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Apresyan (En-Ru)
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 1. [spa:] n
   1. спорт.
   1) тренировочное состязание (бокс)
   2) матч, встреча по боксу
   3) наступательный или оборонительный приём
   2. спор, препирательство
   3. петушиный бой
 2. [spa:] v
   1. 1) боксировать
   2) вести кулачный бой; биться на кулачках
   2. тренировать боксёров
   3. разг. препираться, спорить
     to spar at each other - пикироваться, пререкаться друг с другом
   4. 1) драться шпорами (о петухах)
   2) учить петухов драться
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[spa:] n
  1. брус; перекладина
  2. стропильная нога
  3. круглый лесоматериал
  4. мор. рангоутное дерево
  5. ав. лонжерон
[spa:] п мин.
  (плавиковый) шпат
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spar [spar spars sparred sparring] verb, noun BrE [spa ()] NAmE [spa□]*

- 1. intransitive ~ (with sb) to make the movements used in †boxing, either in training or to test the speed of your opponent's reaction
- 2. intransitive ~ (with sb) to argue with sb, usually in a friendly way

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	spar
	BrE /spa:(r)/
	NAmE /spa:r/
he / she /it	spars
	BrE /spa:z/
	NAmE /spa:rz/
past simple, past participle	sparred
	BrE /spa:d/
	NAmE /spa:rd/
-ing form	sparring
	BrE /spa:rm/
	NAmE /spa:rin/

Word Origin:

- n. Middle English Old French esparre Old Norse sperra Dutch spar German Sparren
- v. Old English sperran spyrran 'strike out' Old Norse sperrask 'kick out'

Example Bank:

- · political sparring
- verbal sparring

- 1. a strong pole used to support the sails, etc. on a ship
- 2. a structure that supports the wing of an aircraft

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I. spar¹/spa□\$ spa□*t BrE* * AmE verb (past tense and past participle sparred, present participle sparring) [intransitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Probably from spur]

1. to practise \(^\text{boxing with someone}\)

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Senators are sparring over the health bill.
    spar with
          He's been sparring with the security guards.
   ⇒ †sparring partner
II. spar<sup>2</sup> BrE
                   AmE noun [countable]
   a thick pole, especially one used on a ship to support sails or ropes ⇒ mast
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    spars 106
    sparred 139
    sparring 470
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   COCA 500k Unlemmatized
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    8172617109 nn1
    <sub>64</sub>91964<sup>69</sup> vvi
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spar with

He broke his nose while sparring with Vega.

2. to argue with someone but not in an unpleasant way