

Need another word that means the same as “foil”? Find 24 synonyms and 30 related words for “foil” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Foil” are: baffle, bilk, cross, frustrate, queer, scotch, spoil, thwart, counter, oppose, balk, disappoint, impede, obstruct, hamper, hinder, snooker, cripple, derail, smash, dash, hydrofoil, enhancer, transparency

Foil as a Noun

Definitions of "Foil" as a noun

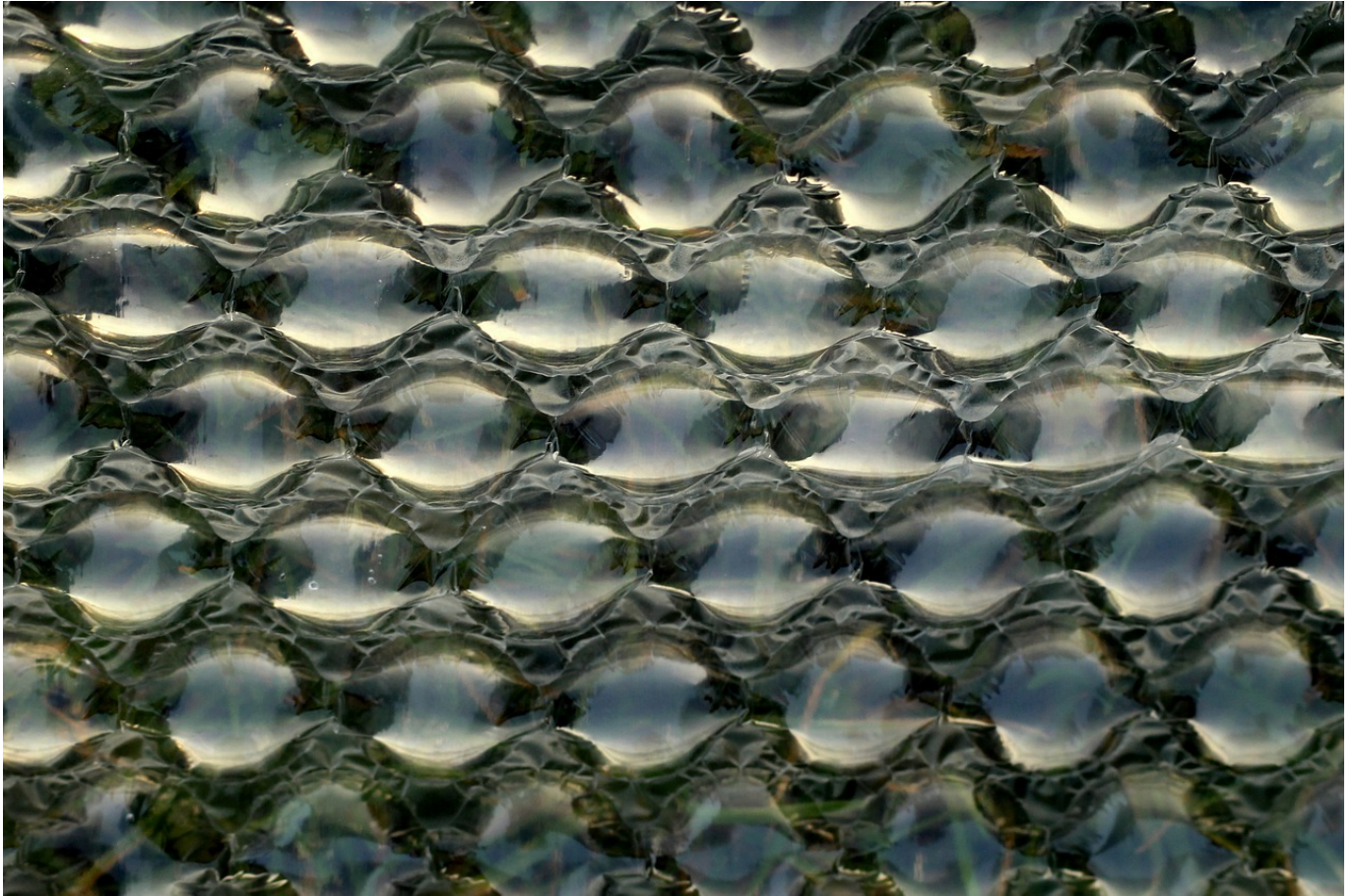
According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “foil” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A piece of thin and flexible sheet metal.*
- *A light slender flexible sword tipped by a button.*
- *The track or scent of a hunted animal.*
- *A setback in an enterprise; a defeat.*
- *Anything that serves by contrast to call attention to another thing's good qualities.*
- *Picture consisting of a positive photograph or drawing on a transparent base; viewed with a projector.*
- *A device consisting of a flat or curved piece (as a metal plate) so that its surface reacts to the water it is passing through.*



Synonyms of "Foil" as a noun (3 Words)

- enhancer** Anything that serves by contrast to call attention to another thing's good qualities.
*A sweetener and flavour **enhancer**.*
- hydrofoil** Each of the foils of a hydrofoil.
*The fins of a fish act as **hydrofoils**.*
- transparency** The quality of being clear and transparent.
*The **transparency** of ice.*



Usage Examples of "Foil" as a noun

- *The fins of a fish act as hydrofoils.*
- *The photographic film was wrapped in foil.*
- *Pretty girls like plain friends as foils.*



Foil as a Verb

Definitions of "Foil" as a verb

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

- *Frustrate the efforts or plans of.*
- *Cover or back with foil.*
- *Prevent (something considered wrong or undesirable) from succeeding.*
- *Hinder or prevent (the efforts, plans, or desires) of.*
- *Enhance by contrast.*
- *(of a hunted animal) run over or cross (ground or a scent or track) in such a way as to confuse the hounds.*



Synonyms of "Foil" as a verb (21 Words)

- baffle** Restrain or regulate (a fluid, sound, etc).
*To **baffle** the noise further I pad the gunwales.*
- balk** (with reference to a horse) refuse or cause to refuse to go on.
*He **balked** at such a drastic solution.*
- bilk** Evade; elude.
*Some businesses **bilk** thousands of dollars from unsuspecting elderly consumers.*
- counter** Speak in response.
*He **countered** with some very persuasive arguments.*
- cross** Cause to intersect or lie crosswise.
*Two paths **crossed** the field.*
- dash** Hurl or thrust violently.
*Blue paint **dashed** with white.*

derail	Run off or leave the rails. <i>The trams had a tendency to derail on sharp corners.</i>
disappoint	Fail to fulfil the hopes or expectations of. <i>The governing coalition had bitterly disappointed the hopes of its voters.</i>
frustrate	Treat cruelly. <i>What ultimately frustrated every challenger was Ruth's amazing September surge.</i>
hamper	Put at a disadvantage. <i>He was hampered in his efforts by the bad weather.</i>
hinder	Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of. <i>The brace I have to wear is hindering my movements.</i>
impede	Delay or prevent (someone or something) by obstructing them; hinder. <i>The sap causes swelling which can impede breathing.</i>
obstruct	Block (an opening, path, road, etc.); be or get in the way of. <i>They had to alter the course of the stream and obstruct the natural flow of the water.</i>
oppose	Contrast with equal weight or force. <i>A candidate to oppose the leader in the presidential contest.</i>
scotch	Wedge (someone or something) somewhere. <i>Feudal power in France was scotched though far from killed.</i>
smash	Break suddenly into pieces, as from a violent blow. <i>The window smashed.</i>
snooker	Subject oneself or one's opponent to a snooker. <i>He was snookered by the con man's smooth talk.</i>
spoil	Have a strong desire or urge to do something. <i>He is spoiling for a fight.</i>
thwart	Prevent (someone) from accomplishing something. <i>He was thwarted in his desire to punish Uncle Fred.</i>



Usage Examples of "Foil" as a verb

- *Foil mirrors.*
- *In this picture, the figures are foiled against the background.*
- *A brave policewoman foiled the armed robbery.*
- *Their rivals were foiled by the weather.*
- *Foil your opponent.*



Associations of "Foil" (30 Words)

alloy	Mix metals to make an alloy. <i>Alloy wheels.</i>
aluminum	A silvery ductile metallic element found primarily in bauxite.
amber	A honey yellow colour typical of amber. <i>Amber eyes.</i>
auriferous	Containing gold. <i>Not all the quartz veins are auriferous.</i>
brass	Brass wind instruments including trumpet horn and trombone forming a band or a section of an orchestra. <i>Shining brasses stood on the mantelpiece.</i>
bronze	Give the color and appearance of bronze to something. <i>On the black bookcase were three exquisite bronzes.</i>

cable	A television system that transmits over cables. <i>This was an occasion for using the telephone not cables teletexes or letters.</i>
cardboard	A stiff moderately thick paper. <i>A cardboard box.</i>
chromium	A hard brittle multivalent metallic element; resistant to corrosion and tarnishing.
copper	Cover or coat something with copper. <i>Some iron hulls were sheathed with wood and then coppered.</i>
envelop	Enclose or enfold completely with or as if with a covering. <i>A feeling of despair enveloped him.</i>
gift	Give as a present make a gift of. <i>The goalkeeper gifted Liverpool their last minute winner.</i>
gild	A formal association of people with similar interests. <i>In 1436 he gilded and painted statues for Bruges Town Hall.</i>
gold	Made of or coloured like gold. <i>Her eyes were light green and flecked with gold.</i>
golden	(of an opportunity) very favourable. <i>A golden era.</i>
hermetically	In a way that is insulated or protected from outside influences. <i>The stopper was hermetically closed.</i>
manganese	The black dioxide of manganese as an industrial raw material or additive especially in glass making.
metal	Cover with metal. <i>An adjustable pole made of metal.</i>
nickel	Coat with nickel. <i>A nickel bag of drugs.</i>
oxide	Any compound of oxygen with another element or a radical. <i>Nitrogen oxide.</i>
packaging	The presentation of a person or thing in an advantageous way. <i>They specialized in food packaging.</i>
paper	Cover a hole or blemish with wallpaper. <i>He has written many scientific papers.</i>
pearl	Form drops resembling pearls. <i>The peaked hills were blue and pearled with clouds.</i>
platinum	Greyish white or silvery like platinum. <i>A platinum wig.</i>

- railing** A fence or barrier made of rails.
*Wrought iron **railings**.*
- shroud** Wrap or dress a body in a shroud for burial.
*Mountains **shrouded** by cloud.*
- wrap** The covering usually paper or cellophane in which something is wrapped.
*The program can automatically **wrap** text around irregularly shaped graphics.*
- wrapper** Cloak that is folded or wrapped around a person.
*She put a **wrapper** over her nightdress.*
- wrapping** Paper or soft material used to cover or enclose something.
*She took the cellophane **wrapping** off the box.*
- zinc** Coat iron with zinc or a zinc compound to prevent rust.
*A **zinc** roof.*

