

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)

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

- 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)

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

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

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

protege	A person who receives support and protection from an influential patron who furthers the protege s career.
pummel	Strike repeatedly with the fists. <i>He felt like a boxer who had been pummelled mercilessly against the ropes.</i>
reinforcement	A device designed to provide additional strength. <i>Older electricity mains required reinforcement to meet increased demand.</i>
soldier	Serve as a soldier in the military. <i>Graham wasn t enjoying this but he soldiered on.</i>
sword	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 sword.</i>
tenable	Able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection. <i>Such a simplistic approach is no longer tenable.</i>
territorial	Displaying territoriality defending a territory from intruders. <i>A bizarre territorial rite.</i>
ward	The grooves in the bit of a key that correspond to the wards in a lock. <i>They put her in a 4 bed ward.</i>
watchman	A guard who keeps watch. <i>A night watchman.</i>
windshield	A window at the front of the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle; a windscreen.

