

competition[ˌkɒmpɪˈtɪʃ(ə)n] *n*

1. соревнование, состязание; конкурс

boxing [swimming, skiing] competition - состязание по боксу [плаванию, лыжам]

chess competition - шахматный турнир

qualifying competitions - *спорт.* отборочные соревнования

to enter a competition - вступить в соревнование

to win a competition - победить в соревновании, выиграть соревнование

to be in competition with smb. - соревноваться /состязаться/ с кем-л.

2. конкуренция, соперничество

competition between two countries - конкуренция /соперничество/ между двумя странами

cut-throat [keen, severe] competition - ожесточённая [сильная, жестокая] конкуренция

to meet competition - выдержать конкуренцию

3. конкурсный экзамен; конкурс

4. *социол., биол.* борьба за существование**competition**

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com-pe-ti-tion [competition competitions] *BrE* [ˌkɒmpəˈtɪʃn] *NAmE*[ˌkɑːmpəˈtɪʃ(ə)n] *noun*1. **uncountable** ~ (between /with sb) (for sth) a situation in which people or organizations compete with each other for sth that not everyone can have

• There is now intense competition between schools to attract students.

• We are **in competition with** four other companies for the contract.• We won the contract in the face of **stiff competition**.2. **countable** an event in which people compete with each other to find out who is the best at sth• a **music/photo, etc. competition**• to **enter/win/lose a competition**3. **the competition** *singular + singular or plural verb* the people who are competing against sb

• We'll be able to assess the competition at the conference.

Word Origin:early 17th cent.: from late Latin *competitio(n)-* 'rivalry', from *competere* 'strive for', from *com-* 'together' + *petere* 'aim at, seek'.Thesaurus:**competition** *noun*1. **U**

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rivalry • • **competitiveness** • |especially **journalism race** • • **contest** •(a) competition/rivalry/race/contest **for** sth(a) competition/rivalry/competitiveness/race/contest **between** people**in** (a) competition/rivalry/race/contest **with** sb(a) **fierce** competition/rivalry/competitiveness/contest2. **C**

• He won a prize in a competition.

contest • • **quiz** • • **race** • • **championship** • • **tournament** • • **event** •an **international** competition/contest/race/championship/tournament/event**hold/enter** a competition/contest/quiz/race/tournament/event**win** a competition/contest/quiz/race/championship/tournament/eventExample Bank:

- Competition is heating up and sales are shrinking.
- Fierce competition exists between schools in the area.
- I won the car in a competition.
- Public education is run in direct competition with the private sector.
- She won an international dancing competition.
- The American women dominated the competition, winning all the events.
- The competition is open to all readers of the magazine.
- The gas companies are having to lay off staff in the face of stiff competition from oil.
- Their rivalry had been one of friendly competition.
- There is a lot of competition between rival airlines.
- There is head-to-head competition in production and distribution.
- They won the order against fierce international competition.
- This car consistently outperforms the competition.
- This intensified the competition for the same investors' funds.
- We are in competition with some very large companies.
- We face strong competition from other countries.
- We're going to have a competition to see who can swim the fastest.
- a competition between the best teams in the country
- a competition for the best chef

- intense competition for the contract
- policies aimed at fostering greater competition in the industry
- to fight off competition from foreign firms
- to go into competition with British Telecom
- wines that won medals at major wine competitions
- I encouraged her to enter the essay competition.
- The company is having to lay off workers in the face of stiff competition.
- There will be a painting competition for children of different age groups.
- They twice won the European Cup, a knockout competition between the top teams in Europe.

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compe **ti** **tion** **S2 W1** /,kɒmpə'tɪʃən, ,kɒmpɪ'tɪʃən \$,kɑːm/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑competition, ↑competitor, ↑competitiveness; **adjective**: ↑competitive ≠UNCOMPETITIVE, ↑competing; **verb**: ↑compete; **adverb**: ↑competitively]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Late Latin; Origin: competitio, from competere; ⇒ ↑compete]

1. [uncountable] a situation in which people or organizations try to be more successful than other people or organizations ⇒

compete, competitor

competition for

• Competition for the job was intense.

competition between/among

• Sometimes there's a lot of competition between children for their mother's attention.

• This price reduction is due to competition among suppliers.

competition in

• competition in the automobile industry

fierce/stiff/intense etc competition

• There is fierce competition between the three leading soap manufacturers.

be in competition with somebody/something

• Government departments are in direct competition with each other for limited resources.

in the face of competition (from somebody/something) (=in a situation where you are competing with someone or something)

• Small grocery stores are going out of business in the face of stiff competition from the large supermarket chains.

2. [singular, uncountable] the people or groups that are competing against you, especially in business or in a sport ⇒ **compete, competitor**:

• Going to trade fairs is an ideal opportunity to size up the competition.

no/not much/little etc competition (=no one who is likely to be better than you)

• Jones is certain to win the race; there's just no competition.

a lot of/considerable/fierce etc competition

• The team overcame fierce competition for their place in the finals.

foreign/international competition (=companies from other countries that you are competing with)

• Japanese PC makers now face foreign competition in their home market.

3. [countable] an organized event in which people or teams compete against each other ⇒ **competitor**:

• a photography competition

competition to do something

• a competition to find a designer for the new building

• Teams from high schools all over the state have entered the competition.

• With France out of the competition, England have a great chance to win.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ verbs

• **face competition (from somebody)** Website designers face increasing competition.

• **beat off/fight off competition** She beat off competition from dozens of other candidates to get the job.

■ adjectives

• **strong/serious competition** The company is facing strong competition in the market.

• **stiff/tough/fierce/intense/keen competition (=strong competition)** There is stiff competition for places at the best universities.

• **cut-throat competition (=very strong competition)** The cutthroat competition in the airline industry kept prices low for many years.

• **increasing/growing competition** the growing competition between banks

• **fair competition** Fair competition offers the best guarantee of good services and low prices.

• **unfair competition** This will protect the industry from unfair competition from abroad.

• **open competition (=a situation that offers anyone a chance to be successful)** We welcome open competition in the software market.

■ phrases

• **in the face of competition (=in a situation where you are competing to be successful)** They won the contract in the face of tough competition.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

■ verbs

• **take part in a competition** Ten schools took part in the competition.

• **enter a competition** You must be over 16 to enter the competition.

• **win a competition** Lucy was thrilled to hear that she had won the short-story competition.

- **come first/second/third etc in a competition** Stuart came second in the swimming competition.
- **have/hold a competition** Each year the school holds a painting competition.
- **run a competition** (=organize it) The company is running an inventions competition with a first prize of £1,000.
- **launch a competition** (=start it) We're launching a competition to find the best young designer.
- **judge a competition** (=decide who has won it) A panel of five will judge the competition.
- **withdraw from a competition** (=not take part, when you had planned to) He had to withdraw from the competition because of an injury.
- **be out of a competition** (=no longer be in a competition because you have been defeated) Our team scored the fewest points so we were out of the competition.
- **put/knock somebody out of a competition** (=defeat someone so that they are no longer in a competition) They put us out of the competition in the semi-final last year.

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + competition

- **a football/music/essay etc competition** There's a music competition in the town on June 12th.
- **a writing/painting/dancing etc competition** Greg won the school public-speaking competition.
- **a sporting/sports competition** There is an increasing demand to watch sporting competitions.
- **a national/international/European etc competition** Her oldest daughter has taken part in national competitions.
- **an annual competition** Last year he won the magazine's annual photo competition.
- **an open competition** (=that everyone can take part in) An open competition is to be held at the tennis club.
- **a knock-out competition** *British English* (=in which if you lose a game, you are no longer in the competition)
- **a newspaper competition** (=organized by and advertised in a newspaper) I entered a newspaper competition for young photographer of the year.

phrases

- **the result of a competition** The result of the competition will be announced on April 3rd.
- **the winner of a competition** Jane was the clear winner of the competition.
- **the rules of a competition** Make sure you understand the rules of the competition.
- **a competition is open to somebody** (=used to say who can enter a competition) The competition is open to artists between 16 and 25 years old.

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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

part of a competition

- **round** one of the parts of a competition that you have to finish or win before you can go on to the next part: Henman lost in the second round of the competition.
- **heat** one of several races or competitions whose winners then compete against each other: She came second in her heat, with a time of 23.2 seconds.

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