting for his life (=trying to stay alive), with serious head injuries.
- She fought her way back into the first team.

fight to do something

- The president was fighting to survive.

4. PREVENT SOMETHING [intransitive and transitive] to try very hard to prevent something or to get rid of something unpleasant that already exists

fight against

- People are fighting against repression and injustice.
- We will fight terrorism, wherever it exists.

5. COMPETE [intransitive and transitive] to take part in an election or compete strongly for something, especially a job or political position

fight an election/a campaign

- The prime minister decided to fight an early general election.

fight (somebody) for something

- He had to fight several other applicants for the job.
- Both men were used to fighting for power.

6. ARGUE [intransitive] to argue about something

fight with

- I heard her fighting with the boss.

fight about/over

- They're fighting about who should do the dishes.

7. SPORT [intransitive and transitive] to take part in a †boxing match:

- Ali fought Foreman for the heavyweight title.

8. EMOTION [intransitive and transitive] to try very hard not to have or show a feeling:

- She fought her fear.

fight with

- She was clearly fighting with her emotions.

9. LAW [transitive] to try to get something or prevent something in a court of law:

- The insurance company are fighting the claims in court.

10. fight your way (through/past etc somebody/something) to move somewhere with difficulty, for example because there are so many people around you:

- We fought our way through the crowd.

11. fight a losing battle to try to do something that you probably cannot succeed in doing:

- I'm fighting a losing battle on this diet.

12. have a fighting chance to have a chance to do something or achieve something if you try very hard:

- Lewis has a fighting chance to win the gold medal.

13. fight tooth and nail (for something)/fight something tooth and nail to try very hard to do or achieve something, or to prevent something:

- He's rich now, but he had to fight tooth and nail for it.

14. fight to the death/finish to fight until one person or group is dead or completely defeated

15. fight your own battles to fight for what you want, without needing help from other people:

- Mum, I can fight my own battles now.

16. fighting spirit the desire to fight or win:

- In the second half the team showed their true fighting spirit.

17. fighting words/talk something you say that shows that you want to fight hard for something

18. fight fire with fire to use the same methods as your opponents in an argument, competition etc

19. fight like cat and dog if two people fight like cat and dog, they argue a lot because they dislike each other or disagree:

- I didn't get on with her at work either – we fought like cat and dog.

20. fighting fit *British English* extremely fit and healthy

21. fight your corner *British English* to try to persuade people that your ideas about something are right and should be accepted:

- The Prime Minister made it clear that Britain would fight its corner on Europe.

22. fight shy of (doing) something *British English* to try to avoid doing something or being involved in something:

- Many women fight shy of motherhood.

fight back *phrasal verb*

1. to work hard to achieve or oppose something, especially in a situation where you are losing:

- United fought back and scored a last-minute goal.

fight back against

- She was fighting back against the cancer.

2. to use violence or arguments against someone who has attacked you or argued with you:

- The rebels are fighting back.

3. fight something ↔ back to try hard not to have or show a feeling:

- She looked away, fighting back her tears.

- He fought back the impulse to slap her.

fight something ↔ down *phrasal verb*

to try hard not to have or show a feeling:

- Doug fought down a feeling of panic.

fight somebody/something ↔ off *phrasal verb*

1. to keep someone away, or stop them doing something to you, by fighting or opposing them:

- Bodyguards had to fight off the crowds.
- The company managed to fight off a takeover attempt.

2. to succeed in stopping other people getting something, and to get it for yourself:

- Allan fought off stiff competition from throughout the UK to win one of only four places at the college.

3. to try hard to get rid of something, especially an illness or a feeling:

- Elaine's fighting off a cold.

fight something out *phrasal verb*

to argue or fight until a disagreement is settled:

- We left them to fight it out.

II. **fight**² **S2 W3** *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

1. **PEOPLE HIT EACH OTHER** [countable] a situation in which two people or groups hit, push etc each other:

- Her son was always getting into fights at school.

fight with

- They ended up having a fight with each other.

fight between

- A fight broke out between the fans.

fight over/about

- fights over territory

2. **TO ACHIEVE/PREVENT SOMETHING** [singular] the process of trying to achieve something or prevent something

fight for

- the fight for justice and democracy
- The little girl lost her fight for life (=fight to stay alive) last night.

fight against

- the fight against crime

fight to do something

- the fight to get financial aid
- You'll have a fight on your hands (=it will be difficult) to convince the committee.

3. **ARGUMENT** [countable] an argument

fight with

- They've had a fight with the neighbours.

fight over/about

- fights over money

4. **BOXING** [countable] a ¹boxing match:

- Are you going to watch the big fight tonight?

5. **BATTLE** [countable] a battle between two armies

fight for

- the fight for Bunker Hill

6. **ENERGY** [uncountable] energy or the desire to keep fighting for something you want:

- There's plenty of fight left in your grandmother.

7. **put up a good fight** to work very hard to fight or compete in a difficult situation:

- Our team put up a good fight.

8. **a fight to the death/finish** a fight that continues until one side is completely defeated

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **have a fight** I didn't want to have a fight with him.
- **get into a fight** (=become involved in a fight) The two men got into a fight over a girl.
- **start a fight** They started a fight in the crowded bar.
- **pick a fight** (=deliberately start a fight) The guy tried to pick a fight with Jack.
- **stop a fight/break up a fight** The police were called in to break up a fight outside a nightclub.
- **win/lose a fight** He always won every fight he was in at school.
- **be spoiling for a fight** (=be very eager to fight with someone) The kids went round in gangs, all spoiling for a fight.
- **a fight breaks out/erupts** (=suddenly starts) A fight broke out and one man was struck on the head.
- **a fight takes place** (=happens) The fight took place outside a nightclub.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + fight

- **a big fight** They ended up having a big fight in the pub.
- **a fair fight** It was a fair fight, just two on two.
- **a fierce fight** There was a fierce fight with rebel forces and several soldiers were killed.
- **a street fight** There were reports of street fights every night in the local newspaper.
- **a fist fight** (=a fight in which people hit each other with their closed hands) A fist fight broke out after the match.
- **a knife/sword fight** There have been several arrests, following knife fights between drunken fans.
- **a title fight** (=a fight between two boxers to decide who will win a competition) a heavyweight title fight

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THESAURUS

■ when people hit or attack each other

- **fight** a situation in which people hit or attack each other because of an argument, or as a sport: He had a fight with an older boy. | the famous fight between Muhammad Ali and George Foreman
- **battle** a fight between opposing armies or groups of people: The English king was killed at the Battle of Hastings. | a battle

between two rival gangs

- **scuffle** a short fight that is not very violent: There was a short scuffle with the police, but no arrests were made.
- **punch-up** *British English informal* a fight in which people hit each other because of an argument: The game turned into a punch-up.
- **brawl** a noisy fight between a group of people: He was hurt in a drunken brawl.
- **altercation** *formal* a short noisy argument or fight, especially one that is not serious: There was a brief altercation and someone called the police.
- **riot** a fight involving a large number of people, especially people who are protesting about something: The book provoked riots all over Europe.

■ when people try to achieve something

- **fight** the process in which people try to stop something bad from happening or to improve a situation: Schools have an important part to play in the fight against drugs. | women's fight for equality
- **battle** a fight to change a situation or deal with a problem in society: The battle against racial discrimination is not over.
- **campaign** a planned series of actions intended to achieve something: Motoring organizations started a campaign for safer roads.
- **struggle** a long, hard fight for freedom, independence, equal rights etc: Nkrumah led the people in their struggle for independence.
- **crusade** someone's fight against something they think is morally wrong: She intends to continue her crusade against sex and violence on TV.

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