

camouflage

1. ['kæməflɑ:ʒ] *n*

1. 1) маскировка, камуфляж
- 2) маскировочные средства
 camouflage lighting - **воен.** маскировочное освещение
 camouflage net [painting] - **воен.** маскировочная сеть [окраска]
2. маскировка, прикрытие, хитрость, уловка для отвода глаз

2. ['kæməflɑ:ʒ] *v*

1. маскировать; применять маскировку
2. скрывать (*истинные намерения и т. п.*); заниматься очковтирательством прибегать к уловкам, хитрости
 they wanted to correct their mistakes, not camouflage them - они хотели исправить свои ошибки, а не просто их как-то замазать

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

cam-ou-flage [camouflage camouflages camouflaged camouflaging] *noun*,

verb BrE ['kæməflɑ:ʒ] NAmE ['kæməflɑ:ʒ]

noun

1. **uncountable** a way of hiding soldiers and military equipment, using paint, leaves or nets, so that they look like part of their surroundings
 - a camouflage jacket (= covered with green and brown marks and worn by soldiers)
 - troops dressed in camouflage
2. **uncountable, singular** the way in which an animal's colour or shape matches its surroundings and makes it difficult to see
 - The whiteness of polar bears and arctic foxes provides camouflage.
 - The leopard's spots act as (a) camouflage.
 - Predators make as much use of camouflage as their prey do.
3. **uncountable, singular** behaviour that is deliberately meant to hide the truth
 - Her angry words were camouflage for the way she felt.

Word Origin:

First World War: from French, from **camoufler** 'to disguise' (originally thieves' slang), from Italian **camuffare** 'disguise, deceive', perhaps by association with French **camouflet** 'whiff of smoke in the face'.

Example Bank:

- The animal's markings provide effective camouflage.
- an army tank in desert camouflage
- A dozen men walked by, dressed in army camouflage and holding automatic weapons.
- He pulled the camouflage net over the entrance to the tent.
- a camouflage jacket

verb ~ sth (with sth)

to hide sb/sth by making them or it look like the things around, or like sth else

- The soldiers camouflaged themselves with leaves.
- Her size was camouflaged by the long loose dress she wore.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	camouflage
	BrE / 'kæməflɑ:ʒ/
	NAmE / 'kæməflɑ:ʒ/
he / she / it	camouflages
	BrE / 'kæməflɑ:ʒz/
	NAmE / 'kæməflɑ:ʒz/
past simple, past participle	camouflaged
	BrE / 'kæməflɑ:ʒd/
	NAmE / 'kæməflɑ:ʒd/
-ing form	camouflaging
	BrE / 'kæməflɑ:ʒɪŋ/
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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:

- The vehicles were all well camouflaged.
- They camouflaged their truck with fallen pine branches.
- The soldiers camouflaged themselves with leaves and twigs.

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I. **cam**ouflag¹ /'kæməflɑː/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun

[Date: 1900-2000; Language: French; Origin: camoufler 'to change the appearance of', from Italian camuffare]

1. [uncountable] a way of hiding something, especially soldiers and military equipment, by using paint, leaves etc to make it look like the things around it:

- soldiers learning camouflage technique
- the camouflage netting over the tanks

2. [uncountable] the type of green and brown clothes, paint etc that soldiers wear to make themselves more difficult to see:

- The men were dressed in camouflage and carrying automatic weapons.
- camouflage trousers

3. [singular, uncountable] the way that the colour or shape of an animal protects it by making it difficult to see in the area in which it lives:

- The whiteness of the arctic fox acts as camouflage, hiding it from its enemies.

4. [singular, uncountable] behaviour that is designed to hide something

camouflage for

- Aggression is often a camouflage for insecurity.

II. **camouflage**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb [transitive]

to hide something, especially by making it look the same as the things around it, or by making it seem like something else

camouflage something with something

- I saw a truck, heavily camouflaged with netting and branches.
- The strain she was under was well camouflaged by skilful make-up.

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- **hide** to make something difficult to see or find, or to not show your true feelings: He hid the gun in his pocket. | She tried to hide her anger. | The actress put up a hand to hide her face from the cameras.
- **conceal** *formal* to hide something, especially by carefully putting it somewhere. Also used when talking about hiding your feelings, especially in negative sentences: Several kilos of drugs were concealed in the back of the truck. | He could not conceal his feelings any longer. | The girl quickly concealed the photograph she had been gazing at.
- **cover up** to put something over another thing that you do not want people to see, in order to hide it completely: People cover up cracks with wallpaper or tiles. | I used some make-up to cover up the spots. | She was wearing a thin shawl to cover up the bruises on her arm.
- **disguise** to make someone or something seem like a different person or thing, so that other people cannot recognize them: She managed to get into the camp by disguising herself as a soldier. | The men had disguised the vessel as fishing boat.
- **camouflage** to hide something by covering it with materials that make it look like the things around it: We camouflaged the plane by covering it with leaves. | The troops used charcoal to camouflage their faces. | Soldiers had camouflaged the trucks with branches and dirt.
- **obscure** *literary* to make it difficult to see something clearly: The view was obscured by mist. | His body was found, partially obscured by bushes, at the bottom of a shallow canyon.
- **mask** to make something less noticeable, for example a taste, a smell, a sound, or a feeling: The lemon helps to mask the taste of the fish. | Helen had turned on the radio to mask the noise of the traffic. | He did little to mask his contempt.

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