

foil

I

1. [fɔɪl] *n*
 1. фольга
 2. амальгама, зеркальная наводка
 3. *архит.* лиственный орнамент (*в готике*)
 4. 1) контраст, фон
to serve as a foil to smb.'s beauty - оттенять чью-л. красоту
 - 2) партнёр, подающий реплики исполнителю
a foil for a comedian - партнёр комика
2. [fɔɪl] *v*
 1. 1) покрывать фольгой, амальгамировать
 - 2) *кул.* завертывать в фольгу (*перед жареньем*)
 2. подчёркивать, выделять (*что-л.*) путём контраста
 3. *архит.* украшать лиственным орнаментом

II

1. [fɔɪl] *n охот.*
след зверя
to run upon its own foil - вторично бежать по своему следу (*чтобы сбить с толку собак*)
2. [fɔɪl] *v*
 1. 1) *охот.* сбивать со следа (*собаку*)
 - 2) одурачивать, ставить в тупик
 2. расстраивать, срывать планы
to be foiled at all points - потерпеть неудачу по всем линиям

III

[fɔɪl] *n*
фехтовальная рапира

IV

[fɔɪl] *n*
1) *ав.* крыло, крыловидный профиль
2) подводное крыло

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foil [foɪl foɪls foɪled foɪlɪŋ] *noun, verb* BrE [fɔɪl] ¹ NAmE [fɔɪl] ²

noun

1. (BrE also **silver foil**) **uncountable** metal made into very thin sheets that is used for covering or wrapping things, especially food
(BrE) aluminium foil
• (NAme) aluminum foil
• Cover the fish loosely with foil and bake for 30 minutes.
see also ↑tin foil
2. **uncountable** paper that is covered in very thin sheets of metal
• The chocolates are individually wrapped in gold foil.
3. **countable** ~ (for sb/sth) a person or thing that contrasts with, and therefore emphasizes, the qualities of another person or thing
• The pale walls provide a perfect foil for the furniture.
• His mellow guitar technique is the ideal foil for her soaring voice.
4. **countable** a long thin light ↑sword used in the sport of ↑fencing

Word Origin:

v. Middle English 'trample down' Old French *fouler* 'to full cloth, trample' Latin *fullo* 'fuller'

n. senses 1 to 3 Middle English Old French Latin *folium* 'leaf'

n. sense 4 late 16th cent.

Example Bank:

- I wrapped the sandwiches in kitchen foil.
- She has used mosses as a foil for the bright red flowers in the bed.
- The couple provided the perfect foil for one another.

verb often passive

to stop sth from happening, especially sth illegal; to prevent sb from doing sth

Syn: ↑thwart

- ~ sth to foil a plan/crime/plot
- Customs officials foiled an attempt to smuggle the paintings out of the country.
- ~ sb (in sth) They were foiled in their attempt to smuggle the paintings.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	foil
	BrE /fɔɪl/
	NAmE /fɔɪl/
he / she / it	foils
	BrE /fɔɪlz/
	NAmE /fɔɪlz/
past simple, past participle	foiled
	BrE /fɔɪld/
	NAmE /fɔɪld/
-ing form	foiling
	BrE /fɔɪlɪŋ/
	NAmE /fɔɪlɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Customs officials foiled an attempt to smuggle priceless paintings out of the country.
- The burglary was foiled by a passer-by who called the police.
- The registration plates are designed to foil police speed traps.

See also: ↑silver foil

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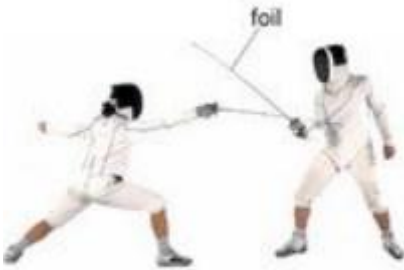
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I. **foil**¹ /fɔɪl/ BrE " AmE " noun

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin folium 'leaf']



1. [uncountable] metal sheets that are as thin as paper, used for wrapping food
silver/aluminium/kitchen foil
" Cover the chicken with silver foil and bake. ⇨ ↑tinfoil
2. [uncountable] paper that is covered with very thin sheets of metal:
chocolates in foil wrappers
3. **be a foil to/for somebody/something** to emphasize the good qualities of another person or thing, by being very different from them:
" The simple stone floor is the perfect foil for the brightly coloured furnishings.
- 4.



[countable] a light narrow sword used in ↑fencing

II. **foil**² BrE " AmE " verb [transitive often passive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: fouler 'to step on']

to prevent something bad that someone is planning to do:

" A massive arms-smuggling plan has been foiled by the CIA.

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