# opposition

# [,vpə'zı∫(ə)n] n

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1. сопротивление, противодействие, возражение to meet with opposition - встретить противодействие to offer opposition - оказывать сопротивление we ran up against a lot of opposition - мы натолкнулись на сильное сопротивление the army met with little /no/ opposition - армия не встретила сопротивления there was some opposition to the workers' request - требование рабочих не было принято 2. контраст, противоположность противоположение

#### opposition in business - конкуренция в торговле (great) opposition of character - (полная) противоположность/полное несходство/ характеров they found themselves in opposition to each other - они оказались противниками

### 3. (часто Opposition) оппозиция (политическая партия, сила в стране, в парламенте и т. п.) the Opposition leader - лидер оппозиции the Opposition benches - члены оппозиции в парламенте (обыкн. в Великобритании) opposition newspaper - оппозиционная газета

to be in opposition - быть в оппозиции

Her /His/ Majesty's Opposition - главная оппозиционная партия в английском парламенте

# 4. астр. противостояние

# 5. лог. оппозиция

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#### op-pos-ition [opposition oppositions] BrE [.ppə'zɪ[n] NAME [,a ]pə z ] n noun

1. uncountable ~ (to sb/sth) the act of strongly disagreeing with sb/sth, especially with the aim of preventingsth from happening

• Delegates expressed strong opposition to the plans.

- The army met with fierce opposition in every town.
- We cannot back down at the first sign of opposition.
- He spent five years in prison for his opposition to the regime.
- opposition forces (= people who are arguing, fighting, etc. with another group)
- 2. the opposition singular + singular or plural verb the people you are competing against in business, a competition, a game, etc
- He's gone to work for the opposition.
- The opposition is/are mounting a strong challenge to our business.
- Liverpool couldn't match the opposition in the final and lost 2-0.

3. the Opposition (NAME the opposition) singular + singular or plural verb the main political party that is opposed to the

government, the political parties that are in a parliament but are not part of the government

- the leader of the Opposition
- Opposition MPs/parties
- the Opposition spokesman on education

4. uncountable, countable (formal) the state of being as different as possible; two things that are as different as possible

- the opposition between good and evil
- · His poetry is full of oppositions and contrasts.

# I dioms fin opposition = fin opposition to somebody

Derived Word toppositional

Word Origin: late Middle English: from Latin oppositio(n-), from opponere 'set against'.

# Thesaurus:

# opposition noun U

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# protest · · resistance · · objection · · hostility ·

# **Opp:** support

opposition/resistance/objection/hostility to sth provoke/meet with/face opposition/protests/resistance/objections/hostility express your opposition/resistance/objections/hostility

# Example Bank:

- · Many people have voiced their opposition to these proposals.
- Opposition came primarily from students.
- She won against determined opposition from last year's champion.
- The ConservativeParty is now in opposition.
- The Democrats are unlikely to drop their opposition to his nomination.
- The authorities succeeded despite bitter opposition from teachers.
- The proposals met with violent opposition from the environmental lobby.
- The warring factions had united in opposition to the common enemy.
- There was fierce public opposition to the plan.
- They mounted an effective opposition to the bill.
- They see their role as a loyal opposition.

- · We will brook no opposition to the strategy.
- a statement in direct opposition to party policy
- the leader of Her Majesty's loyal Opposition
- · Many fairy stories are based on the opposition between good and evil.
- · Opposition forces have seized control of the airport.

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[Word Family: adjective: ↑opposed ≠ ↑unopposed, ↑opposing, ↑opposite; noun: ↑opposite; verb ↑oppose; adverb ↑opposite]

1. [uncountable] strong disagreement with, or protest against, something such as a plan, law, or system opposition to

There was a great deal of opposition to the war.

### opposition from

- They face opposition from local residents as well as from environmentalists.
- He is confident in his ability to overcome all opposition with his personal charm.
- The proposals have <u>aroused</u> the <u>opposition</u> of teachers.
- Strong opposition resulted in rejection of the bill.
- Plans to turn the site into a £600 million leisure complex have met with stiff opposition.
- Much <u>public opposition</u> to the new law remained.
- Workers found themselves in opposition to local interests.
- 2. the opposition in some countries such as Britain, the main political party in Parliament that is not part of the government:
  - the leader of the Opposition
    - the three main opposition parties

**3**. **in opposition** in some countries such as Britain, a political party that is in opposition is in Parliament, but is not part of the government:

<sup>\*</sup> The Socialists were elected to power after ten years in opposition.

- 4. [C,U also + plural verb *British English*] the people who you are competing against:
  - They played well against good opposition.
- 5. [uncountable and countable] formal when two things are completely opposite

opposition between

the opposition between capitalism and socialism

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### COLLOCATIONS

adjectives

- strong opposition (=disagreement that someone feels strongly) The scheme has met with strong opposition from local people.
- fierce/intense/stiff opposition (=strong opposition) | is certain that there will be fierce opposition to the changes.
- violent/vehement opposition (=showing extremely strong angry feelings) The 2,000-strong congress met the violent opposition of left-wingers. | There has been vehement opposition from the fishing industry.
- considerable opposition (=quite a lot of opposition) The development went ahead in spite of considerable opposition.
- growing/mounting opposition (=opposition that is increasing) There was growing opposition to the war.
- local opposition I took three years to overcome local opposition from environmentalists.

 widespread opposition (=opposition from many people or in many places) Journalists have reported widespread opposition to the regime.

• public opposition Public opposition has blocked the building of nuclear power stations.

• organized opposition (=protest that people express by working together in an organized way) The proposal was passed with no organized opposition.

#### verbs

• face opposition (=experience opposition that has to be dealt with) The proposal faced opposition from road safety campaigners.

• meet (with) opposition/run into opposition (=face opposition) A new tax would meet a lot of opposition. | The Bill ran into opposition in the House of Lords.

• encounter opposition (=find that there is opposition) The police encountered little opposition, and restored order within the hour.

• express (your) opposition Parents expressed their opposition to the tests.

• overcome opposition (=deal with opposition so that it no longer exists) Nothing he said could overcome their opposition.

• arouse opposition/arouse the opposition of somebody (=make someone feel disagreement) A plan to build on farm land aroused local opposition.

• opposition comes from somebody The strongest opposition came from Republican voters.

#### THESAURUS

• opposition noun [uncountable] strong disagreement with or protest against something: Opposition to the proposed scheme was widespread. | The plan met with stiff opposition (=strong opposition).

• objection *noun* [countable] a reason you give for opposing an idea or plan: My main objection is that it will cost too much money. | A number of objections were raised.

• antagonism noun [uncountable] a strong feeling of opposition to something, or dislike for someone, which is shown in your behaviour, and has often existed for a long time: his own antagonism to any form of authority | There is no antagonism towards tourists on the island. | people's antagonism to communism

• hostility noun [uncountable] angry remarks or behaviour that show someone opposes something very strongly, or dislikes

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someone very much: The announcement was greeted with hostility from some employees. | There is a certain amount of hostility towards the police among local people.

• antipathy noun [uncountable] formal a strong feeling of opposition and dislike for someone or something: his fundamental antipathy to capitalism | Her long-standing antipathy to Herr Kohl was well-known. | Darwin shared Lyell's antipathy to the idea that the same species could appear independently in different areas.

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