cover Apresyan (En-Ru)

1. ['kʌvə] *n*

1. (по)крышка; обёртка; покрывало; чехол; футляр колпак

a cover for a saucepan - крышка кастрюли

a cover for a chair - чехол для стула

glass cover - стеклянный колпак /футляр/

2. конверт, обёртка (бандероли); упаковка (посылки)

under plain cover - в конверте /в бандероли/ без фирменногоштампа, в простом конверте

under separate cover - κ анц. в отдельном конверте /пакете u m. π . /

this is a receipt, the goods will be sent under separate cover- посылаем вам расписку, а товар будет выслан отдельно

3. переплёт, обложка

soft [hard] cover - мягкая [твёрдая] обложка

to read a book from cover to cover - прочесть книгу от корки до корки

4. 1) убежище, укрытие (*тж. воен.*); прикрытие, «крыша» (*для разведчика*)

cover from fire - воен. укрытие от огня

cover from view - воен. укрытие от наблюдения

under cover - в укрытии

to take cover - найти убежище, спрятаться

to break cover - внезапно появиться; выйти из укрытия

the spy's coverwas to act as a bartender - шпион скрывался под видом бармена

2) спорт. прикрытие, защита

5. 1) покров

land /vegetation/ cover - растительный покров

sky /cloud/ cover - облачность, облачный покров

2) (of) поэт. покрывало, покров

under cover of darkness [of night] - под покровом темноты[ночи]

- 3) лесной покров, полог леса
- 4) бот. покров семяпочки или семени
- 6. охот. нора, логовище

to break cover - поднять из логовища

7. личина, маска

under cover of friendship - под личиной /под видом/ дружбы

under cover of patriotism - прикрываясь патриотизмом

8. 1) (обеденный) прибор, куверт

covers were laid for four - стол был накрыт на четыре персоны

- 2) = cover charge
- 9. 1) ком. гарантийный фонд
- 2) страхование
- 10. геол. покрывающие породы
- 11. *авт.* покрышка

12. театр. замена; заменяющий актёр или -ая актриса; исполнитель из второго состава

they met under cover - они встречались тайно

2. ['kʌvə] V

1. 1) покрывать, закрывать, накрывать (*mж.* cover up)

to cover a saucepan - закрыть кастрюлю

to cover up a baby - укутать ребёнка

to cover plants with straw - прикрыть растения соломой

2) редк. покрывать (голову, плечи); укрывать

to cover one's head - надеть шляпу

to remain covered - не снять шляпы

pray be covered - apx. прошу надеть шляпу

2. 1) прикрывать, ограждать, защищать

to cover a retreat - прикрывать отступление

the warships covered the landing of the army - военные корабли прикрывали высадку армии the father covered the boy from the fire with his own body - отец своим телом укрыл мальчика от огня

the father covered the boy normal terms with his own body - oregobound resions yxpain

2) спорт. держать, закрывать (игрока)

3. (*mж.* cover up)

1) прятать скрывать

to cover one's face with one's hands - закрыть лицо руками

the enemy were covered from our sight by woods - лес скрывал от нас неприятеля

to cover one's shame [confusion, annoyance, anxiety, mistake] - скрыть стыд [смущение, досаду, беспокойство, ошибку] to cover (up) one's tracks - замести следы

2) (for) покрывать (*кого-л.*); находить оправдания (*кому-л.*)

his family kept covering for him - семья постоянно покрывала /выгораживала/ его

to cover up for a friend - покрывать друга; выручать друга (ложью, лжесвидетельством $u\ m.\ n.$)

4. refl книжн. покрыть, увенчать (славой и т. п.); запятнать (позором и т. п.)

to cover oneself with glory [with shame] - покрыть себя славой [позором]

5. (with)

1) покрывать, обдавать

you are covered with dust - ты весь в пыли

a passing motor covered me with mud - проезжавшая мимо машина обдала меня грязью

2) обивать; оклеивать

to cover the seat of a chair with leather - обить кожей сиденье стула

to cover with wall-paper - оклеить обоями

6. покрывать; распространяться расстилаться

snow covered the ground - земля была покрыта снегом, на земле лежал снег

enemy troops covered the whole country - вражеские войска наводнили всю страну

the floods covered a large area - наводнение распространилось на /охватило/ большую территорию

7. покрывать, охватывать; относиться

his researches cover a wide field - его исследования охватывают широкую область

documents covering the sale - документы, касающиеся продажи

8. 1) (for) разг. заменять, подменять (отсутствующего работника)

please cover for me at the counter for a few minutes - пожалуйста, подмени меня у прилавка на несколько минут

2) театр. заменять (другого исполнителя)

9. держать под наблюдением

the police got all the roads [ports] covered - полиция перекрыла все дороги [установила наблюдение за всеми портами]

10. 1) пройти, проехать (расстояние)

he covered the distance in an hour - он прошёл /проехал/ расстояние за час

by evening we had covered sixty miles - к вечеру мы проехали /проплыли/ шестьдесят миль

2) спорт. пробежать дистанцию

to cover the distance in great style - показать на дистанции высокую технику бега

11. освещать в печати

to cover football matches - давать репортаж о футбольных матчах

to cover the theatres [events in Lebanon] - освещать театральную жизнь [события в Ливане]

12. предусматривать (об инструкциях, пунктах, статьях договора и т. п.)

the rules cover all cases - правила предусматривают все случаи

13. 1) ком. обеспечить покрытие (денежное); покрывать

to cover one's expenses [losses] - покрыть расходы [убытки]

the loan was covered many times - сумма займа была перекрыта во много раз

2) страховать

my policy covers me against loss from fire - моё имущество застраховано от пожара /огня/ you should get yourself covered as soon as possible - тебе надо поскорее застраховаться

- 14. карт. покрывать, крыть
- 15. принять пари; поставить (при заключении пари)
- 16. *с.-х.* случать, крыть (*матку*)
- 17. сидеть (на яйцах)
- 18. 1) воен. держать под обстрелом
- 2) держать под прицелом

don't move, I have you covered - не шевелись, буду стрелять

cover

verb

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

cover [cover covers covered covering] verb, noun BrE ['knvə(r)] ** NAmE ['knvər] **

HIDE/PROTECT

- 1. transitive ~ sth (with sth) to place sth overor in front of sth in order to hide or protect it
 - · Coverthe chicken loosely with foil.
 - · She covered her face with her hands.
 - (figurative) He laughed to cover (= hide) his nervousness.

SPREAD OVER SURFACE

- 2. transitive ~ sth to lie or spread over the surface of sth
 - · Snow covered the ground.
 - Much of the country is covered by forest.
- 3. transitive to put or spread a layer of liquid, dust, etc. on sb/sth
 - ~ sb/sth in sth The players were soon covered in mud.
 - \circ ~ sb/sth with sth The wind blew in from the desert and covered everything with sand.

INCLUDE

- 4. transitive ~ sth to include sth; to deal with sth
 - The survey covers all aspects of the business.
 - The lectures **covered** a lot of **ground** (= a lot of material, subjects, etc.) .
 - the sales team covering the northern part of the country (= selling to people in that area)
 - Do the rules cover (= do they apply to) a case like this?

MONEY

5. transitive ~ **sth** to be or provide enough money for sth

- \$100 should cover your expenses.
- Your parents will have to cover your tuition fees.
- The show barely covered its costs.

DISTANCE/AREA

- 6. transitive ~ sth to travel the distance mentioned
- By sunset we had covered thirty miles.
- They walked for a long time and covered a good deal of ground.
- 7. transitive ~ sth to spread over the area mentioned
 - The reserve covers an area of some 1 140 square kilometres.

REPORT NEWS

- 8. transitive ~ sth to report on an event for television, a newspaper, etc; to show an event on television
- She's covering the party's annual conference.
- The BBC will cover all the major games of the tournament.

FOR SB

- 9. intransitive ~ for sb to do sb's work or duties while they are away
 - I 'movering for Jane while she's on leave.
- 10. intransitive ~ for sb to invent a lie or an excuse that will stop sb from getting into trouble
 - I have to go out for a minute— will you cover for me if anyone asks where I am?

WITH INSURANCE

- 11. transitive to protect sb against loss, injury, etc. by insurance
 - ~ sb/sth (against/for sth) Are you fully covered for fire and theft?
 - ~ sb/sth to do sth Does this policy cover my husband to drive?

AGAINST BLAME

- 12. transitive ~ yourself (against sth) to take action in order to protect yourself against being blamed for sth
- · One reason doctors take temperatures is to cover themselves against negligence claims.

WITH GUN

- 13. transitive ~ sb to protect sb by threatening to shoot at anyone who tries to attack them
 - · Coverme while I move forward.
 - The artillery gave us covering fire (= shot to protect us) .
- 14. transitive ~ sb/sth to aim a gun at a place or person so that nobody can escape or shoot
 - The police covered the exits to the building.
 - Don't move— we've got you covered!

SONG

- 15. transitive ~ sth to record a new version of a song that was originally recorded by another band or singer
 - They've covered an old Rolling Stones number.

more at cover/hide a multitude of sins at \frac{1}{2} multitude

Verb forms: verb forms

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present simple	
I / you / we /they	cover
	BrE / 'kxve(r)/
	NAmE / 'kwar/
he / she /it	covers
	BrE / 'kwwz/
	NAmE / 'kwarz/
past simple, past participle	covered
	BrE / 'kʌvəd/
	NAME / 'kward/
-ing form	covering
	BrE / 'kwerzy/
	NAME / 'kwarın/

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

cover verb

1. T

· She covered her face with her hands.

hide • • mask • • disguise • |formal conceal •

cover/hide/mask/disguise/conceal your disappointment/surprise cover/hide/conceal your embarrassment

completely/partly cover/hide/disguise/mask/conceal sth

2. T, often passive

• The players were covered in mud.

coat · · cake · · spread · · rub · · smear · · daub ·

cover/coat/cake/spread/rub/smear/daub sth with sth

be covered/coated/smeared in/with grease/oil

be covered/caked/smeared/daubed in/with blood

be covered/coated/spread with chocolate

3 T

The survey covers all aspects of the business.

include • • take sth in • • contain • • incorporate • |formal embrace • • encompass •

cover/contain/incorporate/embrace/encompass particular **aspects** of sth cover/contain/incorporate/embrace/encompass a (wide) **range** of things cover/include/contain/incorporate/embrace/encompass the **whole** of sth

Synonyms:

hide

conceal • cover • disguise • mask • camouflage

These words all mean to put or keep sb/sth in a place where they/it cannot be seen or found, or to keep the truth or your feelings secret.

hide • to put or keep sb/sth in a place where they/it cannot be seen or found; to keep sth secret, especially your feelings: ■ He hid the letter in a drawer. ♦ She managed to hide her disappointment.

conceal • (formal) to hide sb/sth; to keep sth secret: ■ The paintings were concealed beneath a thick layer of plaster. ♦ Tim could barely conceal his disappointment.

When it is being used to talk about emotions, **conceal** is often used in negative statements.

cover • to place sth over or in front of sth in order to hide it: = She covered her face with her hands.

disguise • to hide or change the nature of sth, so that it cannot be recognized: • He tried to disguise his accent.

mask • to hide a feeling, smell, fact, etc. so that it cannot be easily seen or noticed: • She masked her anger with a smile.

camouflage • to hide sb/sth by making them/it look like the things around, or like sth else: • The soldiers camouflaged themselves with leaves and twigs.

to hide/conceal/disguise/mask/camouflage sth behind sth

to hide/conceal sth under sth

to hide/conceal sth from sb

to hide/conceal/disguise/mask the truth/the fact that...

to hide/conceal/disguise/mask your feelings

Example Bank:

- He covered the body with a cloth.
- He tried to cover his embarrassment by starting to rub his hands together.
- · Her dress barely covered her chest.
- · Her hair partially covered her face.
- She tried to cover her face with her hands.
- She used dried leaves and twigs to cover up the hole.
- The cars were all covered in snow.
- The children were completely covered with mud.
- The payments he gets barely cover his expenses.
- The tax may be extended to cover books.
- This policy should cover you against accidental injury.
- We've hardly covered a quarter of the course.
- · a policy that covers you for fire and theft
- Do the rules cover a case like this?
- He covered the journey at top speed.
- He laughed to cover his embarrassment.
- He manages the sales team covering the northern part of the country.
- I covered a lot of ground rapidly and soon caught up with them.
- · She's covering the party's annual conference.
- · The lectures covered a lot of ground.
- The media has consistently refused to cover the story.
- They covered long distances on foot.
- We must have covered over 20 miles.

<u>I dioms</u> †break cover = †cover all the bases = †cover your back = †cover your tracks = †under cover = †under cover of something = †under separate cover

<u>Derived</u> †cover something in = †cover something over= †cover something up = †cover up = †cover yourself up

noun

PROTECTION/SHELTER

- 1. countable a thing that is put overor on another thing, usually to protect it or to decorate it
 - a cushion cover
- a plastic waterproof cover for the stroller

see also †dust cover, †loose cover

- 2. uncountable a place that provides shelter from bad weather or protection from an attack
 - Everyone ran for cover when it started to rain.
 - The climbers took cover from the storm in a cave.
 - After the explosion the street was full of people running for cover .

OF BOOK

- 3. countable the outside of a book or a magazine
 - the front/back cover
 - Her face was on the cover (= the front cover) of every magazine.
 - He always reads the paper from cover to cover (= everything in it) .

INSURANCE

- **4.** (BrE) (NAmE cov·er·age) uncountable ~ (against sth) protection that an insurance company provides by promising to pay you money if a particular event happens
 - accident cover
 - · cover against accidental damage
 - · private health cover costs
 - There is no cover provided by the policy for theft of property from cars or garages.

WITH WEAPONS

- 5. uncountable support and protection that is provided when sb is attacking or in danger of being attacked
 - The ships needed air cover (= protection by military planes) once they reached enemy waters.

TREES/PLANTS

- 6. uncountable trees and plants that grow on an area of land
 - The total forest cover of the earth is decreasing.
 - · Zebras and other animals were standing very still in broken cover.

CLOUD/SNOW

- 7. uncountable the fact of the sky being covered with cloud or the ground with snow
 - Fog and low cloud cover are expected this afternoon.
 - I this area there is snow cover for six months of the year.

ON BED

- 8. the covers plural the sheets, †blankets, etc. on a bed
 - She threw back the covers and leapt out of bed.
 - He climbed into the cold bed and snuggled beneath the covers.

SONG

9. countable = †cover version

HIDING STH

- 10. countable, usually singular ~ (for sth) activities or behaviourthat seem honest or true but that hide sb's real identity or feelings, or that hide sth illegal
 - His work as a civil servant was a cover for his activities as a spy.
 - · Her over-confidentattitude was a cover for her nervousness.
 - I would only take one phone call to blow their cover (= make known their true identities and what they were really doing) .

FOR SB'S WORK

- 11. uncountable the fact of sb doing another person's job when they are away or when there are not enough staff
 - I t'she manager's job to organize cover for staff who are absent.
 - Ambulance drivers provided only emergency cover during the dispute.

more at don't judge a book by its cover at fjudge

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Thesaurus:

cover noun C

· The buggy had a plastic waterproof cover.

wrapper • • wrapping • • sheath • • casing • • covering • • wrap •

a **protective** cover/wrapper/wrapping/sheath/casing/covering a **plastic** cover/wrapper/wrapping/sheath/casing/covering/wrap

take off/remove the cover/wrapper/wrapping/covering/wrap

Example Bank:

· All the seats are under cover.

- He held his nose as he lifted the cover of the bin.
- He pulled the covers over his head and tried to get back to sleep.
- · He realized his cover had been blown
- Her image has graced the covers of many glossy magazines.
- · She threw back the covers and got out of bed.
- The RAF provided air cover for the attack.
- The author only gets 1% of the cover price.
- The club is a cover for various criminal activities.
- The deer broke cover as the hunters approached.
- The guard believed her cover story.
- There's a picture of the author on the back cover.
- They sought cover from the wind.
- This company provides wider cover.
- · We attacked at night, under cover of darkness.
- We descended into Heathrow through thick cloud cover.
- We ran for cover as it started to rain.
- We spread dust covers over the furniture while the builders were in.
- a cover for the swimming pool
- · a sofa with a loose cover
- · a thick cover of snow
- · cover for contents
- plants that provide good ground cover
- · spies operating under diplomatic cover
- · After the explosion the street was full of people running for cover.
- · Brighten up your room with some colourful cushion covers.
- · He lifted the manhole cover.
- His work as a banker was a cover for his activities as a spy.
- I would only take one phone call to blow their cover.
- I t'a good idea to put a dust cover over your computer at night.
- I t'she manager's job to organize cover for employees who are absent.
- · She put on a clean duvet cover.
- The buggy had a plastic waterproof cover.
- The plants provide a protective cover for the soil.
- The ships needed air cover once they reached enemy waters.

See also: †cover your ass = †coverage

cover

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I. cover S1 W1 /'kAve \$ -er/ BrE AmE verb [transitive]

[Word Family: noun: ↑cover, ↑coverage, ↑covering adjective: ↑undercover, ↑covered ≠UNCOVERED; verb: ↑cover ≠ ↑uncover, adverb: ↑undercover

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: covrir, from Latin cooperire, from co- (⇒ ↑co-) + operire 'to close, cover]

- 1. HIDE/PROTECT (also cover up) to put something over or be oversomething in order to hide, close, or protect it:
 - Coverthe pot and bake for an hour.
 - She wore a low-cut dress, partly covered by a thin shawl.

cover something with something

Dan covered his face with his hands.

2. LAYER if something covers a surface, it forms a layer over it:

- Grey mould covered the walls.
- Much of the country is covered by snow.

cover something with/in something

- The bulletin board was covered with messages.
- The eruption of the volcano covered states as far away as Montana in a fine layer of ash.

3. INCLUDE to include or deal with a particular subject or group of things:

- a course covering business law
- Are there any areas you feel are not covered adequately in the book?
- 'Exercise' is a word which covers a vast range of activities.
- We need more time to cover so much ground (=include so many things).
- pollutants that are not covered by the Kyoto agreement

4. **DISTANCE** to travel a particular distance:

- They were hoping to cover 40 miles yesterday.
- A leopard can <u>cover</u> a lot of ground very quickly.

5. AREA to spread over an area:

- The city covers 25 square miles.
- 6. NEWS to report the details of an event for a newspaper or a television or radio programme:
 - I 'just returned from covering the Cambodian war.
- 7. MONEY if a sum of money covers the cost of something, it is enough to pay for it:
 - The award should be enough to cover her tuition fees.
 - Airlines are raising fares to <u>cover</u> the rising <u>costs</u> of fuel.

- **8. INSURANCE** if your insurance covers you or your possessions, it promises to pay you money if you have an accident, something is stolen etc:
 - Most policies cover accidental damage to pipes.
 - The treatment wasn't covered by her health care insurance.

cover somebody against/for something

Are we covered for theft?

cover somebody to do something

He thought he was covered to drive the vehicle.

9. GUNS

a) to protect someone by being ready to shoot anyone who attacks them:

I 'thake for the door – cover me, will you?

b) to aim a gun at a person or a place where people might be, in order to prevent them from moving or escaping:

He stepped into the doorway and swung the gun up to cover the corridor.

- **10**. **SPORT** to stay close to a member of the opposing team or a part of the field in order to prevent your opponents from gaining points
- 11. MUSIC to perform or record a song that was originally recorded by another artist:

They've covered several hits from the 1980s.

- 12. cover (all) the bases to make sure you can deal with any situation or problem so that nothing bad happens:
 - Parents are already stressed trying to cover the bases at home and at work.
- 13. cover yourself (against something) (also cover your back, cover your butt/ass American English) to do things in a way that will prevent people from blaming or criticizing you:
 - Doctors are concerned to cover themselves against charges of negligence.
 - He copied Stella in on the email just to cover his back.
- 14. cover your tracks to try to hide something you have done so that other people do not find out:

He started to destroy documents to cover his tracks.

THESAURUS

- **cover** (*also* **cover up**) to put something over, on, or around something else, to hide it, protect it, or improve its appearance: Coverthe dough, and leave it to rise. | She wears a lot of make-up to cover her spots.
- put something over something to put a cloth, blanket etc loosely over the top of something in order to cover it: They gave him a blanket to put over his legs.
- wrap (also wrap up) to put paper, plastic, cloth etc tightly around something in order to protect, decorate, or post it: I haven't wrapped her birthday present yet.
- **envelop** *literary* to surround something completely so that it is difficult to see used especially about darkness, smoke, and clouds: At sunset, darkness enveloped the town.
- be shrouded in mist/darkness/smoke etc *literary* to be covered and hidden in mist, smoke etc: The mountains were shrouded in mist.

cover for somebody phrasal verb

- 1. to do the work that someone else usually does, because they are not there:
 - Who's covering for you while you're away?
- 2. to prevent someone from getting into trouble by lying for them, especially about where they are or what they are doing cover something ↔over phrasal verb

to put something on top of something else so that it is completely hidden:

The female lays a single egg and covers it over.

cover up phrasal verb

- 1. cover something ↔ up to put something oversomething else so that it cannot be seen:
 - Her legs were so swollen she had to cover them up.
- 2. cover something ↔ up to prevent people from discovering mistakes or unpleasant facts ⇒ whitewash:
 - The affair was covered up and never reached the papers.
 - Mum's worried, but she covers it up by joking. ⇒ †cover-up
- 3. cover up for somebody to protect someone by hiding unpleasant facts about them:
 - They covered up for Kirk by refusing to answer any questions.
- **4**. to put clothes, †blankets etc overyourself in order to protect or hide your body, or to keep yourself warm:
 - Coverup, or stay out of the sun.

cover yourself up

Hastily, she covered herself up with the towel.

II. cover² S1 W2 BrE AmE noun

[Word Family: noun: ↑cover, ↑coverage, ↑covering adjective: ↑undercover, ↑covered ≠UNCOVERED; verb: ↑cover ≠ ↑uncover, adverb: ↑undercover

- 1. PROTECTION [countable] something that is put on top of something else to protect it ⇒ lid:
 - a blue duvet cover
 - a plastic cover
 - A <u>dust cover</u> (=to keep dirt etc off) hung overthe painting.
- 2. BOOKS [countable] the outer front or back part of a magazine, book etc:

His photo's on the cover of 'Newsweek' again.

front/back cover

- an advertisement on the back cover
- I read the magazine from cover to cover (=all of it).

cover photo/shot/picture (=picture on the front cover)

- The cover shot was of three guys in army kit.
- 3. BED the covers [plural] the sheets etc that you put overyourself when you are in bed:
 - The covers had slipped off in the night.
- **4**. **SHELTER** [uncountable] shelter or protection from bad weather or attack

run/dive for cover

- He was shot in the head as he ran for cover.
- We were forced to take cover in a barn.
- Three soldiers broke cover (=left the place where they were hiding).
- **5. INSURANCE** [uncountable] *British English* the protection insurance gives you, so that it pays you money if you are injured, something is stolen etc **SYN coverage** *American English*:
 - medical cover

cover against/for

- cover against fire and theft
- 6. WAR [uncountable] military protection and support given to aircraft, ships etc that are likely to be attacked:
 - fighters used as cover for ground troops
- 7. PLANTS [uncountable] trees and plants that grow in large numbers on a piece of land:
 - Once the forest cover is felled, rains wash away the soil.
 - With its spreading stems, ivy makes good ground cover.
- 8. WEATHER [uncountable] clouds, snow etc that partly hide the sky or the ground

cloud/snow/fog etc cover

- Cloud cover in the morning should clear later.
- **9. WORK** [uncountable] an arrangement in which people do a job or provide a service, especially because the people who normally do it are not there ⇒ **backup**:
 - I t'sour responsibility to arrange adequate cover for holiday periods.
 - night-time ambulance cover
- **10**. **MUSIC** [countable] (also cover version) a new recording of a song, piece of music etc that was originally recorded by a different artist:
 - She's opted to do a cover version for her first single.
- 11. SECRET [countable usually singular] behaviour or activities that seem normal or honest but are being used to hide something bad or illegal

coverfor

- The gang used the shop as a cover for drug deals.
- All that toughness is just a cover for his inability to show affection.

12. under cover

a) pretending to be someone else in order to do something secretly:

She was working under cover to get information on drug gangs.

b) under a roof or other structure:

The aircraft is displayed under cover in the USAF Gallery.

13. under (the) cover of darkness/night literary hidden by the darkness of night:

They escaped under cover of darkness.

- **14**. **under plain cover/under separate cover** if a letter etc is sent under plain cover or under separate cover, it is sent in a plain envelopeor a separate envelope:
 - The bill will be sent to you later under separate cover.

COLLOCATIONS

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + cover

- the front/back cover The price of the book is on the back cover.
- **a hard/soft cover** I neverbuy books in hard cover—they're much more expensive.
- **a book/magazine cover** There was a blonde girl on the magazine cover.

■cover + NOUN

- **a cover story** (=the main story on the front of a newspaper or magazine) Last month's cover story was entitled 'Your Child's Brain'.
- a cover photo/shot (=picture on the front cover) The picture became the July 4th cover shot.
- a cover design the cover design of the Christmas issue
- a cover girl (=an attractive girl whose photo is on the front cover) She had always liked the idea of being a cover girl.

phrases

• read something from cover to cover (=read a book, magazine etc very thoroughly) He read it from cover to cover in less than three hours.

THESAURUS

- cover something that is put on or oversomething else to protect it, for example a piece of metal, plastic, or glass: a manhole cover that goes over the barbecue
- covering a layer of something, or a sheet of something, that covers something else: There was light covering of snow on the ground. | The hard shell acts as a protective covering. | the cloth coverings on the altar
- lid a coverfor a container such as a pan or a box: the lid of the box | a saucepan lid
- top/cap the thing that you put on top of a bottle, tube, or pen, in order to prevent the liquid or other things inside from coming out: I can't find the cap for the pen. | Put the top back on the milk! | the cap that goes on the toothpaste
- cork the top part that you put on top of a bottle of wine: Can you take off the cork for me?
- wrapping (also wrap especially American English) a sheet of paper, plastic etc that is put around something in order to cover

or protect it: John tore the wrapping off his presents. | The lamp was still in its wrapping.

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• wrapper a piece of paper or plastic that is put around something you buy, especially a small object: Put the candy wrappers in your pocket. | He took the drinking straw out of its wrapper.

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