

battle

I

1. ['bætl] *n*

1. битва; сражение

battle alarm - боевая тревога

battle area - поле боя

battle casualties - потери в бою

battle scene - батальная сцена

drawn battle - бой с неопределённым исходом

Battle of Britain - *уст.* «битва за Англию» (*воздушные бои в 1940-41 гг.*)

line of battle - а) линия фронта б) боевой порядок /строй/

killed in battle - погиб в бою /на фронте/

to fight a battle - сражаться, вести бой

to offer battle - предлагать /навязывать/ бой

to give battle - давать бой /сражение/

to join battle - вступать в бой

to refuse battle - отказаться /уклониться/ от боя

2. борьба

losing battle - безнадёжная борьба, верное поражение; обречённая на провал деятельность

the battle of life - борьба за существование

the battle of the books - *ирон.* учёная дискуссия

a battle of wits - битва умов, состязание в остроумии

to fight one's battle - бороться за свои убеждения *или* интересы

to do battle with /over/ smth. - бороться с чем-л.

3. единоборство, поединок; схватка

trial by battle - *уст.* ордалия, судебный поединок (*одержавший победу считался оправданным*)4. *уст.* войско, воинство

◇ half the battle - залог успеха

to be above the battle - стоять в стороне /над схваткой/, занимать беспристрастную /объективную/ позицию

to fight smb.'s battles for him - лезть в драку за кого-л.

the battle is to the strong - побеждает сильнейший

2. ['bætl] *v*

1. сражаться, драться, бороться

to battle through life - пробивать дорогу в жизни

to battle against the wind - бороться с ветром, идти против ветра

to battle with adversity - бороться с превратностями судьбы

to battle for the title of champion - оспаривать звание чемпиона

2. *воен.* строить в боевой порядок

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1. ['bætl] *a диал.*1. сочный, питательный (*о травах*)2. тучный, плодородный (*о земле*)2. ['bætl] *v*1) откармливать (*скот*)2) удобрять (*почву*)**battle**

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bat-tle [battle battles battled battling] **noun, verb** *BrE* ['bætl] [ⓘ] *NAmE* ['bætl] [ⓘ]**noun**1. **countable, uncountable** a fight between armies, ships or planes, especially during a war; a violent fight between groups of people

• the battle of Waterloo

• to be killed **in battle**

• a gun battle

• to go into battle

see also ↑pitched battle2. **countable** ~ (**with sb**) (**for sth**) a competition, an argument or a struggle between people or groups of people trying to win power or control

• a legal battle for compensation

• a battle with an insurance company

• a **battle of wits** (= when each side uses their ability to think quickly to try to win)• a **battle of wills** (= when each side is very determined to win)

• the battle of the sexes

• the endless battle between man and nature

3. **countable, usually singular** a determined effort that sb makes to solve a difficult problem or succeed in a difficult situation• ~ (**against sth**) her long battle against cancer

• to fight an uphill battle against prejudice

• ~ (**for sth**) a battle for survival• ~ (**with sth**) his battle with alcoholism**more at** fight a losing battlefight your own battles **at** ↑fight *v.*, join battle **at** ↑join *v.*

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **bataille** (noun), **bataillier** (verb), based on late Latin **battualia** 'military or gladiatorial exercises', from Latin **battuere** 'to beat'.

Thesaurus:

battle noun

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- Napoleon was defeated at the Battle of Waterloo.

fighting • **combat** • **campaign** • **skirmish** • **war** • **conflict** • especially journalism action • **hostilities** •

(a/an) battle/fighting/combat/campaign/skirmish/war/conflict/action/hostilities **with/between /against** sb/sth

in battle/fighting/combat/war/conflict/action/hostilities

win/lose a battle/campaign/skirmish/war/conflict

fight a battle/campaign/war

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- the legal battle for compensation

struggle • **fight** • **campaign** • **crusade** • **war** • **drive** •

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

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

win/lose the battle/struggle/fight/war

Battle or struggle? A **struggle** is always about things that seem absolutely necessary. A **battle** can also be about things that are desirable but not absolutely necessary:

- the battle/struggle between good and evil/man and nature

✗ a legal struggle for compensation:

- a battle of wills/wits

✗ a struggle of wills/wits

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

Example Bank:

- A policy battle is raging in Washington.
- A ten-month legal battle ensued.
- A turf battle among competing drug cartels has claimed several lives.
- Are you prepared to do battle with your insurance company over the claim?
- As a parent, you have to pick your battles.
- Charles V refused to give battle.
- He died in battle.

- Iwo Jima was for many the climactic battle of World War II.
- Many young men were sent into battle without proper training.
- My parents believed in leaving me to fight my own battles.
- Napoleon was defeated at the Battle of Waterloo.
- Police fought a pitched battle against demonstrators.
- Scores of people have been hurt in running battles with police.
- She saw a way to end the prolonged legal battle.
- The college president fought a running battle with the editors of the student newspaper.
- The government now faces a new battle over tax increases.
- The leaders anxiously watched the battle unfold.
- The squadron was getting ready for the coming battle.
- The two armies fought a pitched battle on the plain.
- The two armies joined battle.
- The upcoming political battle could be for the allegiance of the young.
- There's now a real battle at the top of the First Division.
- They are engaged in a long-running legal battle with their competitors.
- We seem to be fighting a losing battle.
- a fierce battle between developers and the local community
- a gun battle between police and drug smugglers
- a heated battle between the oil industry and environmentalists
- his long battle against cancer
- the battle for human rights
- He had been conducting a personal battle of wits with the sales manager since his first day at work.
- His father had been killed in battle.
- Looking after a two-year-old needn't be a constant battle of wills.
- She finally won the legal battle for compensation.
- The battle claimed the lives of 3 soldiers and 40 guerrillas.
- The essay discusses the endless battle between man and nature.

Idioms: ↑battle lines are drawn ▪ ↑do battle ▪ ↑half the battle

verb intransitive, transitive

to try very hard to achieve sth difficult or to deal with sth unpleasant or dangerous

- Both teams battled hard.
- I had to battle hard just to stay afloat.
- ~ **with/against sb/sth (for sth)** She's still battling with a knee injury.
- We had to battle against the elements to reach safety.
- ~ **for sth** The two leaders are battling for control of the government
- The two sides will **battle it out** in the final next week.
- It's vital that we keep **battling away at** the problem.
- ~ **sth (NAmE)** He battled cancer for four years.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	battle
	BrE / 'baetl/
	NAmE / 'baetl/
he / she / it	battles
	BrE / 'baetlz/
	NAmE / 'baetlz/
past simple, past participle	battled
	BrE / 'baetid/
	NAmE / 'baetid/
-ing form	battling
	BrE / 'baetlɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'baetlɪŋ/

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- Competitors battled it out against the clock.
- Doctors battled in vain to save his life.
- He battled his way to the bar.
- He battled with cancer for many months.
- Rescuers battled against torrential rain and high winds.
- Residents are battling over plans for a new airport runway.
- Riot police battled with 4 000 students.
- The child battled bravely for her life.
- We battled through the snowstorm.
- We'll keep battling away and hope that the goals start to come.
- battling for control of the party

- battling with leukaemia
- She's still battling with a knee injury.
- The players have battled hard.
- The victims are battling for compensation.
- There are players from eight countries battling for the title.
- Unions are battling with the company over the job losses.

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I. **bat**¹ **W2** /'bæt/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: bataille, from Late Latin battalia 'fighting', from Latin battuere 'to hit']

1. **FIGHT** a fight between opposing armies, groups of ships, groups of people etc, especially one that is part of a larger war:
 " the Battle of Trafalgar

in battle

" Her son was killed in battle.

into battle

" a knight riding into battle

battle between

" battles between government forces and the rebels

" a pitched battle (=a long and serious battle) between police and drug gangs

2. **COMPETITION/ARGUMENT** a situation in which opposing groups or people compete or argue with each other when trying to achieve success or control:

" a long-running legal battle

battle for

" a battle for custody of their children

battle between

" a fierce ratings battle between rival TV stations

battle with

" an ongoing battle with my mother about eating properly

3. **CHANGE BAD SITUATION** an attempt to solve a difficult problem or change an unpleasant situation

battle against

" a battle against the racism of the school system

battle with

" a long battle with lung cancer

battle for

" Scientology has fought long battles for acceptance as a religion.

4. **be half the battle** to be a difficult or important part of what you have to do:

" Just getting an interview is half the battle.

5. **a battle of wits** a situation in which opposing sides try to win by using their intelligence:

" A good mystery story is a battle of wits between author and reader.

6. **battle of wills** a situation in which opposing sides refuse to change what they want, in the hope that the other side will decide to change first:

" a battle of wills between teacher and student

7. **do battle (with somebody)** to argue with someone or fight against someone:

" She walked into the room with her eyes blazing, ready to do battle.

8. **fight your own battles** to argue with someone, or compete in a difficult situation, without having help from other people – used to show approval:

" It's all right, Mum. I can fight my own battles.

9. **the battle of the sexes** the relationship between men and women when it is considered as a fight for power

10. **the battle of the bulge** the act of trying to lose weight – used humorously

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

■ verbs

• **fight a battle** (also **wage a battle formal**) The police are fighting a tough battle against crime. | Many areas around here are waging a constant battle against vandalism.

• **win a battle** It's essential to win the battle against inflation.

• **lose a battle** a brave little girl who lost her battle against cancer

• **face a battle** Paul faces a frantic battle to be fit for the match in November.

■ adjectives

• **a long/lengthy battle** his long battle with alcoholism

• **an uphill battle** (=one that is very difficult) For most people losing weight is an uphill battle.

• **a tough/hard battle** He faces a tough battle to prove his innocence.

• **a constant battle** As a student, life was a constant battle against debt.

• **a losing battle** (=one that is going to fail) She was fighting a losing battle to stop herself from crying.

II. **bat**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb*

1. [**intransitive and transitive**] to try very hard to achieve something that is difficult or dangerous:

" Firefighters battled the flames.

battle against/with

" She had battled against cancer.

battle for

" a pressure group battling for better schools

battle to do something

" Doctors battled to save his life.

2. **battle it out** to keep fighting or opposing each other until one person or team wins:

" Sixteen teams will battle it out.

3. **[intransitive] literary** to take part in a fight or war

battle

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