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verb cov·er \ˈkə-vər\

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Simple Definition of *cover*

- : to put something over, on top of, or in front of (something else) especially in order to protect, hide, or close it
- : to be spread over or on top of (something)
- : to be over much or all of the surface of (something)

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary

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Full Definition of *cover*

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covering

[play](#) \ˈkāv-rīŋ, ˈkə-və-\

1. transitive verb

2. *1 a* : to guard from attack *b (1)* : to have within the range of one's guns : [command](#) *(2)* : to hold within range of an aimed firearm *c (1)* : to afford protection or security to : [insure](#) *(2)* : to afford protection against or compensation for <a policy covering loss by fire> *d (1)* : to guard (an opponent) in order to obstruct a play <a linebacker assigned to cover the tight end> *(2)* : to be in position to receive a throw to (a base in baseball) <the shortstop was covering second> *e (1)* : to make provision for (a demand or charge) by means of a reserve or deposit <your balance is insufficient to cover the check> *(2)* : to maintain a check on especially by patrolling *(3)* : to protect by contrivance or expedient

3. *2 a* : to hide from sight or knowledge : [conceal](#) <cover up a scandal> *b* : to lie over : [envelop](#) <a blanket covering her legs>

4. *3* : to lay or spread something over : [overlay](#) <cover the seed bed with straw>

5. *4 a* : to spread over <snow covered the hills> *b* : to appear here and there on the surface of <a region covered with lakes>

6. *5* : to place or set a cover or [covering](#) over <cover the pot>

7. *6 a* : to copulate with (a female animal) <a horse covers a mare> *b* : to sit on and incubate (eggs)

8. *7* : to invest with a large or excessive amount of something <covered herself with glory>

9. *8* : to play a higher-ranking card on (a previously played card)

10. *9* : to have sufficient scope to include or take into account <an examination covering a full year's work>

11. *10* : to deal with : [treat](#) <material covered in the first chapter>

12. *11 a* : to have as one's territory or field of activity <one sales rep covers the whole state> *b* : to report news about <reporters covering the campaign>

13. *12* : to pass over : [traverse](#) <the hikers covered 12 miles that day>

14. *13* : to defray the cost of <cover expenses>

15. *14* : to place one's stake in equal jeopardy with in a bet

16. *15* : to buy securities or commodities for delivery against (an earlier short sale)

17. *16* : to record or perform a cover of (a song)

18. intransitive verb

19. *1* : to conceal something illicit, blameworthy, or embarrassing from notice —usually used with *up*

20. *2* : to act as a substitute or replacement during an absence

coverable

[play](#) \ˈkāv-rə-bəl, ˈkə-və-\ adjective

coverer

[play](#) \ˈkə-vər-ər\ noun

cover one's tracks

1. : to conceal traces in order to elude pursuers or escape detection

cover the ground

or

cover ground

1. : to deal with a subject or assignment in a particular manner <the new book covers a lot of ground>

See [cover defined for English-language learners](#)

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Examples of *cover* in a sentence

1. The gardener *covered* the soil with mulch.
2. The furniture had been *covered* in a protective cloth.
3. We *covered* the stains on the wall with a fresh coat of paint.
4. You should *cover* your mouth when you cough.
5. She *covered* her head with a scarf.
6. tables *covered* with white linen
7. Lakes *cover* much of the state.
8. The hikers *covered* long distances every day.
9. The bird may *cover* thousands of miles during its migration.

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Origin and Etymology of *cover*

Middle English, from Anglo-French *coverir*; *covrir*, from Latin *cooperire*, from *co-* + *operire* to close, cover

First Known Use: 13th century

cover Synonyms

Synonyms

[fill in](#), [pinch-hit](#), [stand in](#), [step in](#), [sub](#), [substitute](#), [take over](#)

Antonyms

[bare](#), [disclose](#), [display](#), [divulge](#), [expose](#), [reveal](#), [show](#), [uncloak](#), [uncover](#), [unmask](#), [unveil](#)

Related Words

[understudy](#); [relieve](#), [spell](#); [double](#) (as)

Near Antonyms

[bare](#), [expose](#), [uncover](#)

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cover

noun, often attributive cov·er

Simple Definition of *cover*

- : something that is put around or on top of another thing especially to protect, hide, or close it

- : a blanket or sheet on a bed
- : the outer part of a book or magazine

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary

Full Definition of *cover*

1. *1* : something that protects, shelters, or guards; as *a* : natural shelter for an animal; *also* : the factors that provide such shelter *b (1)* : a position or situation affording protection from enemy fire *(2)* : the protection offered by airplanes in tactical support of a military operation *c British* : [coverage](#) 1a, b, 2a
2. *2* : something that is placed over or about another thing: *a* : [lid](#), [top](#) *b* : a binding or case for a book or the analogous part of a magazine; *also* : the front or back of such a binding *c* : an overlay or outer layer especially for protection <*a mattress cover*> *d* : a tablecloth and the other table accessories *e* : [cover charge](#) *f* : [roof](#) *g* : a cloth used on a bed for warmth or for decoration —usually used in plural <*lying under the covers*> *h* : something (as vegetation or snow) that [covers](#) the ground *i* : the extent to which clouds obscure the sky
3. *3 a* : something that conceals or obscures <*under cover of darkness*> *b* : a masking device : [pretext](#) <*the project was a cover for intelligence operations*>
4. *4* : an envelope or wrapper for mail
5. *5* : one who substitutes for another during an absence
6. *6* : a recording or performance of a song previously recorded by another performer

coverless

[play](#) \ˈkə-vər-ləs\ *adjective*

under cover

1. *1* : in an envelope or wrapper
2. *2* : under concealment : in secret

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Examples of *cover* in a sentence

1. She placed a *cover* over the pan so that the oil wouldn't spatter.
2. I put a *cover* on the sofa to protect it.
3. There's a picture of the author on the book's back *cover*.
4. The singer is posing in jeans and cowboy boots on the album *cover*.

14th Century

First Known Use of *cover*

14th century

cover Synonyms

Synonyms

[cap](#), [lid](#), [top](#)

Related Words

[dome](#), [hood](#), [roof](#); [capsule](#), [case](#), [casing](#), [covering](#), [housing](#), [jacket](#), [sheath](#), [shell](#)

Near Antonyms

[aggression](#), [assault](#), [attack](#), [offense](#) (*or* [offence](#)), [offensive](#)

Other Aeronautics/Aerospace Terms

[airway](#), [apron](#), [corridor](#), [dirigible](#), [fishtail](#), [flat-hat](#), [vector](#)

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COVER Defined for Kids

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verb cov·er \ˈkə-vər\

Definition of *cover* for Students

covered

covering

1. 1 : to place or spread something over <Cover the pot.> <She covered her head with a cloth and said a special prayer ... — Lois Lowry, *Number the Stars*>
2. 2 : to be spread with or extend over much or all of the surface of <His face is covered with freckles.>
3. 3 : to form a covering over <Snow covered the ground.>
4. 4 : to pass over or through <The bikers covered 50 miles a day.>

5. 5 : to provide protection to or against <*Soldiers covered the landing with artillery.*>
6. 6 : to maintain a check on by patrolling <*Police cover the highways.*>
7. 7 : to hide from sight or knowledge <*I covered my embarrassment.*>
8. 8 : to deal with as a subject <*The test will cover everything we've studied so far.*>
9. 9 : to have as a field of activity or interest <*Our newspaper employs a reporter covering the courthouse.*>
10. 10 : to provide insurance for

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noun cov·er

Definition of *cover* for Students

1. 1 : something that protects, shelters, or hides
2. 2 : a covering (as a blanket) used on a bed
3. 3 : a binding or a protecting case <*a book cover*>
4. 4 : something that is placed over or about another thing : [lid](#), [top](#) <*a mattress cover*> <*the cover of a box*>

Law Dictionary

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cover

transitive verb cov·er

Legal Definition of *cover*

1. 1 : [insure](#) <*this policy covers other family drivers*>
2. 2 : to give protection against or compensation or indemnification for <*doesn't cover flood damage*>
3. intransitive verb
4. : to obtain cover <*where the seller anticipatorily repudiates a contract and the buyer does not cover — Cosden Oil & Chemical Co. v. Karl O. Helm AG, 736 F.2d 1064 (1984)*>

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cover

noun cov·er

Legal Definition of *cover*

1. : purchase of goods in substitution for those originally contracted for when the seller fails to fulfill the contract <*the buyer is always free to choose between cover and damages for nondelivery — Uniform Commercial Code*>; also : the substituted goods

Additional Notes on *cover*

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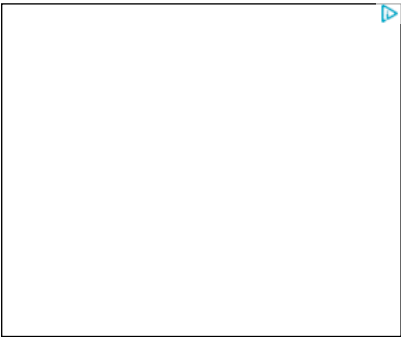
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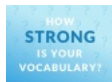


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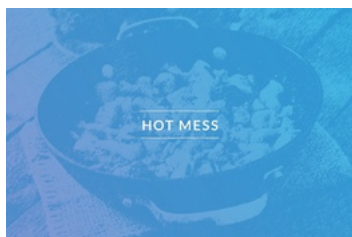
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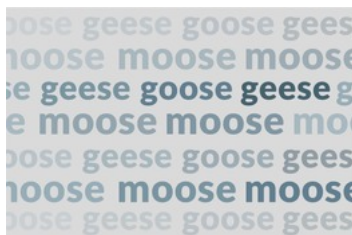
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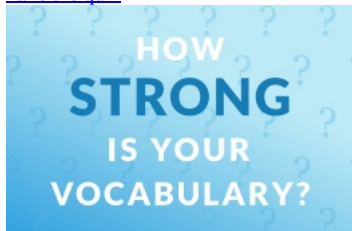
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