

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

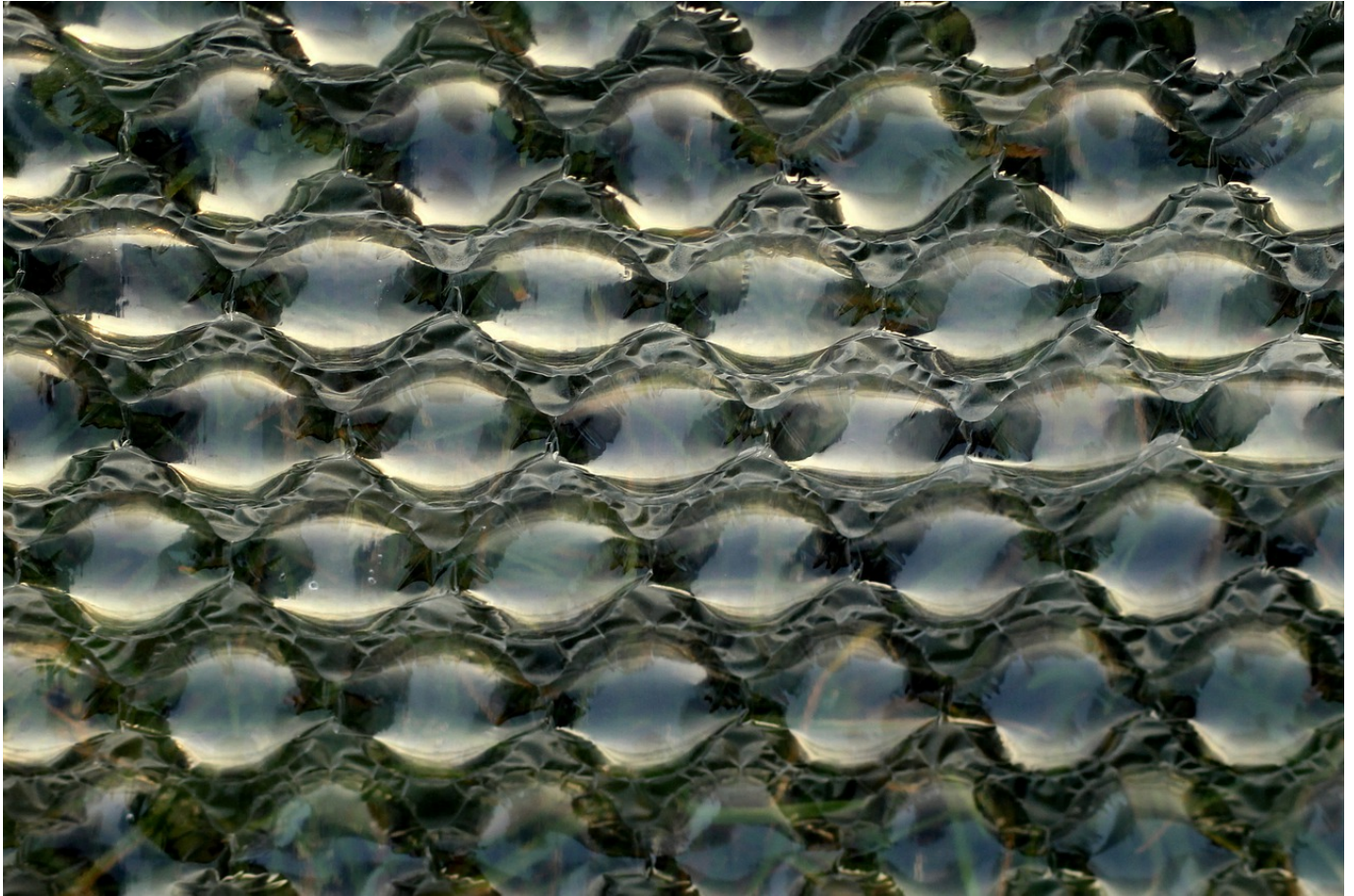
According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “foil” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *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.*

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

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



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

