

Need another word that means the same as “ambush”? Find 23 synonyms and 30 related words for “ambush” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Ambush” are: ambuscade, lying in wait, trap, surprise attack, snare, pitfall, lure, still-hunt, bushwhack, lie in wait, lurk, scupper, waylay, attack by surprise, surprise, pounce on, lay a trap for, set an ambush for, lie in wait for, entrap, ensnare

Ambush as a Noun

Definitions of "Ambush" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “ambush” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *The act of concealing yourself and lying in wait to attack by surprise.*
- *A surprise attack by people lying in wait in a concealed position.*



Synonyms of "Ambush" as a noun (7 Words)

- ambuscade** The act of concealing yourself and lying in wait to attack by surprise.
*Our sensibilities are being battered with reports of killings and **ambuscades**.*
- [lure](#)** Something used to lure fish or other animals into danger so they can be trapped or killed.
*The **lure** of the exotic East.*
- lying in wait** A statement that deviates from or perverts the truth.
- [pitfall](#)** An unforeseen or unexpected or surprising difficulty.
*The **pitfalls** of buying goods at public auctions.*
- snare** A small drum with two heads and a snare stretched across the lower head.
*It was all a **snare** and delusion.*
- surprise attack** The astonishment you feel when something totally unexpected happens to you.

trap

A device to hurl clay pigeons into the air for trapshooters.
*By keeping quiet I was walking into a **trap**.*



Usage Examples of "Ambush" as a noun

- *Seven members of a patrol were killed in an ambush.*
- *Kidnappers waiting in ambush.*



Ambush as a Verb

Definitions of "Ambush" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "ambush" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Make a surprise attack on (someone) from a concealed position.*
- *Wait in hiding to attack.*
- *Hunt (quarry) by stalking and ambushing.*
- *Confront (someone) suddenly and unexpectedly with unwelcome questions.*



Synonyms of "Ambush" as a verb (16 Words)

- ambuscade** Wait in hiding to attack.
*French and his companions were **ambuscaded** by the Indians.*
- attack by surprise** Begin to injure.
- bushwhack** Engage in guerrilla warfare.
*The loyal men of the neighbourhood **bushwhacked** and made the place too hot for them.*
- ensnare** Catch in or as if in a trap.
*They were **ensnared** in city centre traffic.*
- entrap** Catch in or as if in a trap.
*He argued that his client had been **entrapped** by an undercover police officer.*

lay a trap for	Impose as a duty, burden, or punishment.
lie in wait	Tell an untruth; pretend with intent to deceive.
lie in wait for	Have a place in relation to something else.
lurk	Lie in wait, lie in ambush, behave in a sneaky and secretive manner. <i>A ruthless killer still lurked in the darkness.</i>
pounce on	Move down on as if in an attack.
scupper	Wait in hiding to attack.
set an ambush for	Put into a certain place or abstract location.
still-hunt	Hunt (quarry) by stalking and ambushing.
surprise	Cause to be surprised. <i>He surprised a gang stealing scrap metal.</i>
trap	Catch an animal in a trap. <i>The gaps between the teeth trap food particles.</i>
waylay	Stop or interrupt (someone) and detain them in conversation or trouble them in some other way. <i>He waylaid me on the stairs.</i>



Usage Examples of "Ambush" as a verb

- *They were ambushed and taken prisoner by the enemy.*
- *Tory representatives were ambushed by camera crews.*



Associations of "Ambush" (30 Words)

- [backlash](#)** A movement back from an impact.
*Typical gearbox **backlash** in these systems is 2.*
- [bait](#)** Lure entice or entrap with bait.
*Fishing with live **baits**.*
- bounce** Hit something so that it bounces.
*Every **bounce** of the truck brought them into fresh contact.*
- ensnare** Take or catch as if in a snare or trap.
*They were **ensnared** in city centre traffic.*
- entrap** Take or catch as if in a snare or trap.
*Discarded fishing lines can **entrap** wildlife.*
- hide** Cover as if with a shroud.
*Companies with poor security can **hide** behind the law.*

hop	A hopping movement. <i>Over the years he hopped from one department to another.</i>
lariat	A rope used as a lasso or for tethering.
lasso	Catch an animal with a lasso. <i>At last his father lassoed the horse.</i>
leap	Move forward by leaps and bounds. <i>Polly leapt to her feet.</i>
loiter	Stand or wait around without apparent purpose. <i>She saw Mary loitering near the cloakrooms.</i>
lurk	Be about. <i>A ruthless killer still lurked in the darkness.</i>
pitfall	A trap in the form of a concealed hole. <i>The pitfalls of buying goods at public auctions.</i>
poacher	A cooking vessel designed to poach food (such as fish or eggs). <i>An egg poacher.</i>
pounce	A sudden swoop or spring. <i>As he watched a mink pounced on the vole.</i>
raid	Conduct a raid on. <i>Officers raided thirty homes yesterday.</i>
rebound	The act of securing possession of the rebounding basketball after a missed shot. <i>Rebound hypertension.</i>
recoil	The action of recoiling. <i>Ronni felt herself recoil at the very thought.</i>
resurface	(of a person) come out of hiding or obscurity. <i>He resurfaced under a false identity in Australia.</i>
robber	A person who commits robbery.
skip	Cause to skip over a surface. <i>Skip town.</i>
skulk	Avoid responsibilities and duties, e.g., by pretending to be ill. <i>The lonely man skulks down the main street all day.</i>
slide	A transparency mounted in a frame viewed with a slide projector. <i>A slide show.</i>
snare	A drum fitted with snares a side drum. <i>It was all a snare and delusion.</i>
sneak	Someone who prowls or sneaks about usually with unlawful intentions. <i>She sneaked on us.</i>

- swoop** Move with a sweep or in a swooping arc.
*The teacher **swooped** down upon the new students.*
- trammel** A beam compass.
*We will forge our own future free from the **trammels** of materialism.*
- trap** Catch an animal in a trap.
*The ball bounced near Scott and he **trapped** it with his left foot.*
- unwilling** Not ready, eager, or prepared to do something.
*An **unwilling** assistant.*
- waylay** Wait in hiding to attack.
He waylaid me on the stairs.

