

cushion**1. ['kʌʃ(ə)n] n**

- 1) диванная подушка
- 2) подушечка для булавок
- 3) подушка для плетения кружев
- 4) мягкая подстилка
a cushion of moss - ковёр /подушка/ из мха
2. борт бильярда
3. валик (для дамской причёски)
4. **амер. разг.** деньги, отложенные на чёрный день
5. **тех.** подкладка, подушка, упругое основание
cushion effect - амортизирующее действие
6. воздушная подушка
7. **архит.** пята свода
◇ on the cushion - **амер.** в сытости, в достатке; ≅ как сыр в масле

2. ['kʌʃ(ə)n] v

1. **тех.** снабжать подкладкой, подушкой
2. 1) сидеть, отдыхать на подушках
- 2) подкладывать подушки; обкладывать подушками
3. 1) **разг.** утаивать; обходить молчанием
to cushion complaints - игнорировать жалобы
- 2) **сл.** скрывать, прятать
4. смягчать (удар и т. п.)
please cushion your voice - пожалуйста, говорите потише
5. ставить (шар) к борту бильярда

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cush-ion [cushion cushions cushioned cushioning] noun, verb BrE ['kʌʃn]

NAmE ['kʌʃn]

noun

1. (NAmE also **pil·low**) a cloth bag filled with soft material or feathers that is used, for example, to make a seat more comfortable
 - matching curtains and cushions
 - a floor cushion (= a large ↑cushion that you put on the floor to sit on)
 - a pile of scatter cushions (= small ↑cushions, often in bright colours, that you put on chairs, etc.)
 - (figurative) a cushion of moss on a rock



2. a layer of sth between two surfaces that keeps them apart
 - A hovercraft rides on a cushion of air.
 - Underlay forms a cushion between the carpet and the floor, to minimize wear.
3. **usually singular ~ (against sth)** something that protects you against sth unpleasant that might happen
 - His savings were a comfortable cushion against financial problems.
 - The team built up a safe cushion of two goals in the first half.
4. (in the game of ↑billiards, etc.) the soft inside edge along each side of the table, that the balls ↑bounce off

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **cuissin**, based on a Latin word meaning 'cushion for the hip', from **coxa** 'hip, thigh'. The Romans also had a word **cubital** 'elbow cushion', from **cubitus** 'elbow'.

Example Bank:

- I rested my elbow on a cushion.
- She plumped up the sofa cushions before the guests arrived

verb

1. ~ **sth** to make the effect of a fall or hit less severe
 - My fall was cushioned by the deep snow.
2. ~ **sb/sth (against/from sth)** to protect sb/sth from being hurt or damaged or from the unpleasant effects of sth
 - The south of the country has been cushioned from the worst effects of the recession.
 - He broke the news of my brother's death to me, making no effort to **cushion the blow** (= make the news less shocking).
3. **usually passive ~ sth** to make sth soft with a ↑cushion

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	cushion
	BrE / 'kʌʃn/
	NA.mE / 'kʌʃn/
he / she / it	cushions
	BrE / 'kʌʃnz/
	NA.mE / 'kʌʃnz/
past simple, past participle	cushioned
	BrE / 'kʌʃnd/
	NA.mE / 'kʌʃnd/
-ing form	cushioning
	BrE / 'kʌʃnɪŋ/
	NA.mE / 'kʌʃnɪŋ/

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- Homeowners will be cushioned from any tax rises.

See also: ↑pillow

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I. **cushion**¹ S3 /'kʌʃən/ BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: coissin, from Vulgar Latin coxinus, from Latin coxa 'hip']



- a cloth bag filled with soft material that you put on a chair or the floor to make it more comfortable ⇒ **pillow**:
 - " a velvet cushion
 - " a cushion cover
- something that stops one thing from hitting another thing:
 - " Good sports shoes should provide a cushion when running.
- [usually singular] something, especially money, that prevents you from being immediately affected by a bad situation
cushion against
 - " Savings can act as a cushion against unemployment.
- the soft rubber edge of the table used for playing ↑billiards or ↑snooker

II. **cushion**² BrE " AmE " verb [transitive]

- to make the effect of a fall or hit less painful, for example by having something soft in the way:
 - " His landing was cushioned by the fresh snow that had fallen.
- to protect someone from an unpleasant situation or the unpleasant effects of something
cushion the blow/impact (of something)
 - " generous leaving allowances to help cushion the blow of redundancy**cushion somebody from/against something**
 - " Parents today often feel their children should be cushioned from the outside world.

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