

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 <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "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)

The act of concealing yourself and lying in wait to attack by surprise.

**ambuscade** Our sensibilities are being battered with reports of killings and

ambuscades.

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.

An unforeseen or unexpected or surprising difficulty.

The **pitfall**s of buying goods at public auctions.

A small drum with two heads and a snare stretched across the lower

**snare** head.

<u>lure</u>

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.





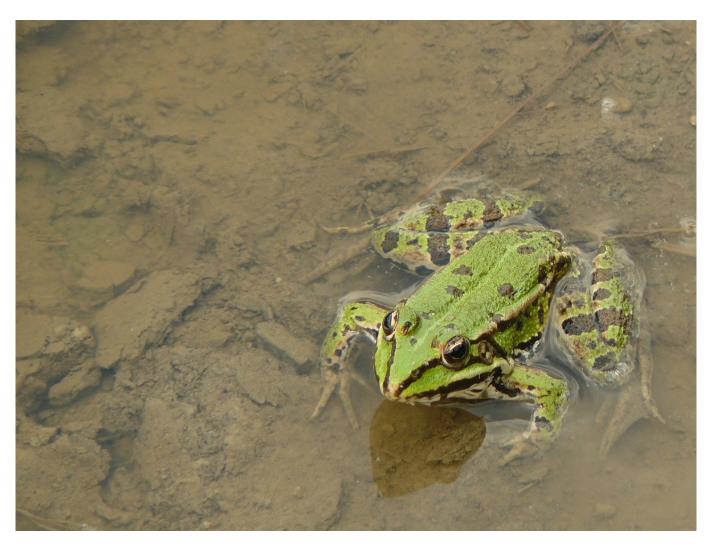
### Ambush as a Verb

#### 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 **ambuscade**d by the Indians.

attack by surprise Begin to injure.

Engage in guerrilla warfare.

**bushwhack** The loyal men of the neighbourhood **bushwhack**ed and made the

place too hot for them.

ensnare Catch in or as if in a trap.

They were **ensnare**d in city centre traffic.

Catch in or as if in a trap.

**entrap** He argued that his client had been **entrap**ped 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.

A ruthless killer still **lurk**ed in the darkness.

**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.

Cause to be surprised.

surprise

He surprised a gang stealing scrap metal.

Catch an animal in a trap.

The gaps between the teeth **trap** food particles.

Stop or interrupt (someone) and detain them in conversation or

**waylay** trouble them in some other way.

He waylaid me on the stairs.

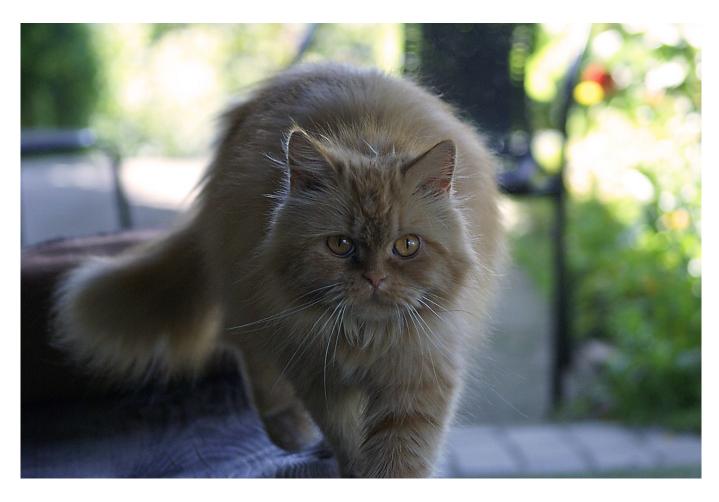




## Usage Examples of "Ambush" as a verb

- 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 **bait**s.

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 **ensnare**d 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  ${m hide}$  behind the law.



hop A hopping movement.

Over the years he **hop**ped from one department to another.

**lariat** A rope used as a lasso or for tethering.

lasso Catch an animal with a lasso.

At last his father **lasso**ed the horse.

Move forward by leaps and bounds.

Polly **leap**t to her feet.

**loiter** Stand or wait around without apparent purpose. *She saw Mary loiter*ing near the cloakrooms.

The saw Mary tottering hear the cloak ook

lurk Be about.

A ruthless killer still **lurk**ed in the darkness.

pitfall A trap in the form of a concealed hole.

The **pitfall**s of buying goods at public auctions.

**poacher** A cooking vessel designed to poach food (such as fish or eggs.

An egg **poacher**.

A sudden swoop or spring.

As he watched a mink **pounce**d on the vole.

raid Conduct a raid on.

Officers **raid**ed thirty homes yesterday.

rebound

The act of securing possession of the rebounding basketball after a missed shot.

**Rebound** hypertension.

recoil The action of recoiling.

Ronni felt herself **recoil** at the very thought.

resurface (of a person) come out of hiding or obscurity.

He resurfaced under a false identity in Australia.

**robber** A person who commits robbery.

Cause to skip over a surface.

**skip Skip** town.

**skulk** Avoid responsibilities and duties, e.g., by pretending to be ill.

The lonely man **skulk**s down the main street all day.

A transparency mounted in a frame viewed with a slide projector.

A **slide** show.

A drum fitted with snares a side drum.

It was all a **snare** and delusion.

**sneak** Someone who prowls or sneaks about usually with unlawful intentions.

She **sneak**ed on us.



**Swoop** Move with a sweep or in a swooping arc.

The teacher **swoop**ed down upon the new students.

trammel A beam compass.

We will forge our own future free from the **trammel**s of materialism.

Catch an animal in a trap.

The ball bounced near Scott and he **trap**ped it with his left foot.

Not ready, eager, or prepared to do something.

unwilling An unwilling assistant.

waylay Wait in hiding to attack.

He waylaid me on the stairs.

