

Need another word that means the same as “shield”? Find 39 synonyms and 30 related words for “shield” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Shield” are: buckler, carapace, cuticle, shell, target, protection, guard, defence, cover, screen, shade, safety, security, shelter, safeguard, support, bulwark, protector, harbor, harbour, protect, keep safe, keep from harm, afford protection to, provide protection for, save, wrap, preserve, conserve, defend, cushion, secure, inoculate, insulate**

## Shield as a Noun

### Definitions of "Shield" as a noun

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

- *A protective covering or structure.*
- *Hard outer covering or case of certain organisms such as arthropods and turtles.*
- *A large rigid area of the earth's crust, typically of Precambrian rock, which has been unaffected by later orogenic episodes, e.g. the Canadian Shield.*
- *A broad piece of metal or another suitable material, held by straps or a handle attached on one side, used as a protection against blows or missiles.*
- *A device or material that prevents or reduces the emission of light or other radiation.*
- *A person or thing providing protection.*
- *A hard flat or convex part of an animal, especially a shell.*

- *A stylized representation of a shield used for displaying a coat of arms.*
- *Armor carried on the arm to intercept blows.*
- *A sporting trophy shaped like a shield, consisting of an engraved metal plate mounted on a piece of wood.*
- *A protective plate or screen on machinery or equipment.*
- *A US police officer's badge.*



## Synonyms of "Shield" as a noun (18 Words)

<b>buckler</b>	Armor carried on the arm to intercept blows.
<b>bulwark</b>	A fencelike structure around a deck (usually plural). <i>The ships met their crews lining the <b>bulwarks</b>.</i>
<b>carapace</b>	The hard upper shell of a tortoise, crustacean, or arachnid. <i>The study found oil in the <b>carapace</b> of 29 sea turtles that returned to feed in the spill area.</i>
<b>cover</b>	A natural object that covers or envelops. <i>The standing crops of game <b>cover</b>.</i>
<b>cuticle</b>	Hard outer covering or case of certain organisms such as arthropods and turtles. <i>The body is covered with a non living <b>cuticle</b> of chitin.</i>
<b>defence</b>	A means of protecting something from attack. <i>Coastal <b>defences</b>.</i>
<b>guard</b>	The person who plays the position of guard on a basketball team. <i>Before Seb could raise his <b>guard</b> Boz swung a wild punch.</i>
<b>protection</b>	Protection money paid to criminals especially on a regular basis. <i>She was living under his lordship s <b>protection</b> at Gloucester Gate.</i>
<u><b>protector</b></u>	A regent in charge of a kingdom during the minority, absence, or incapacity of the sovereign. <i>A man who became her <b>protector</b> adviser and friend.</i>
<b>safeguard</b>	A document or escort providing safe passage through a region especially in time of war. <i>An insurance policy is a good <b>safeguard</b>.</i>
<b>safety</b>	Denoting something designed to prevent injury or damage. <i>A <b>safety</b> helmet.</i>
<u><b>screen</b></u>	A windscreen of a motor vehicle. <i>A huge movie <b>screen</b>.</i>
<u><b>security</b></u>	Procedures followed or measures taken to ensure the security of a state or organization. <i>The watch dog gave her a feeling of <b>security</b>.</i>
<u><b>shade</b></u>	An eyeshade. <i>This area will be in <b>shade</b> for much of the day.</i>
<u><b>shell</b></u>	Something resembling or likened to a shell because of its shape or its function as an outer case. <i>Pasta <b>shells</b>.</i>



**shelter**

An animal sanctuary.

*The **shelter** sees many dogs which have been dumped on Dartmoor.*

**support**

A musical part vocal or instrumental that supports or provides background for other musical parts.

*The study provides **support** for both theories.*

**target**

The location of the target that is to be hit.

*The **target** of a manhunt.*



## Usage Examples of "Shield" as a noun

- *The horseshoe crab's armour forms a huge domed shield.*
- *A face shield is sometimes an integral part of a safety helmet.*
- *A coating of grease provides a shield against abrasive dirt.*
- *Team captain Ben Hall collected the winners' shield.*
- *Water is a relatively good shield against cosmic rays.*



## Shield as a Verb

### Definitions of "Shield" as a verb

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

- *Enclose or screen (a piece of machinery) to protect the user.*
- *Prevent from being seen.*
- *Remain apart from others for a period of time in order to avoid catching an infectious disease to which one may be particularly vulnerable.*
- *Prevent or reduce the escape of sound, light, or other radiation from (something).*
- *Protect from a danger, risk, or unpleasant experience.*
- *Protect, hide, or conceal from danger or harm.*
- *Hold back a thought or feeling about.*





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

<b>afford protection to</b>	Have the financial means to do something or buy something.
<b><u>conserve</u></b>	Keep in safety and protect from harm, decay, loss, or destruction. <i>Energy is <b>conserved</b> in this process.</i>
<b>cover</b>	Form a cover over. <i>The grass <b>covered</b> the grave.</i>
<b><u>cushion</u></b>	Mitigate the adverse effects of. <i>The bag <b>cushions</b> equipment from inevitable knocks.</i>
<b><u>defend</u></b>	Be the defense counsel for someone in a trial. <i>Ms Smith will represent the <b>defendant</b>.</i>
<b>guard</b>	To keep watch over. <i>There would be men <b>guarding</b> the horses.</i>
<b><u>harbor</u></b>	Hold back a thought or feeling about. <i>She is <b>harboring</b> a grudge against him.</i>

<b>harbour</b>	Of a ship or its crew moor in a harbour. <i>Some of these planets may <b>harbour</b> life.</i>
<b>inoculate</b>	Introduce an idea or attitude into the mind of. <i>He <b>inoculated</b> his tenants against smallpox.</i>
<b>insulate</b>	Protect from heat, cold, or noise by surrounding with insulating material. <i>The room was heavily <b>insulated</b> against all outside noise.</i>
<b>keep from harm</b>	Keep under control; keep in check.
<b>keep safe</b>	Supply with room and board.
<u><b>preserve</b></u>	Keep safe from harm or injury. <i><b>Preserve</b> the forest and the lakes.</i>
<b>protect</b>	Aim to preserve (a threatened species or area) by legislating against hunting, collecting, or development. <i>Japan s Ministry of Trade Industry erected barriers to <b>protect</b> the country s infant computer industry.</i>
<b>provide protection for</b>	Determine (what is to happen in certain contingencies), especially by including a proviso condition or stipulation.
<b>safeguard</b>	Protect from harm or damage with an appropriate measure. <i>A framework which <b>safeguards</b> employees from exploitation.</i>
<u><b>save</b></u>	Save from sins. <i>You can <b>save</b> up for retirement in a number of ways.</i>
<u><b>screen</b></u>	Project onto a screen for viewing. <i>Outpatients were <b>screened</b> for cervical cancer.</i>
<u><b>secure</b></u>	Protect against threats; make safe. <i>A loan <b>secured</b> on your home.</i>
<u><b>shade</b></u>	Represent the effect of shade or shadow on. <i>Their shares <b>shaded</b> 10p to 334p.</i>
<u><b>wrap</b></u>	Clasp or embrace (someone). <i>We <b>wrapped</b> on schedule three days later.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Shield" as a verb

- *He pulled the cap lower to shield his eyes from the glare.*
- *They are shielding to protect their own health.*
- *These people have been completely shielded from economic forces.*
- *Uranium shutters shield the cobalt radioactive source.*
- *Cylindrical ducts shield the propellers.*
- *The rocks she sat behind shielded her from the lodge.*



## Associations of "Shield" (30 Words)

### [aegis](#)

Kindly endorsement and guidance.

*The negotiations were conducted under the **aegis** of the UN.*

### [affix](#)

A linguistic element added to a word to produce an inflected or derived form.

*Grammatical morphemes **affix** to the stem.*

<b>armor</b>	A military unit consisting of armored fighting vehicles.
<b><u>bow</u></b>	A single passage of a bow over the strings of an instrument. <i>She <b>bowed</b> before the Queen.</i>
<b><u>brandish</u></b>	Wave or flourish (something, especially a weapon) as a threat or in anger or excitement. <i>A man leaped out <b>brandishing</b> a knife.</i>
<b>conservation</b>	Preservation and repair of archaeological, historical, and cultural sites and artefacts. <i>The artworks in the collection need indexing and <b>conservation</b>.</i>
<b>convoy</b>	A collection of merchant ships with an escort of warships. <i>The warships <b>convoyed</b> the merchant ships across the Pacific.</i>
<b>cudgel</b>	Beat with a cudgel. <i>They would lie in wait and <b>cudgel</b> her to death.</i>
<b>cuticle</b>	Hard outer covering or case of certain organisms such as arthropods and turtles. <i>The <b>cuticle</b> is the hair s protective shield.</i>
<b><u>defend</u></b>	Speak or write in favour of (an action or person); attempt to justify. <i>They were forced to <b>defend</b> for long periods.</i>
<b>defense</b>	An organization of defenders that provides resistance against attack. <i>The artillery battered down the <b>defenses</b>.</i>
<b>defensible</b>	Able to be protected. <i>A fort with a <b>defensible</b> yard at its feet.</i>
<b>escutcheon</b>	A shield; especially one displaying a coat of arms.
<b>guard</b>	The person who plays the position of guard on a basketball team. <i>A retractable blade <b>guard</b>.</i>
<b>helmet</b>	A hard or padded protective hat, various types of which are worn by soldiers, police officers, motorcyclists, sports players, and others.
<b>lancet</b>	A lancet arch or window. <i>A <b>lancet</b> clock.</i>
<b><u>preserve</u></b>	Fruit preserved by cooking with sugar. <i>A fight to <b>preserve</b> local democracy.</i>
<b>protect</b>	Keep safe from harm or injury. <i>He tried to <b>protect</b> Kelly from the attack.</i>
<b>protection</b>	Protection money paid to criminals especially on a regular basis. <i>A <b>protection</b> against the evil eye.</i>
<b>protectionism</b>	The policy of imposing duties or quotas on imports in order to protect home industries from overseas competition.



<b>protege</b>	A person who receives support and protection from an influential patron who furthers the protege's career.
<b>pummel</b>	Strike repeatedly with the fists. <i>He felt like a boxer who had been <b>pummelled</b> mercilessly against the ropes.</i>
<b>reinforcement</b>	A device designed to provide additional strength. <i>Older electricity mains required <b>reinforcement</b> to meet increased demand.</i>
<b>soldier</b>	Serve as a soldier in the military. <i>Graham wasn't enjoying this but he <b>soldiered</b> on.</i>
<b>sword</b>	A weapon with a long metal blade and a hilt with a hand guard, used for thrusting or striking and now typically worn as part of ceremonial dress. <i>Not many perished by the <b>sword</b>.</i>
<b>tenable</b>	Able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection. <i>Such a simplistic approach is no longer <b>tenable</b>.</i>
<b>territorial</b>	Displaying territoriality defending a territory from intruders. <i>A bizarre <b>territorial</b> rite.</i>
<b>ward</b>	The grooves in the bit of a key that correspond to the wards in a lock. <i>They put her in a 4 bed <b>ward</b>.</i>
<b>watchman</b>	A guard who keeps watch. <i>A night <b>watchman</b>.</i>
<b>windshield</b>	A window at the front of the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle; a windscreen.

