

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)

<b>baffle</b>	Totally bewilder or perplex. <i>An unexplained occurrence that <b>baffled</b> everyone.</i>
<b>balk</b>	Hesitate or be unwilling to accept an idea or undertaking. <i>He raised every objection he could to <b>balk</b> this plan.</i>
<b><u>bilk</u></b>	Escape, either physically or mentally. <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. <i><b>Cross</b> the cables in opposing directions.</i>
<b><u>foil</u></b>	Cover or back with foil. <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. <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. <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. <i>Feudal power in France was <b>scotched</b> though far from killed.</i>
<b>spoil</b>	(of food) become unfit for eating. <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)

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

<b>forfend</b>	Protect (something) by precautionary measures. <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. <i>Language barriers <b>hindered</b> communication between scientists.</i>
<b>impede</b>	Be a hindrance or obstacle to. <i>The sap causes swelling which can <b>impede</b> breathing.</i>
<b>jumble</b>	Articles collected for a jumble sale. <i>A drawer full of letters <b>jumbled</b> together.</i>
<b>mystify</b>	Be a mystery or bewildering to. <i><b>Mystify</b> the story.</i>
<b>obfuscate</b>	Make obscure, unclear, or unintelligible. <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. <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. <i>In monkeys and apes the upper canine <b>occludes</b> with the lower first premolar.</i>
<b>perplex</b>	Make more complicated. <i>They were <b>perplexing</b> a subject plain in itself.</i>
<b>preclude</b>	Prevent from happening; make impossible. <i>The secret nature of his work <b>precluded</b> official recognition.</i>
<b>prevent</b>	Stop (someone) from doing something. <i>Action must be taken to <b>prevent</b> further accidents.</i>
<b>stupefy</b>	Make (someone) unable to think or feel properly. <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. <i>The changes must not be allowed to <b>stymie</b> new medical treatments.</i>