

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.*

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

- snare** Strings stretched across the lower head of a snare drum they make a rattling sound when the drum is hit.
*It was all a **snare** and delusion.*
- stratagem** Skill in devising plans or schemes; cunning.
*A series of devious **stratagems**.*
- subterfuge** Something intended to misrepresent the true nature of an activity.
*He wasn't sick it was just a **subterfuge**.*
- trick** (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 thought I saw a flicker of emotion but it was probably a **trick** of the light.*
- trickery** Verbal misrepresentation intended to take advantage of you in some way.
*The dealer resorted to **trickery**.*
- wile** The use of tricks to deceive someone (usually to extract money from them).
*She didn't employ any feminine **wiles** to capture his attention.*
- yap** A person's mouth.
*He should keep his **yap** shut.*



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)

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

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

pin	Pierce with a pin. <i>Her hair was pinned back.</i>
pin down	Pierce with a pin.
shut in	Become closed.
snare	Catch a bird or mammal in a snare. <i>The foxes were humanely snared.</i>
trammel	Catch in or as if in a trap. <i>We have no wish to be trammelled by convention.</i>
trick	Sketch (a coat of arms) in outline, with the colours indicated by letters or signs. <i>Many people have been tricked by villains with false identity cards.</i>
wheedle	Influence or urge by gentle urging, caressing, or flattering. <i>She wheedled her way on to the guest list.</i>



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.*

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

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

