

Need another word that means the same as “cushion”? Find 31 synonyms and 30 related words for “cushion” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Cushion” are: shock, shock absorber, pillow, bolster, headrest, protection, buffer, shield, defence, bulwark, soften, lessen, diminish, decrease, mitigate, temper, allay, alleviate, reduce the effect of, take the edge off, dull, blunt, deaden, absorb, muffle, stifle, protect, shelter, cocoon**

## Cushion as a Noun

### Definitions of "Cushion" as a noun

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

- *A mechanical damper; absorbs energy of sudden impulses.*
- *A bag of cloth stuffed with a mass of soft material, used as a comfortable support for sitting or leaning on.*
- *A soft bag filled with air or a mass of padding such as feathers or foam rubber etc.*
- *The layer of air supporting a hovercraft or similar vehicle.*
- *The elastic lining of the sides of a billiard table, from which the ball rebounds.*
- *Something providing support or protection against impact.*
- *The layer of air that supports a hovercraft or similar vehicle.*



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

- bolster** A part on a vehicle or tool providing structural support or reducing friction.
- buffer** 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.  
*Print speed is boosted by pages being formatted in a **buffer** while another is printing.*
- bulwark** A protective structure of stone or concrete; extends from shore into the water to prevent a beach from washing away.  
*The ships met their crews lining the **bulwarks**.*
- defence** The case presented by or on behalf of the party accused of a crime or being sued in a civil lawsuit.  
*Despite heavy pressure the **defence** was coping well.*
- headrest** A rest for the head.

- pillow** A rectangular cloth bag stuffed with feathers or other soft materials, used to support the head when lying or sleeping.
- protection** Protection money paid to criminals especially on a regular basis.  
*Most European climbers drill bolts into rock rather than using removable **protection**.*
- shield** A sporting trophy shaped like a shield consisting of an engraved metal plate mounted on a piece of wood.  
*Team captain Ben Hall collected the winners **shield**.*
- shock** A pile of sheaves of grain set on end in a field to dry; stalks of Indian corn set up in a field.  
*He was numb with **shock**.*
- shock absorber** Bodily collapse or near collapse caused by inadequate oxygen delivery to the cells; characterized by reduced cardiac output and rapid heartbeat and circulatory insufficiency and pallor.



## Usage Examples of "Cushion" as a noun

- *Comfortable chairs and sofas piled with cushions.*
- *Underlay forms a cushion between carpet and floor.*



## Cushion as a Verb

### Definitions of "Cushion" as a verb

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

- *Protect from impact.*
- *Soften the effect of an impact on.*
- *Mitigate the adverse effects of.*



## Synonyms of "Cushion" as a verb (21 Words)

<b>absorb</b>	Take up mentally. <i>The work <b>absorbed</b> him and continued to make him happy.</i>
<b>allay</b>	Lessen the intensity of or calm. <i>The report attempted to educate the public and <b>allay</b> fears.</i>
<u><a href="#">alleviate</a></u>	Make easier. <i>He couldn't prevent her pain only <b>alleviate</b> it.</i>
<b>blunt</b>	Make dull or blunt. <i>Terror <b>blunted</b> her feelings.</i>
<u><a href="#">buffer</a></u>	Add a buffer a solution. <i>Try <b>buffering</b> as much of the video stream as you can before you hit the play button.</i>

<b>cocoon</b>	Retreat as if into a cocoon as from an unfriendly environment. <i>We remain <b>cocooned</b> in our own little world of fantasies.</i>
<b>deaden</b>	Lessen the momentum or velocity of. <i><b>Deaden</b> a sound.</i>
<b>decrease</b>	Decrease in size extent or range. <i>The population of the area has <b>decreased</b> radically.</i>
<b>diminish</b>	Decrease in size, extent, or range. <i>The pain will gradually <b>diminish</b>.</i>
<b>dull</b>	Make or become dull or less intense. <i>Time <b>dulls</b> the memory.</i>
<b>lessen</b>	Make smaller. <i>The warmth of the afternoon <b>lessened</b>.</i>
<b>mitigate</b>	Lessen or to try to lessen the seriousness or extent of. <i>Drainage schemes have helped to <b>mitigate</b> this problem.</i>
<b>muffle</b>	Make (a sound) quieter or less distinct. <i><b>Muffle</b> one's anger.</i>
<b>protect</b>	Shield from danger, injury, destruction, or damage. <i>Security products are designed to <b>protect</b> information from unauthorized access.</i>
<b>reduce the effect of</b>	Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements.
<b><u>shelter</u></b>	Provide shelter for. <i>We are <b>sheltered</b> from the awfulness of reality.</i>
<b><u>shield</u></b>	Remain apart from others for a period of time in order to avoid catching an infectious disease to which one may be particularly vulnerable. <i>He pulled the cap lower to <b>shield</b> his eyes from the glare.</i>
<b>soften</b>	Remove mineral salts from (water). <i>The blockade appears a better weapon with which to <b>soften</b> them up for eventual surrender.</i>
<b><u>stifle</u></b>	Impair the respiration of or obstruct the air passage of. <i>She <b>stifled</b> a giggle.</i>
<b>take the edge off</b>	Require as useful, just, or proper.
<b><u>temper</u></b>	Make more temperate acceptable or suitable by adding something else. <i><b>Temper</b> glass.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Cushion" as a verb

- *To cushion the blow, wages and pensions were increased.*
- *The bag cushions equipment from inevitable knocks.*
- *Cushion the blow.*



## Associations of "Cushion" (30 Words)

- armchair** A large, comfortable chair with side supports for a person's arms.  
*An **armchair** traveller.*
- bedding** A display of bedding plants.  
*A **bedding** course of sand.*
- bedspread** A decorative cloth used to cover a bed when it is not in use.
- blanket** Cover as if with a blanket.  
*I slept on the ground covered by my **blanket**.*
- brocade** Weave a design into (textiles).  
*A heavy **brocade** curtain.*
- buffer** Store data in a buffer while it is being processed or transferred.  
*Try **buffering** as much of the video stream as you can before you hit the play button.*



<b>carpet</b>	Cover completely as if with a carpet. <i>The floor was covered with <b>carpet</b>.</i>
<b>chair</b>	The person in charge of a meeting or of an organization used as a neutral alternative to chairman or chairwoman. <i>He put his coat over the back of the <b>chair</b> and sat down.</i>
<b>cornice</b>	Furnish with a cornice.
<b>couch</b>	Lower (a spear) to the position for attack. <i>The child was lying on the examination <b>couch</b>.</i>
<b>curtain</b>	A raising or lowering of the curtain at the beginning or end of an act or scene. <i><b>Curtain</b> the bedrooms.</i>
<b>desk</b>	A counter in a hotel, bank, or airport at which a customer may check in or obtain information. <i>A <b>desk</b> job.</i>
<b>drape</b>	Place casually. <i><b>Drape</b> the statue with a sheet.</i>
<b>drapery</b>	The depiction of folds of cloth in sculpture or painting. <i>The hall of the school was hung with green <b>drapery</b>.</i>
<b>droop</b>	Droop sink or settle from or as if from pressure or loss of tautness. <i>James hid his face in his hands and <b>drooped</b> his head.</i>
<b>fabric</b>	The body of a car or aircraft. <i>Heavy cream <b>fabric</b>.</i>
<b>furniture</b>	Furnishings that make a room or other area ready for occupancy. <i>There was only one piece of <b>furniture</b> in the room.</i>
<b>mat</b>	A piece of coarse material for lying on. <i>Sweat <b>matted</b> his hair.</i>
<b>mattress</b>	A flat structure of concrete, brushwood, or other material, used as strengthening or support for foundations, embankments, etc.
<b>padding</b>	Soft material such as foam or cloth used to pad or stuff something. <i>Cushions supplied extra <b>padding</b> and decoration.</i>
<b>pillow</b>	Rest one's head as if on a pillow. <i>Her transparent cheek all pale and warm <b>pillow</b> d his deathlike forehead.</i>
<b>quilt</b>	A knitted or fabric bedspread with decorative stitching. <i><b>Quilt</b> the skirt.</i>
<b>recliner</b>	A chair with a reclining back, especially one with an integral footrest.
<b>rug</b>	A thick woollen coverlet or wrap, used especially when travelling. <i>Men who shave their heads or wear <b>rugs</b>.</i>

- seat** Of a vehicle or building have seats for a specified number of people.  
*He dusted off the **seat** before sitting down.*
- shutter** Close with shutters.  
*We **shuttered** the window to keep the house cool.*
- sleeper** Tropical fish that resembles a goby and rests quietly on the bottom in shallow water.  
*A KGB plot to uncover his **sleepers**.*
- sofa** A long upholstered seat with a back and arms, for two or more people.  
***Sofa** cushions.*
- stool** Lure with a stool as of wild fowl.  
*Fibre in the child s diet will soften the **stools**.*
- valance** A decorative framework to conceal curtain fixtures at the top of a window casing.

