

# compete

[kəm'pi:t] v

1. **состязаться, соревноваться, участвовать в соревновании**  
 to compete in a race - участвовать в скачках  
 to compete with others for a prize - участвовать в соревновании на приз  
 the students compete for scholarships - учащиеся держат конкурсный экзамен для получения стипендии
2. **конкурировать**  
 to compete against other countries in trade - конкурировать с другими странами в торговле  
 the girls competed for his favour - девицы наперебой старались ему понравиться

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**com·pete** [compete competes competed competing] BrE [kəm'pi:t] NAmE

[kəm'pi:t] verb

1. **intransitive, transitive** to try to be more successful or better than sb else who is trying to do the same as you
  - ~ **(with/against sb) (for sth)** Several companies are competing for the contract.
  - We can't compete with them on price.
  - Young children will usually compete for their mother's attention.
  - Small traders cannot compete in the face of cheap foreign imports.
  - ~ **to do sth** There are too many magazines competing to attract readers.
2. **intransitive** ~ **(in sth) (against sb)** to take part in a contest or game
  - He's hoping to compete in the London marathon.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	compete
	BrE /kəm'pi:t/
	NAmE /kəm'pi:t/
he / she /it	competes
	BrE /kəm'pi:ts/
	NAmE /kəm'pi:ts/
past simple, past participle	competed
	BrE /kəm'pi:tɪd/
	NAmE /kəm'pi:tɪd/
-ing form	competing
	BrE /kəm'pi:tɪŋ/
	NAmE /kəm'pi:tɪŋ/

Word Origin:

early 17th cent.: from Latin **competere**, in its late sense **'strive or contend for (something)'**, from **com-** **'together'** + **petere** **'aim at, seek'**.

Thesaurus:

**compete** verb

1. |
  - Travelfirms are competing fiercely on price.
  - fight** • **struggle** • **contest** • **vie** • **especially journalism battle** •  
 compete/fight/struggle/vie/battle **for** sth  
 compete/struggle/vie/battle **with** sb  
 compete/fight/struggle/vie **for power**
2. |
  - He's hoping to compete in the Olympics .
  - play** • **enter** • **go in for sth** • **take part** •  
 compete/play **against** sb  
 compete in/enter/ go in for/take part in a **competition/contest/race**  
 compete in/enter/take part in a **tournament**

Example Bank:

- He regularly competes in races.
- He welcomed the chance to compete against professional athletes.
- Small independent bookshops can't compete with the large stores.
- The big companies are competing fiercely on price.
- The company is prepared to compete head-to-head with the market giants.
- The price must be right in order to compete internationally.
- Their products compete directly with ours.
- We have to compete with several larger companies.
- a readiness to compete actively in the global system
- Colleges will have to compete to attract the best students.
- He's hoping to compete in the London marathon.
- In archery people in wheelchairs can compete on equal terms with the able-bodied.
- Several projects are competing against each other for scarce resources.
- They are simply not able to compete successfully in the international market.
- Young children will usually compete for their mother's attention.

**compete****compete** **S3 W3** /kəm'pi:t BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> verb [intransitive]

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

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Late Latin; Origin: competere 'to try (with others) to get', from Latin, 'to come together, agree, be suitable', from com- (⇒ COM-) + petere 'to go to, look for']

**1. BUSINESS** if one company or country competes with another, it tries to get people to buy its goods or services rather than those available from another company or country ⇒ **competition, competitor, competitive****compete with/against**

- They found themselves competing with foreign companies for a share of the market.
- The Renault Clio competes against such cars as the Peugeot 206.

**compete for**

- The stores have to compete for customers in the Christmas season.

**compete in**

- The company must be able to compete in the international marketplace.

**compete to do something**

- Several advertising agencies are competing to get the contract.

**can't compete (with something) (=be unable to be more successful)**

- Small independent bookstores simply can't compete with the big national chains.

**2. PERSON** to try to gain something and stop someone else from having it or having as much of it ⇒ **competition, competitive****compete for**

- She and her sister are always competing for attention.

**compete against**

- I had to compete against 19 other people for the job.

**compete with**

- As a stepmother, don't even try to compete with the children's mother for their love.

**3. IN A COMPETITION** to take part in a competition or sports event ⇒ **competitor****compete in/at**

- How many runners will be competing in the marathon?
- Professional athletes may now compete at the Olympics.

**compete against**

- He'll be competing against the world's best.

**4. somebody/something can't compete with somebody/something** to not be as interesting, attractive etc as someone or something else:

- Melinda was plain and knew she couldn't compete with her sister where boys were concerned.

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**THESAURUS**

- **participate** *formal* to do an activity together with other people: He always participates in classroom activities. | The people should have the right to participate in discussions about their future. | There are many ways people can participate in sports. | Who will be participating?
- **take part** to participate in something. **Take part** is less formal than **participate** and is more common in everyday English: Nearly 500 teams took part in the competition. | She was asked to take part in a TV debate on drugs. | Anyone who is over 18 can take part.
- **play a part/role** to take part in something in a useful way: Everyone can play a part in improving the security of their neighborhood. | Schneider played a key role in getting the organization started.
- **be involved** to take part in an activity in some way: He has denied being involved in the murder. | It was a big project and many people were involved.
- **be active in something** to actively take part in the work of an organization such as a political group or church: He is very active in the church's work with homeless people. | She is no longer active in politics.
- **compete** to take part in a competition or race: Athletes from all over the world will be competing. | She's hoping to compete in the Olympic Games.

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