

opponent1. [ə'pəʊnənt] *n*

1. враг, противник, конкурент

he defeated his opponent in the election - он нанёс поражение своему противнику на выборах

2. *спорт.* противник, соперник3. *юр.* противная сторона (*в процессе*)2. [ə'pəʊnənt] *a*

1. противоположный, расположенный напротив

on the opponent bank - на противоположном берегу

2. 1) противный, враждебный

opponent to our thoughts - придерживающийся противоположных взглядов

2) возражающий, опровергающий

3) соперничающий; конкурентный

he belongs to the opponent side - он наш конкурент

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op·pon·ent [**opponent opponents**] *BrE* [ə'pəʊnənt] ^u *NAmE* [ə'pouənənt] ^u**noun**

1. a person that you are playing or fighting against in a game, competition, argument, etc.

Syn: †adversary

• a political opponent

• a **dangerous/worthy/formidable opponent**

• The team's opponents are unbeaten so far this season.

2. ~ (of sth) a person who is against sth and tries to change or stop it

• opponents of abortion

• opponents of the regime

Word Origin:late 16th cent. (denoting a person opening an academic debate by proposing objections to a philosophical or religious thesis): from Latin **opponent-** 'setting against', from the verb **opponere**, from **ob-** 'against' + **ponere** 'place'.Thesaurus:**opponent** **noun**1. **C**

• He was greatly respected, even by his political opponents.

enemy • **rival** • **competitor** • **the opposition** • **the competition** • |**formal adversary** • |**old-fashioned formal foe** •**Opp:** ally**against** an opponent/an enemy/a rival/a competitor/the opposition/the competition/an adversary/a foethe **main** opponent/enemy/rival/competitor/opposition/competition/adversary**face** an opponent/an enemy/the opposition/the competition/a foe2. **C**

• a leading opponent of reforms

dissident • **rebel** • **protester** • **demonstrator** •**Opp:** supporter, (formal) **Opp:** proponenta **political** opponent/dissident/demonstratoropponents/dissidents/protesters/demonstrators **call for/demand** sthExample Bank:

- He has knocked out 15 opponents in 20 fights.
- This season the team is holding opponents to 88.9 points per game.
- Today she faces her toughest opponent on Centre Court.
- As a man he was greatly respected, even by his political opponents.
- He drew his sword and turned to face his opponent.
- He has emerged as a leading opponent of the reforms.
- She proved a formidable opponent in the debating chamber.
- The regime has been accused of torturing and killing its opponents.
- The team's opponents are unbeaten so far this season.

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op·po·nent **W3** /ə'pəʊnənt \$ ə'pou-/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u **noun** [countable][**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** present participle of **opponere**; ⇨ †**oppose**]

1. someone who you try to defeat in a competition, game, fight, or argument:

* Graf's opponent in today's final will be Sukova.

leading/main/chief opponent

* During the primary elections, McCain was Bush's leading opponent.

formidable/worthy opponent

* In debate he was a formidable opponent.

* He is admired even by his political opponents.2. someone who disagrees with a plan, idea, or system and wants to try to stop or change it **OPP proponent**

opponent of

Rodgers was not an opponent of the new airport.

bitter/vocal/outspoken opponent

an outspoken opponent of gun control

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

adjectives

- **somebody's main/chief opponent** Who was her main opponent for the presidential nomination?
- **a leading opponent** (=one of the main opponents) In July the authorities arrested two leading opponents of the government.
- **a strong/tough opponent** (=one that is difficult to defeat) Arizona is a strong opponent, but the Oregon team intend to beat them.
- **a formidable opponent** (=a very strong opponent) In debate, he was a formidable opponent.
- **a dangerous opponent** (=one who might defeat you) In tomorrow's match, he will take on his most dangerous opponent.
- **a political opponent** the President's political opponents
- **a worthy opponent** (=one who deserves respect) The Democratic Senator has shown himself to be a worthy opponent.

verbs

- **face an opponent** The team were facing their final opponent of the season.
- **defeat an opponent** She came within three points of defeating her opponent.
- **outfox/outwit/outmanoeuvre an opponent** (=gain an advantage over an opponent by being more intelligent or skilful than they are) Football is all about outwitting your opponents.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

adjectives

- **the main/chief opponent** one of the new law's main opponents
- **a leading opponent** (=one of the main opponents, often influencing other people) She was a leading opponent of gun control in the Senate.
- **a strong opponent** (=one who feels strongly that a particular thing is wrong and tries to stop it) Brennan was a strong opponent of the death penalty.
- **a fierce/bitter opponent** (=a very strong opponent, who often expresses their opinions angrily) She became well-known as a bitter opponent of slavery.
- **a vigorous opponent** (=one who opposes something with a lot of energy and determination) a vigorous opponent of the use of nuclear weapons
- **an outspoken/vocal opponent** (=one who publicly expresses disagreement with something) He was a vocal opponent of closer relations with the United States.
- **a vociferous opponent** (=one who publicly expresses very strong disagreement) Many residents were vociferous opponents of the plan.

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person

- **enemy** someone who does not like you because you have had a big disagreement with them in the past or someone who opposes you in business or politics: If that's how he treats his friends, I'd hate to be his enemy. | In business, it's best not to make too many enemies.
- **adversary** *formal* an enemy: When he retired, he was replaced by his old adversary. | He made the fatal mistake of underestimating his adversary.
- **foe** *literary* an enemy: A guard called out 'Who goes there – friend or foe?' | his former foes
- **arch enemy** someone's main enemy: In the movie, Batman goes into battle with his arch enemy the Joker.
- **opponent** someone you are competing against, for example in a sports game, competition, or election: You win the game if you are left with more cards than your opponent. | He is admired even by his political opponents.
- **nemesis** *written* an enemy or opponent that is impossible to defeat – a rather formal use: In the final, he met his old nemesis, Rafael Nadal.

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