

Need another word that means the same as “trap”? Find 63 synonyms and 30 related words for “trap” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Trap” are: snare, bunker, sand trap, cakehole, gob, hole, maw, yap, ambushade, ambush, lying in wait, net, lure, decoy, bait, trick, stratagem, ploy, ruse, wile, deception, artifice, subterfuge, device, trickery, mouth, jaws, lips, immobilise, immobilize, pin, ensnare, entrap, trammel, pin down, confine, catch, cut off, corner, drive into a corner, pen, hem in, close in, shut in, hedge in, imprison, hold captive, get stuck, get caught, dupe, deceive, cheat, inveigle, beguile, fool, hoodwink, seduce, cajole, wheedle, gull**

## Trap as a Noun

### Definitions of "Trap" as a noun

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

- *A place where drugs are sold.*
- *An unpleasant situation from which it is hard to escape.*
- *Something (often something deceptively attractive) that catches you unawares.*
- *A device or enclosure designed to catch and retain animals, typically by allowing entry but not exit or by catching hold of a part of the body.*
- *A light two-wheeled carriage.*
- *A light, two-wheeled carriage pulled by a horse or pony.*

- *A trick by which someone is misled into acting contrary to their interests or intentions.*
- *Informal terms for the mouth.*
- *A device in which something (usually an animal) can be caught and penned.*
- *(in the game of trapball) the shoe-shaped device that is hit with a bat to send the ball into the air.*
- *A type of hip-hop music typically characterized by a dark tone and rhythms involving low-pitched kick drums and a very fast hi-hat.*
- *A person's mouth (used in expressions to do with speaking.*
- *The act of concealing yourself and lying in wait to attack by surprise.*
- *A situation in which people lie in wait to make a surprise attack.*
- *(among jazz musicians) drums or percussion instruments.*
- *A curve in the waste pipe from a bath, basin, or toilet that is always full of liquid and prevents gases from coming up the pipe into the building.*
- *A hazard on a golf course.*
- *A bunker or other hollow on a golf course.*
- *Drain consisting of a U-shaped section of drainpipe that holds liquid and so prevents a return flow of sewer gas.*
- *A container or device used to collect something, or a place where something collects.*
- *The compartment from which a greyhound is released at the start of a race.*
- *A device to hurl clay pigeons into the air for trapshooters.*
- *A device for hurling an object such as a clay pigeon into the air to be shot at.*



## Synonyms of "Trap" as a noun (28 Words)

- ambuscade** An ambush.  
*Our sensibilities are being battered with reports of killings and **ambuscades**.*
- ambush** A surprise attack by people lying in wait in a concealed position.  
*Seven members of a patrol were killed in an **ambush**.*
- artifice** Clever or cunning devices or expedients, especially as used to trick or deceive others.  
*An industry dominated by **artifice**.*
- bait** Food placed on a hook or in a net, trap, or fishing area to entice fish or other animals as prey.  
*Herrings make excellent **bait** for pike.*

<b>bunker</b>	A fortification of earth; mostly or entirely below ground. <i>A coal <b>bunker</b>.</i>
<b>cakehole</b>	A person's mouth. <i>You might at least have the courtesy to keep your <b>cakehole</b> closed.</i>
<b>deception</b>	A misleading falsehood. <i>A range of elaborate <b>deceptions</b>.</i>
<b>decoy</b>	A beguiler who leads someone into danger (usually as part of a plot). <i>A <b>decoy</b> duck.</i>
<b>device</b>	A drawing or design. <i>A <b>device</b> intended to conserve water.</i>
<b>gob</b>	A small lump. <i>A <b>gob</b> of phlegm.</i>
<b>hole</b>	An opening deliberately made in or through something. <i>Intriguing as it sounds the theory is full of <b>holes</b>.</i>
<b>jaws</b>	Holding device consisting of one or both of the opposing parts of a tool that close to hold an object.
<b>lips</b>	Either of two fleshy folds of tissue that surround the mouth and play a role in speaking.
<b>lure</b>	Something used to lure fish or other animals into danger so they can be trapped or killed. <i>The film industry always has been a glamorous <b>lure</b> for young girls.</i>
<b>lying in wait</b>	A statement that deviates from or perverts the truth.
<b>maw</b>	The mouth or gullet of a greedy person. <i>A gigantic wolfhound with a fearful gaping <b>maw</b>.</i>
<b>mouth</b>	An opening that resembles a mouth as of a cave or a gorge. <i>Sand from the beach is silting up the harbour <b>mouth</b>.</i>
<b>net</b>	Game equipment consisting of a strip of netting dividing the playing area in tennis or badminton. <i>Wales did find the <b>net</b> in the 32nd minute.</i>
<b>ploy</b>	A cunning plan or action designed to turn a situation to one's own advantage. <i>The president has dismissed the referendum as a <b>ploy</b> to buy time.</i>
<b>ruse</b>	A deceptive maneuver (especially to avoid capture). <i>Emma tried to think of a <b>ruse</b> to get Paul out of the house.</i>
<b>sand trap</b>	Fortitude and determination.



<b>snare</b>	Strings stretched across the lower head of a snare drum they make a rattling sound when the drum is hit. <i>It was all a <b>snare</b> and delusion.</i>
<b>stratagem</b>	Skill in devising plans or schemes; cunning. <i>A series of devious <b>stratagems</b>.</i>
<b><u>subterfuge</u></b>	Something intended to misrepresent the true nature of an activity. <i>He wasn't sick it was just a <b>subterfuge</b>.</i>
<b>trick</b>	(in bridge, whist, and similar card games) a sequence of cards forming a single round of play. One card is laid down by each player, the highest card being the winner. <i>I thought I saw a flicker of emotion but it was probably a <b>trick</b> of the light.</i>
<b><u>trickery</u></b>	Verbal misrepresentation intended to take advantage of you in some way. <i>The dealer resorted to <b>trickery</b>.</i>
<b>wile</b>	The use of tricks to deceive someone (usually to extract money from them). <i>She didn't employ any feminine <b>wiles</b> to capture his attention.</i>
<b>yap</b>	A person's mouth. <i>He should keep his <b>yap</b> shut.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Trap" as a noun

- *Keep your trap shut!*
- *We were fed false information by a double agent and walked straight into a trap.*
- *The exam was full of trap questions.*
- *They fell into the trap of relying too little on equity finance.*
- *By keeping quiet I was walking into a trap.*
- *A bear trap.*
- *The squirrels ravaged the saplings, despite the baited traps.*
- *A trap full of dealers.*
- *The LP will feature his raps over a wide range of electronic sounds from dubstep to trap.*
- *One fuel filter and water trap are sufficient on the fuel system.*
- *I played the traps a little myself once.*



# Trap as a Verb

## Definitions of "Trap" as a verb

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

- *Bring (the ball) under control with the foot or other part of the body on receiving it.*
- *Prevent (someone) from escaping from a place.*
- *Hold or catch as if in a trap.*
- *To hold fast or prevent from moving.*
- *Trick or deceive (someone) into doing something contrary to their interests or intentions.*
- *Place in a confining or embarrassing position.*
- *Have (something, typically a part of the body) held tightly by something so that it cannot be freed.*
- *Catch in or as if in a trap.*
- *Catch (an animal) in a trap.*





## Synonyms of "Trap" as a verb (35 Words)

<b>beguile</b>	Trick (someone) into doing something. <i>He <b>beguiled</b> the voters with his good looks.</i>
<u><a href="#">cajole</a></u>	Persuade (someone) to do something by sustained coaxing or flattery. <i>He hoped to <b>cajole</b> her into selling the house.</i>
<b>catch</b>	Be the catcher. <i>Don t <b>catch</b> your meaning.</i>
<b>cheat</b>	Be sexually unfaithful to one's partner in marriage. <i>She <b>cheats</b> on her husband.</i>
<b>close in</b>	Come together, as if in an embrace.
<b>confine</b>	Restrict or confine. <i>You ve <b>confined</b> yourself to what you know.</i>
<u><a href="#">corner</a></u>	Establish a corner in a commodity. <i>The man was eventually <b>cornered</b> by police dogs.</i>



<b>cut off</b>	Cut off the testicles of male animals such as horses.
<b>deceive</b>	Fail to admit to oneself that something is true. <i>I didn't intend to <b>deceive</b> people into thinking it was French champagne.</i>
<b>drive into a corner</b>	Proceed along in a vehicle.
<b>dupe</b>	Fool or hoax. <i>The newspaper was <b>duped</b> into publishing an untrue story.</i>
<b>ensnare</b>	Catch in or as in a trap. <i>They were <b>ensnared</b> in city centre traffic.</i>
<b>entrap</b>	Trick (someone) into committing a crime in order to secure their prosecution. <i>Discarded fishing lines can <b>entrap</b> wildlife.</i>
<b>fool</b>	Make a fool or dupe of. <i>You can't <b>fool</b> me.</i>
<b>get caught</b>	Apprehend and reproduce accurately.
<b>get stuck</b>	Evoke an emotional response.
<b>gull</b>	Fool or hoax.
<b>hedge in</b>	Hinder or restrict with or as if with a hedge.
<b>hem in</b>	Utter 'hem' or 'ahem'.
<b>hold captive</b>	Be in accord; be in agreement.
<b>hoodwink</b>	Influence by slyness. <i>Staff were <b>hoodwinked</b> into thinking the cucumber was a sawn off shotgun.</i>
<b>immobilise</b>	To hold fast or prevent from moving.
<b>immobilize</b>	Prohibit the conversion or use of (assets). <i>Fear <b>immobilized</b> her.</i>
<b><u>imprison</u></b>	Confine as if in a prison. <i>His daughters are virtually <b>imprisoned</b> in their own house he does not let them go out without a chaperone.</i>
<b>inveigle</b>	Influence or urge by gentle urging, caressing, or flattering. <i>We cannot <b>inveigle</b> him into putting pen to paper.</i>
<b><u>lure</u></b>	Tempt (a person or animal) to do something or to go somewhere, especially by offering some form of reward. <i>He <b>lured</b> me into temptation.</i>
<b>pen</b>	Produce a literary work. <i>Olivia <b>penned</b> award winning poetry.</i>

**pin**

Pierce with a pin.  
*Her hair was **pinned** back.*

**pin down**

Pierce with a pin.

**shut in**

Become closed.

**snare**

Catch a bird or mammal in a snare.  
*The foxes were humanely **snared**.*

**trammel**

Catch in or as if in a trap.  
*We have no wish to be **trammelled** by convention.*

**trick**

Sketch (a coat of arms) in outline, with the colours indicated by letters or signs.  
*Many people have been **tricked** by villains with false identity cards.*

**wheedle**

Influence or urge by gentle urging, caressing, or flattering.  
*She **wheedled** her way on to the guest list.*



## Usage Examples of "Trap" as a verb

- *The gaps between the teeth trap food particles.*
- *The ball bounced near Scott and he trapped it with his left foot.*
- *Twenty workers were trapped by flames.*
- *He had trapped his finger in a spring-loaded hinge.*
- *The men trap foxes.*
- *I hoped to trap him into an admission.*
- *He was trapped in a difficult situation.*



## Associations of "Trap" (30 Words)

### bait

Lure entice or entrap with bait.

*The other boys revelled in **baiting** him about his love of literature.*

### bound

Bound by contract.

*A **bound** official.*

<b>cavity</b>	(anatomy) a natural hollow or sinus within the body. <i>The abdominal <b>cavity</b>.</i>
<b>comb</b>	Straighten with a comb. <i><b>Comb</b> the wool.</i>
<b>dint</b>	Mark (a surface) with dents or hollows. <i>The soft <b>dints</b> at the top of a coconut.</i>
<b>disentangle</b>	Release from entanglement of difficulty. <i>It was difficult to <b>disentangle</b> fact from fiction.</i>
<b>ensnare</b>	Catch in or as in a trap. <i>They were <b>ensnared</b> in city centre traffic.</i>
<b>entrap</b>	Take or catch as if in a snare or trap. <i>He argued that his client had been <b>entrapped</b> by an undercover police officer.</i>
<b><u>extricate</u></b>	Free (someone or something) from a constraint or difficulty. <i>He was trying to <b>extricate</b> himself from official duties.</i>
<b>hole</b>	Hit the ball into the hole. <i>He shot <b>holes</b> in my argument.</i>
<b>lariat</b>	A long noosed rope used to catch animals.
<b>lasso</b>	Catch with a lasso. <i>At last his father <b>lassoed</b> the horse.</i>
<b><u>loiter</u></b>	Walk slowly and with no apparent purpose; dawdle. <i>The weather had tempted them to <b>loiter</b> along the banks of the Cherwell.</i>
<b>lurk</b>	Read the postings in an internet forum without actively contributing. <i>You ll soon learn the <b>lurks</b> and perks.</i>
<b>obstacle</b>	A thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress. <i>The poverty of a district is an <b>obstacle</b> to good education.</i>
<b>peephole</b>	A small hole that may be looked through, especially one in a door through which callers may be identified before the door is opened. <i>She peered through the security <b>peephole</b> in the solid oak door.</i>
<b>perdition</b>	(in Christian theology) a state of eternal punishment and damnation into which a sinful and unrepentant person passes after death. <i>Hurl d headlong To bottomless <b>perdition</b> there to dwell.</i>
<b><u>pit</u></b>	An orchestra pit. <i>He <b>pitted</b> on lap 36 with sudden engine trouble.</i>
<b><u>pitfall</u></b>	A trap in the form of a concealed hole. <i>The <b>pitfalls</b> of buying goods at public auctions.</i>



<b>shackle</b>	Chain with shackles. <i>The prisoner was <b>shackled</b> to the heavy steel chair in the centre of the room.</i>
<b>snare</b>	Catch a bird or mammal in a snare. <i>The foxes were humanely <b>snared</b>.</i>
<b>solve</b>	Find the solution. <i><b>Solve</b> for x.</i>
<b><u>tied</u></b>	Fastened with strings or cords. <i>A neatly <b>tied</b> bundle.</i>
<b>trammel</b>	Place limits on (extent or access). <i>We have no wish to be <b>trammelled</b> by convention.</i>
<b><u>unearth</u></b>	Recover through digging. <i>The CIA <b>unearthed</b> a plot to kill the President.</i>
<b>unknot</b>	Become or cause to become undone by separating the fibers or threads of. <i>His shoulders <b>unknotted</b>.</i>
<b>unravel</b>	(of an intricate process, system, or arrangement) disintegrate or be destroyed. <i>They were attempting to <b>unravel</b> the cause of death.</i>
<b>unscramble</b>	Restore (something that has been scrambled) to an intelligible, readable, or viewable state. <i>But how do we <b>unscramble</b> our feelings.</i>
<b><u>untangle</u></b>	Free from a tangled or twisted state. <i>He knew he d have to <b>untangle</b> a financial mess and somehow restore investor confidence.</i>
<b>unwary</b>	Not alert to danger or deception. <i>Some thieves prey especially on <b>unwary</b> travelers.</i>

