

## Full Definition of COVER

**covered** **covering** \ 'kəv-rɪŋ, 'kə-və-\

transitive verb

- 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
- 2** **a** : to hide from sight or knowledge : **CONCEAL** <*coverup* a scandal>  
**b** : to lie over : **ENVELOP** <a blanket *covering* her legs>
- 3** : to lay or spread something over : **OVERLAY** <*cover* the seed bed with straw>
- 4** **a** : to spread over <snow *covered* the hills>  
**b** : to appear here and there on the surface of <a region *covered* with lakes>
- 5** : to place or set a cover or **covering** over <*cover* the pot>
- 6** **a** : to copulate with (a female animal) <a horse *covers* a mare>  
**b** : to sit on and incubate (eggs)
- 7** : to invest with a large or excessive amount of something <*covered* herself with glory>
- 8** : to play a higher-ranking card on (a previously played card)
- 9** : to have sufficient scope to include or take into account <an examination *covering* a full year's work>
- 10** : to deal with : **TREAT** <material *covered* in the first chapter>

**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>

**12 :** to pass over : **TRAVERSE** <the hikers *covered* 12 miles that day>

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

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

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

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

### intransitive verb

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

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

**coverable**    \ˈkəv-rə-bəl, ˈkə-və-\ *adjective*

**coverer**    \ˈkə-vər-ər\ *noun*

### **cover one's tracks**

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

### **cover the ground or cover ground**

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