

Need another word that means the same as “thwart”? Find 12 synonyms and 30 related words for “thwart” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Thwart” are: baffle, bilk, cross, foil, frustrate, queer, scotch, spoil, balk, stand in the way of, forestall, cross thwart**

## Thwart as a Noun

### Definitions of "Thwart" as a noun

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

- *A structural crosspiece forming a seat for a rower in a boat.*
- *A crosspiece spreading the gunnels of a boat; used as a seat in a rowboat.*

### Synonyms of "Thwart" as a noun (1 Word)

**cross thwart** A wooden structure consisting of an upright post with a transverse piece.

## Thwart as a Verb

### Definitions of "Thwart" as a verb

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

- *Oppose (a plan, attempt, or ambition) successfully.*
- *Hinder or prevent (the efforts, plans, or desires) of.*
- *Prevent (someone) from accomplishing something.*

## Synonyms of "Thwart" as a verb (11 Words)

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| <b>baffle</b>              | Totally bewilder or perplex.<br><i>An unexplained occurrence that <b>baffled</b> everyone.</i>  |
| <b>balk</b>                | Hesitate or be unwilling to accept an idea or undertaking.<br><i>He raised every objection he could to <b>balk</b> this plan.</i>   |
| <b><u>bilk</u></b>         | Escape, either physically or mentally.<br><i>Some businesses <b>bilk</b> thousands of dollars from unsuspecting elderly consumers.</i>  |
| <b><u>cross</u></b>        | Of a person make the sign of the cross in front of one's chest as a sign of Christian reverence or to invoke divine protection.<br><i><b>Cross</b> the cables in opposing directions.</i> |
| <b><u>foil</u></b>         | Cover or back with foil.<br><i>A brave policewoman <b>foiled</b> the armed robbery.</i>   |
| <b>forestall</b>           | Act in advance of (someone) in order to prevent them from doing something.<br><i>They will present their resignations to <b>forestall</b> a vote of no confidence.</i>                    |
| <b><u>frustrate</u></b>    | Cause (someone) to feel upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something.<br><i>It <b>frustrated</b> me that more couldn't be done for her.</i>                |
| <b>scotch</b>              | Hinder or prevent (the efforts, plans, or desires) of.<br><i>Feudal power in France was <b>scotched</b> though far from killed.</i>   |
| <b>spoil</b>               | (of food) become unfit for eating.<br><i>Cooper was <b>spoiling</b> for a fight.</i>  |
| <b>stand in the way of</b> | Be in some specified state or condition.  |

## Usage Examples of "Thwart" as a verb

- *He never did anything to thwart his father.*
- *The government had been able to thwart all attempts by opposition leaders to form new parties.*
- *He was thwarted in his desire to punish Uncle Fred.*

## Associations of "Thwart" (30 Words)

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| <b>avert</b>      | Turn away or aside.<br><i>She <b>averted</b> her eyes while we made stilted conversation.</i>                                   |
| <b>baffle</b>     | Be a mystery or bewildering to.<br><i>An unexplained occurrence that <b>baffled</b> everyone.</i>                               |
| <b>befuddle</b>   | Make stupid with alcohol.<br><i>This question <b>befuddled</b> even the teacher.</i>  |
| <b>bewilder</b>   | Be a mystery or bewildering to.<br><i>She was <b>bewildered</b> by his sudden change of mood.</i>                               |
| <b>blockade</b>   | Impose a blockade on.<br><i>They voted to lift the <b>blockade</b> of major railway junctions.</i>                              |
| <b>confound</b>   | Mix up (something) with something else.<br><i>He was forever <b>confounding</b> managerialism with idealism.</i>                |
| <b>confuse</b>    | Identify wrongly; mistake.<br><i>Her remarks <b>confused</b> the debate.</i>  |
| <b>discomfit</b>  | Make (someone) feel uneasy or embarrassed.<br><i>He was not noticeably <b>discomfited</b> by her tone.</i>                      |
| <b>disconcert</b> | Disturb the composure of; unsettle.<br><i>The abrupt change of subject <b>disconcerted</b> her.</i>                             |
| <b>disorder</b>   | Bring disorder to.<br><i>Recurrent food crises led to outbreaks of <b>disorder</b>.</i>   |
| <b>disorient</b>  | Cause someone to lose their sense of direction disorientate.<br><i>The driving snow <b>disoriented</b> them.</i>                |
| <b>dumbfound</b>  | Greatly astonish or amaze.<br><i>I was <b>dumbfounded</b> by the low prices there.</i>  |
| <b>embarrass</b>  | Cause to be embarrassed cause to feel self conscious.<br><i>She wouldn't <b>embarrass</b> either of them by making a scene.</i> |
| <b>faze</b>       | Disturb or disconcert (someone).<br><i>She was not <b>fazed</b> by his show of anger.</i>                                       |
| <b>flurry</b>     | (of a person) move quickly in a busy or agitated way.<br><i>There was a brief <b>flurry</b> of activity in the hall.</i>        |
| <b>fluster</b>    | Be flustered behave in a confused manner.<br><i>The main thing is not to get all in a <b>fluster</b>.</i>                       |
| <b>forestall</b>  | Buy up (goods) in order to profit by an enhanced price.<br><i>He would have spoken but David <b>forestalled</b> him.</i>        |

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| <b>forfend</b>   | Protect (something) by precautionary measures.<br><i>The sacrifice of Mississippi was <b>forfended</b> against even the treason of Wilkinson.</i>                               |
| <b>hinder</b>    | Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of.<br><i>Language barriers <b>hindered</b> communication between scientists.</i>  |
| <b>impede</b>    | Be a hindrance or obstacle to.<br><i>The sap causes swelling which can <b>impede</b> breathing.</i>   |
| <b>jumble</b>    | Articles collected for a jumble sale.<br><i>A drawer full of letters <b>jumbled</b> together.</i>   |
| <b>mystify</b>   | Be a mystery or bewildering to.<br><i><b>Mystify</b> the story.</i>   |
| <b>obfuscate</b> | Make obscure, unclear, or unintelligible.<br><i>The new rule is more likely to <b>obfuscate</b> people than enlighten them.</i>   |
| <b>obstruct</b>  | Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of.<br><i>They had to alter the course of the stream and <b>obstruct</b> the natural flow of the water.</i>                    |
| <b>occlude</b>   | (of a tooth) come into contact with another tooth in the opposite jaw.<br><i>In monkeys and apes the upper canine <b>occludes</b> with the lower first premolar.</i>            |
| <b>perplex</b>   | Make more complicated.<br><i>They were <b>perplexing</b> a subject plain in itself.</i>   |
| <b>preclude</b>  | Prevent from happening; make impossible.<br><i>The secret nature of his work <b>precluded</b> official recognition.</i>   |
| <b>prevent</b>   | Stop (someone) from doing something.<br><i>Action must be taken to <b>prevent</b> further accidents.</i>  |
| <b>stupefy</b>   | Make (someone) unable to think or feel properly.<br><i>The amount they spend on clothes would appal their parents and <b>stupefy</b> their grandparents.</i>                    |
| <b>stymie</b>    | A situation in golf where an opponent's ball blocks the line between your ball and the hole.<br><i>The changes must not be allowed to <b>stymie</b> new medical treatments.</i> |