

Need another word that means the same as “buffer”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “buffer” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Buffer” are: buffer zone, polisher, buffer storage, buffer store, cowcatcher, fender, pilot, buff, cushion, bulwark, soften, absorb, lessen, diminish, moderate, mitigate, ally, deaden, muffle, stifle, shield**

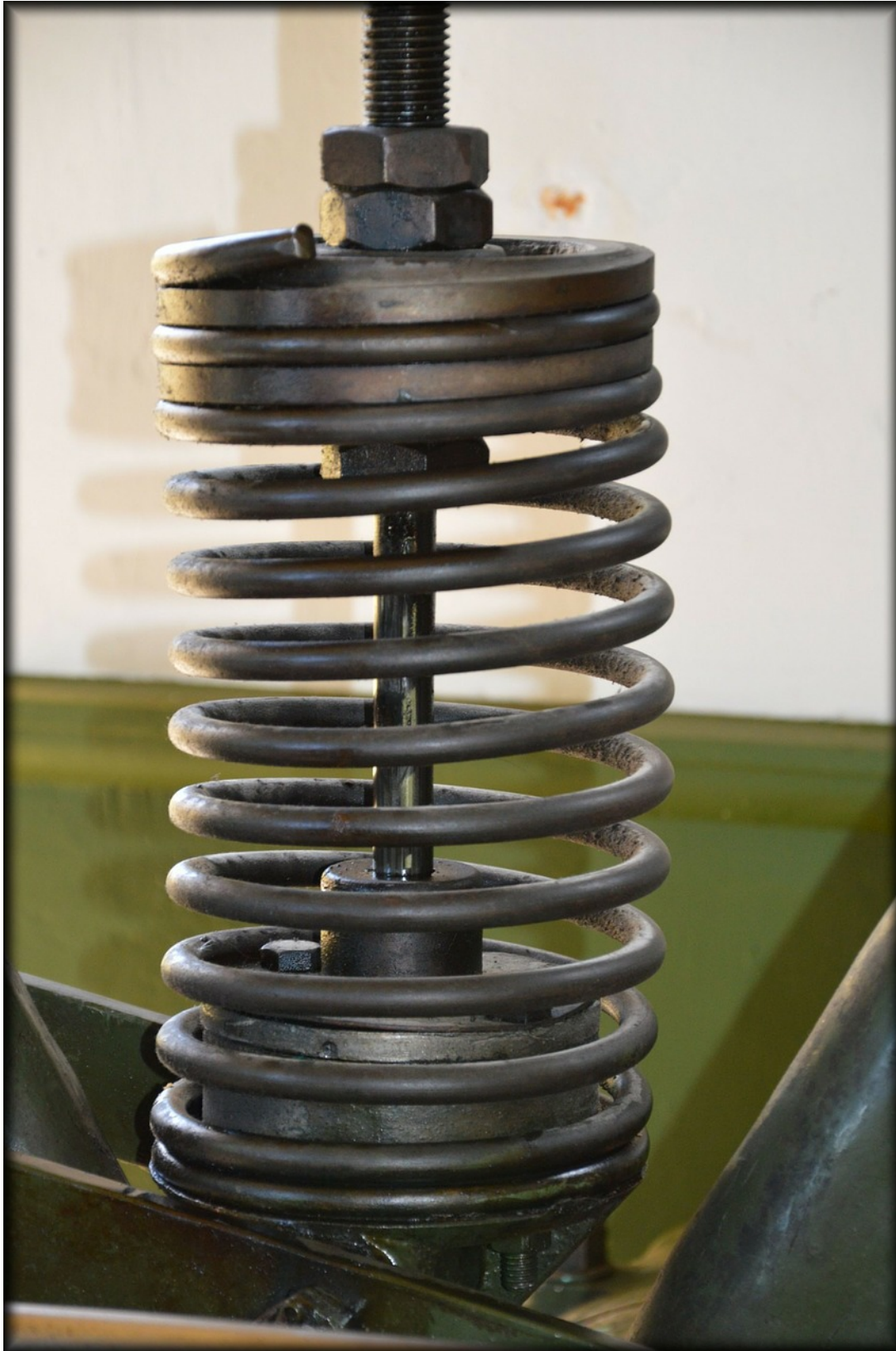
## Buffer as a Noun

### Definitions of "Buffer" as a noun

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

- *A person or thing that reduces a shock or that forms a barrier between incompatible or antagonistic people or things.*
- *An inclined metal frame at the front of a locomotive to clear the track.*
- *A pair of shock-absorbing pistons projecting from a cross-beam at the end of a railway track or on the front and rear of a railway vehicle.*
- *An implement consisting of soft material mounted on a block; used for polishing (as in manicuring).*
- *A cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact.*
- *A solution which resists changes in pH when acid or alkali is added to it.*
- *A neutral zone between two rival powers that is created in order to diminish the danger of conflict.*

- *(chemistry) an ionic compound that resists changes in its pH.*
- *(computer science) a part of RAM used for temporary storage of data that is waiting to be sent to a device; used to compensate for differences in the rate of flow of data between components of a computer system.*
- *A temporary memory area in which data is stored while it is being processed or transferred, especially one used while streaming video or downloading audio.*
- *A power tool used to buff surfaces.*
- *A part of RAM used for temporary storage of data that is waiting to be sent to a device; used to compensate for differences in the rate of flow of data between components of a computer system.*
- *An ionic compound that resists changes in its pH.*



## Synonyms of "Buffer" as a noun (10 Words)

- buff** A soft thick undyed leather from the skins of e g buffalo or oxen.  
*Swimming in the **buff** means to swim naked.*
- buffer storage** A power tool used to buff surfaces.
- buffer store** A neutral zone between two rival powers that is created in order to diminish the danger of conflict.
- buffer zone** A part of RAM used for temporary storage of data that is waiting to be sent to a device; used to compensate for differences in the rate of flow of data between components of a computer system.
- bulwark** An embankment built around a space for defensive purposes.  
*The security forces are a **bulwark** against the breakdown of society.*
- cowcatcher** A metal frame at the front of a locomotive for pushing aside cattle or other obstacles on the line.
- cushion** A bag of cloth stuffed with a mass of soft material, used as a comfortable support for sitting or leaning on.  
*Comfortable chairs and sofas piled with **cushions**.*
- fender** An inclined metal frame at the front of a locomotive to clear the track.  
*In Britain they call a **fender** a wing.*
- pilot** Something that serves as a model or a basis for making copies.  
*He returns to our TV screens in a **pilot** for a Channel 4 sitcom.*
- polisher** A power tool used to buff surfaces.



## Usage Examples of "Buffer" as a noun

- *Family and friends can provide a buffer against stress.*
- *Print speed is boosted by pages being formatted in a buffer while another is printing.*





## Buffer as a Verb

### Definitions of "Buffer" as a verb

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

- *Add a buffer (a solution).*
- *Store (data) in a buffer while it is being processed or transferred.*
- *Protect from impact.*
- *Treat with a chemical buffer.*
- *Lessen or moderate the impact of (something).*





## Synonyms of "Buffer" as a verb (12 Words)

- absorb** Assimilate or take in.  
*The work **absorbed** him and continued to make him happy.*
- allay** Satisfy (thirst).  
*Some stale figs partly **allayed** our hunger.*
- cushion** Protect from impact.  
***Cushion** the blow.*
- deaden** Make (a noise or sensation) less strong or intense.  
***Deadened** wine.*
- diminish** Cause to seem less impressive or valuable.  
*The new law is expected to **diminish** the government's chances.*
- lessen** Make smaller.  
*The warmth of the afternoon **lessened**.*



- mitigate** Lessen the gravity of (an offence or mistake).  
*There had been a provocation that **mitigated** the offence to a degree.*
- moderate** Lessen the intensity of; temper; hold in restraint; hold or keep within limits.  
*He **moderated** his tone when the students burst out in tears.*
- muffle** Make (a sound) quieter or less distinct.  
*The trade unions fear their voice within the party is being **muffled**.*
- shield** Prevent or reduce the escape of sound, light, or other radiation from (something).  
*He pulled the cap lower to **shield** his eyes from the glare.*
- soften** Make less severe or harsh.  
*The blockade appears a better weapon with which to **soften** them up for eventual surrender.*
- stifle** Impair the respiration of or obstruct the air passage of.  
*She **stifled** a giggle.*



## Usage Examples of "Buffer" as a verb

- *Buffered saline solution for the eyes.*
- *Try buffering as much of the video stream as you can before you hit the 'play' button.*



- *Add organic matter to buffer the resulting alkalinity.*
- *The massage helped to buffer the strain.*



## Associations of "Buffer" (30 Words)

<b>alleviate</b>	Make easier. <i>He couldn't prevent her pain only <b>alleviate</b> it.</i>
<b>allow</b>	Allow or plan for a certain possibility concede the truth or validity of something. <i>Mandela was <b>allowed</b> few visitors in prison.</i>
<b>appease</b>	Overcome or allay. <i>We give to charity because it <b>appeases</b> our guilt.</i>
<b>assuage</b>	Satisfy (thirst). <i>The letter <b>assuaged</b> the fears of most members.</i>
<b>bumper</b>	A glass filled to the brim (especially as a toast). <i>She started the car with a jerk and hit the <b>bumper</b> of the car in front.</i>
<b>cache</b>	Provide hardware with a cache memory. <i>A <b>cache</b> of gold coins.</i>
<b>chemical</b>	Relating to or denoting the use of poison gas or other chemicals as weapons of war. <i><b>Chemical</b> treatments for killing fungi.</i>
<b>cushion</b>	A soft bag filled with air or a mass of padding such as feathers or foam rubber etc. <i>Underlay forms a <b>cushion</b> between carpet and floor.</i>
<b>dashboard</b>	Instrument panel on an automobile or airplane containing dials and controls. <i>An executive <b>dashboard</b> enables a CEO to see bank balances the top five customers accounts receivable and accounts payable.</i>
<b>demulcent</b>	A substance that relieves irritation of the mucous membranes in the mouth by forming a protective film.
<b>emollient</b>	Having the quality of softening or soothing the skin. <i>The president's <b>emollient</b> approach to differences.</i>
<b>evasion</b>	The deliberate act of failing to pay money. <i>Their adroit <b>evasion</b> of almost all questions.</i>
<b>fender</b>	The mudguard or area around the wheel well of a vehicle. <i>In Britain they call a <b>fender</b> a wing.</i>
<b>laxative</b>	A medicine which has a laxative effect. <i><b>Laxative</b> drugs.</i>
<b>licensee</b>	The holder of a licence, especially to sell alcoholic drinks.
<b>maceration</b>	Softening due to soaking or steeping.



<b>mitigate</b>	Make less severe or harsh. <i>There had been a provocation that <b>mitigated</b> the offence to a degree.</i>
<b>persuade</b>	Cause (someone) to believe something, especially after a sustained effort; convince. <i>He did everything he could to <b>persuade</b> the police that he was the robber.</i>
<b>polisher</b>	A power tool used to buff surfaces.
<b>rarefy</b>	Lessen the density or solidity of. <i>As the shell continues to expand and <b>rarefy</b> astronomers may eventually be able to see characteristic gamma rays from the radioactivity within.</i>
<b>reaction</b>	A response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude. <i>The work of these painters was a <b>reaction</b> against Fauvism.</i>
<b>relent</b>	Become less severe or intense. <i>She was going to refuse his request but <b>relented</b>.</i>
<b>remit</b>	Law the act of remitting especially the referral of a law case to another court. <i>The committee was becoming caught up in issues that did not fall within its <b>remit</b>.</i>
<b>resilient</b>	Elastic; rebounds readily. <i>The fish are <b>resilient</b> to most infections.</i>
<b>slacken</b>	Make slack as by lessening tension or firmness. <i>The pace never <b>slackens</b>.</i>
<b>soft</b>	In a relaxed manner or without hardship soft is nonstandard. <i>Her hair felt very <b>soft</b>.</i>
<b>soften</b>	Make less severe or harsh. <i><b>Soften</b> a shock.</i>
<b>stash</b>	A hiding place or hideout. <i>Their wealth had been <b>stashed</b> away in Swiss banks.</i>
<b>stoop</b>	Have the head and shoulders habitually bent forwards. <i>He tends to <b>stoop</b> when he walks.</i>
<b>succumb</b>	Fail to resist pressure, temptation, or some other negative force. <i>After a few blows there the porcupine <b>succumbs</b>.</i>

