

Need another word that means the same as “artifice”? Find 35 synonyms and 30 related words for “artifice” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Artifice” are: ruse, trickery, deviousness, deceit, deception, dishonesty, cheating, duplicity, guile, cunning, artfulness, wiliness, craft, craftiness, evasion, slyness, chicanery, intrigue, subterfuge, strategy, bluff, pretence, device, trick, stratagem, ploy, tactic, scheme, move, manoeuvre, contrivance, machination, expedient, wile, dodge**

## Artifice as a Noun

### Definitions of "Artifice" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “artifice” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A deceptive maneuver (especially to avoid capture).*
- *Clever or cunning devices or expedients, especially as used to trick or deceive others.*

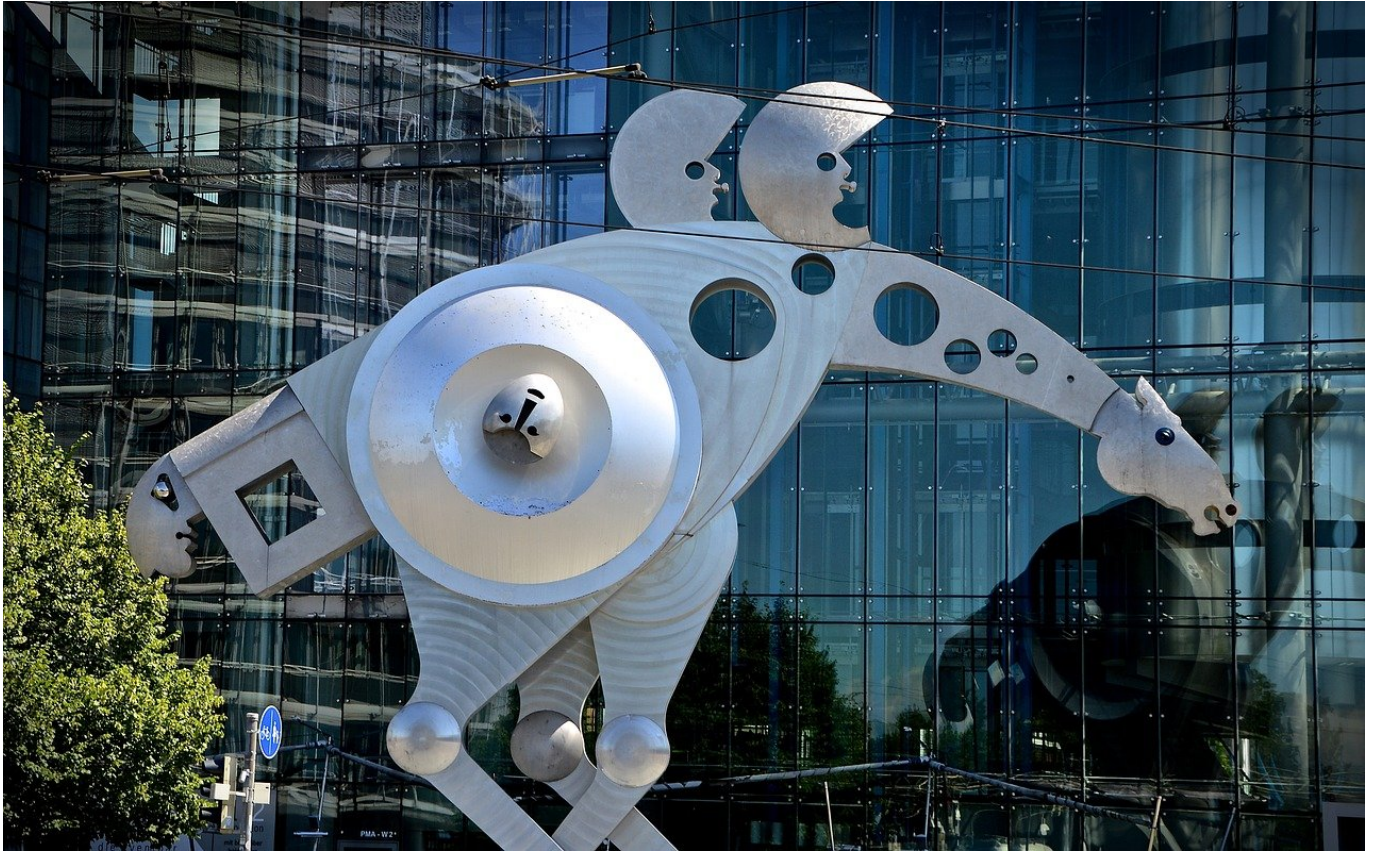


## Synonyms of "Artifice" as a noun (35 Words)

- artfulness** The quality of being adroit in taking unfair advantage.
- bluff** The act of bluffing in poker deception by a false show of confidence in the strength of your cards.  
*His game of **bluff**.*
- cheating** A deception for profit to yourself.
- chicanery** The use of tricks to deceive someone (usually to extract money from them).  
*Storylines packed with political **chicanery**.*
- contrivance** A thing which is created skilfully and inventively to serve a particular purpose.  
*His skillful **contrivance** of answers to every problem.*
- craft** An aircraft or spaceship.  
*Sailing **craft**.*
- craftiness** A steep rugged rock or cliff.
- cunning** Shrewdness as demonstrated by being skilled in deception.  
*What resources of energy and **cunning** it took just to survive.*

<b>deceit</b>	The act of deceiving. <i>A series of lies and <b>deceits</b>.</i>
<b>deception</b>	The act of deceiving. <i>A range of elaborate <b>deceptions</b>.</i>
<b>device</b>	A thing made or adapted for a particular purpose, especially a piece of mechanical or electronic equipment. <i>An incendiary <b>device</b>.</i>
<b>deviousness</b>	The quality of being oblique and rambling indirectly.
<b>dishonesty</b>	A fraudulent or deceitful act. <i>The dismissal of thirty civil servants for <b>dishonesty</b> and misconduct.</i>
<b>dodge</b>	A cunning trick or dishonest act, in particular one intended to avoid something unpleasant. <i>The grant system's widespread use as a tax <b>dodge</b>.</i>
<b>duplicity</b>	Deceitfulness. <i>The president was accused of <b>duplicity</b> in his dealings with Congress.</i>
<b>evasion</b>	An indirect answer; a prevaricating excuse. <i>Their adroit <b>evasion</b> of almost all questions.</i>
<b>expedient</b>	A means of attaining an end, especially one that is convenient but possibly improper or immoral. <i>The current policy is a political <b>expedient</b>.</i>
<b>guile</b>	Shrewdness as demonstrated by being skilled in deception. <i>He used all his <b>guile</b> and guts to free himself from the muddle he was in.</i>
<b>intrigue</b>	A clandestine love affair. <i>The cabinet was a nest of <b>intrigue</b>.</i>
<b>machination</b>	A plot or scheme.
<b>manoeuvre</b>	A move made to gain a tactical end. <i>The Russian vessel was on <b>manoeuvres</b>.</i>
<b>move</b>	A player's turn to take some action permitted by the rules of the game. <i>He didn't make a <b>move</b> to help.</i>
<b>ploy</b>	A maneuver in a game or conversation. <i>The eternal cross stitch I was set to do before I could indulge my own <b>plys</b>.</i>
<b>pretence</b>	Imaginative intellectual play. <i>Before the age of two children start to engage in <b>pretence</b>.</i>
<b>ruse</b>	A deceptive maneuver (especially to avoid capture). <i>Emma tried to think of a <b>ruse</b> to get Paul out of the house.</i>
<b>scheme</b>	A schematic or preliminary plan. <i>The whole <b>scheme</b> is plunged into darkness bar the light in Victor's house.</i>

<b>slyness</b>	Shrewdness as demonstrated by being skilled in deception.
<b>stratagem</b>	Skill in devising plans or schemes; cunning. <i>A series of devious <b>stratagems</b>.</i>
<b>strategy</b>	The branch of military science dealing with military command and the planning and conduct of a war. <i>Time to develop a coherent economic <b>strategy</b>.</i>
<b><u>subterfuge</u></b>	Deceit used in order to achieve one's goal. <i>I hated all the <b>subterfuges</b> I hated lying to you.</i>
<b>tactic</b>	The art of disposing armed forces in order of battle and of organizing operations, especially during contact with an enemy. <i>These are possible tax saving <b>tactics</b> to discuss with your accountant.</i>
<b>trick</b>	A clever or particular way of doing something. <i>She thought Elaine was playing some <b>trick</b> on her.</i>
<b><u>trickery</u></b>	The practice of deception. <i>The dealer resorted to <b>trickery</b>.</i>
<b>wile</b>	The use of tricks to deceive someone (usually to extract money from them). <i>She didn't employ any feminine <b>wiles</b> to capture his attention.</i>
<b>wiliness</b>	A hypothetical subatomic particle of large mass that interacts weakly with ordinary matter through gravitation; postulated as a constituent of the dark matter of the universe.



## Usage Examples of "Artifice" as a noun

- *The style is not free from the artifices of the period.*
- *An industry dominated by artifice.*



## Associations of "Artifice" (30 Words)

<b><u>calculated</u></b>	Carefully thought out in advance. <i>Victims of vicious and <b>calculated</b> assaults.</i>
<b><u>concoct</u></b>	Make a concoction of by mixing. <i>She began to <b>concoct</b> a dinner likely to appeal to him.</i>
<b>construct</b>	Build or make (something, typically a building, road, or machine). <i>These rules tell us how to <b>construct</b> a grammatical sentence in a given language.</i>
<b><u>deliberate</u></b>	Engage in long and careful consideration. <i>A conscientious and <b>deliberate</b> worker.</i>
<b>deliberately</b>	In a careful and unhurried way. <i>The fire was started <b>deliberately</b>.</i>
<b>designed</b>	Done or made or performed with purpose and intent. <i>Games <b>designed</b> for all ages.</i>

<b>fabricate</b>	Invent (something) in order to deceive. <i>Officers <b>fabricated</b> evidence.</i>
<b>fancied</b>	Formed or conceived by the imagination. <i>A <b>fancied</b> wrong.</i>
<b>fictitious</b>	Adopted in order to deceive. <i>Reports of a deal were dismissed as <b>fictitious</b> by the Minister.</i>
<b>forge</b>	A workplace where metal is worked by heating and hammering. <i>The signature on the cheque was <b>forged</b>.</i>
<b>headed</b>	Having a heading or course in a certain direction. <i>She was always cool <b>headed</b>.</i>
<b>intend</b>	Mean or intend to express or convey. <i>Pigs <b>intended</b> for human consumption.</i>
<b>intended</b>	Planned or meant. <i>An <b>intended</b> insult.</i>
<b>intentional</b>	Done or made or performed with purpose and intent- Havelock Ellis. <i><b>Intentional</b> damage.</i>
<b>intentionality</b>	The quality of mental states (e.g. thoughts, beliefs, desires, hopes) which consists in their being directed towards some object or state of affairs.
<b>intentionally</b>	With intention; in an intentional manner. <i>He used that word <b>intentionally</b>.</i>
<b>knowingly</b>	With full knowledge and deliberation. <i>Amy looked at me <b>knowingly</b>.</i>
<b>minded</b>	(used in combination) mentally oriented toward something specified. <i>I m not scientifically <b>minded</b>.</i>
<b>plan</b>	Make a design of plan out in systematic often graphic form. <i>The UN peace <b>plan</b>.</i>
<b>planned</b>	Planned in advance. <i>The <b>planned</b> outlays for new equipment.</i>
<b>premeditated</b>	Characterized by deliberate purpose and some degree of planning. <i>A <b>premeditated</b> crime.</i>
<b>purpose</b>	The quality of being determined to do or achieve something firmness of purpose. <i>He is a man of <b>purpose</b>.</i>
<b>purposeful</b>	Having or showing determination or resolve. <i>The <b>purposeful</b> stride of a great barrister.</i>
<b>purposefully</b>	In a way that shows determination or resolve. <i>We <b>purposefully</b> avoided addressing the problem.</i>

- purposely** With intention; in an intentional manner.  
*She had **purposely** made it difficult.*
- ruse** An action intended to deceive someone; a trick.  
*Emma tried to think of a **ruse** to get Paul out of the house.*
- sabotage** Destroy property or hinder normal operations.  
*A coordinated campaign of **sabotage**.*
- scheme** Arrange according to a colour scheme.  
*A classical rhyme **scheme**.*
- skillfully** With skill.  
*Fragments of a nearly complete jug **skillfully** restored at the institute of archaeology.*
- wittingly** With full knowledge and deliberation.  
*He **wittingly** deleted the references.*

