

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)

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

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

forfend	Protect (something) by precautionary measures. <i>The sacrifice of Mississippi was forfended against even the treason of Wilkinson.</i>
hinder	Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of. <i>Language barriers hindered communication between scientists.</i>
impede	Be a hindrance or obstacle to. <i>The sap causes swelling which can impede breathing.</i>
jumble	Articles collected for a jumble sale. <i>A drawer full of letters jumbled together.</i>
mystify	Be a mystery or bewildering to. <i>Mystify the story.</i>
obfuscate	Make obscure, unclear, or unintelligible. <i>The new rule is more likely to obfuscate people than enlighten them.</i>
obstruct	Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of. <i>They had to alter the course of the stream and obstruct the natural flow of the water.</i>
occlude	(of a tooth) come into contact with another tooth in the opposite jaw. <i>In monkeys and apes the upper canine occludes with the lower first premolar.</i>
perplex	Make more complicated. <i>They were perplexing a subject plain in itself.</i>
preclude	Prevent from happening; make impossible. <i>The secret nature of his work precluded official recognition.</i>
prevent	Stop (someone) from doing something. <i>Action must be taken to prevent further accidents.</i>
stupefy	Make (someone) unable to think or feel properly. <i>The amount they spend on clothes would appal their parents and stupefy their grandparents.</i>
stymie	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 stymie new medical treatments.</i>