

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.*

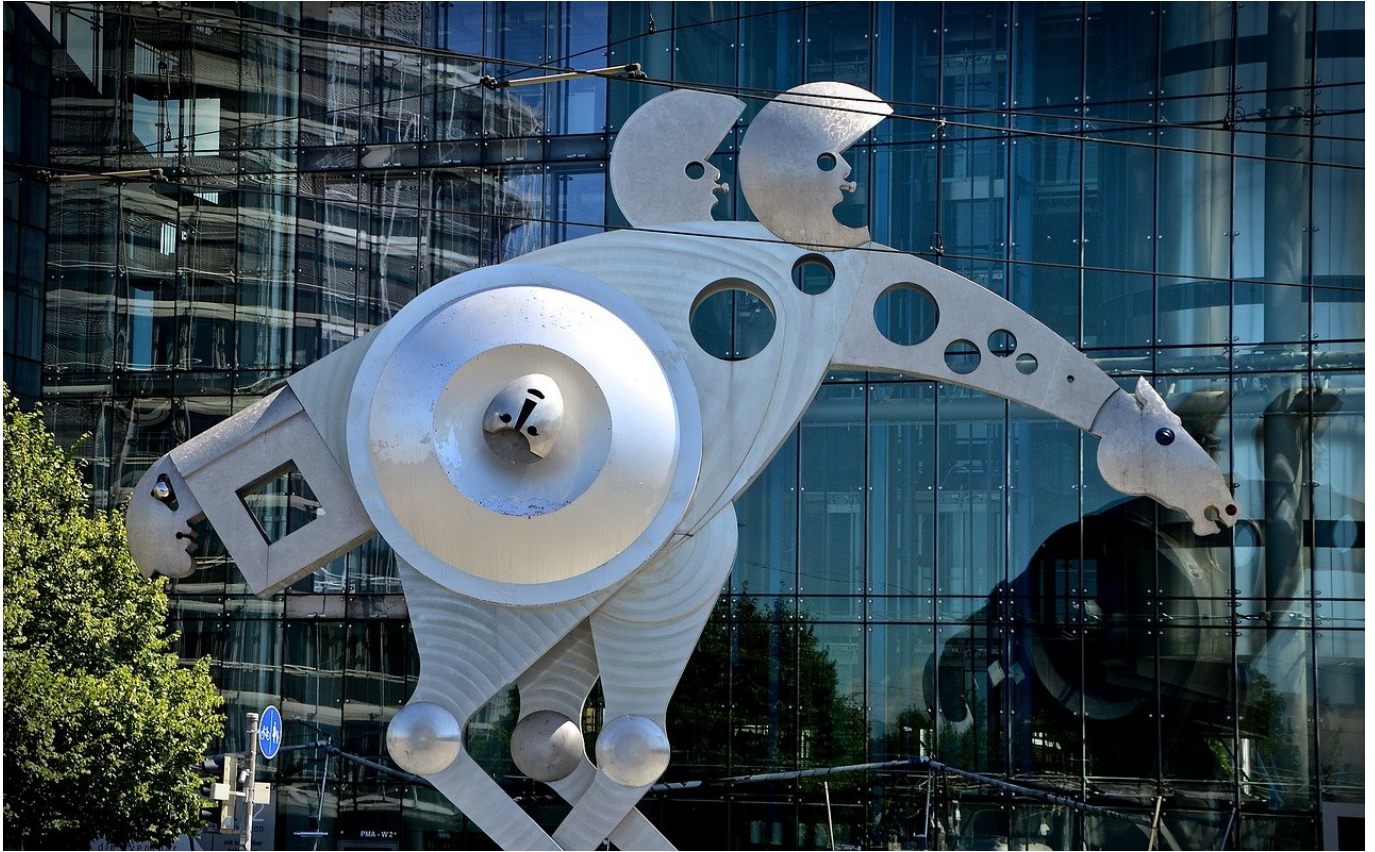


## Synonyms of "Artifice" as a noun (35 Words)

- 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.*

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| <b>deceit</b>      | The act of deceiving.<br><i>A series of lies and <b>deceits</b>.</i>   |
| <b>deception</b>   | The act of deceiving.<br><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.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i>The grant system's widespread use as a tax <b>dodge</b>.</i> |
| <b>duplicity</b>   | Deceitfulness.<br><i>The president was accused of <b>duplicity</b> in his dealings with Congress.</i>  |
| <b>evasion</b>     | An indirect answer; a prevaricating excuse.<br><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.<br><i>The current policy is a political <b>expedient</b>.</i> |
| <b>guile</b>       | Shrewdness as demonstrated by being skilled in deception.<br><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.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i>He didn't make a <b>move</b> to help.</i>  |
| <b>ploy</b>        | A maneuver in a game or conversation.<br><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.<br><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).<br><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.<br><i>The whole <b>scheme</b> is plunged into darkness bar the light in Victor's house.</i>                                   |

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| <b>slyness</b>           | Shrewdness as demonstrated by being skilled in deception.   |
| <b>stratagem</b>         | Skill in devising plans or schemes; cunning.<br><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.<br><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.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i>She thought Elaine was playing some <b>trick</b> on her.</i>   |
| <b><u>trickery</u></b>   | The practice of deception.<br><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).<br><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)

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| <b><u>calculated</u></b> | Carefully thought out in advance.<br><i>Victims of vicious and <b>calculated</b> assaults.</i>   |
| <b><u>concoct</u></b>    | Make a concoction of by mixing.<br><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).<br><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.<br><i>A conscientious and <b>deliberate</b> worker.</i>  |
| <b>deliberately</b>      | In a careful and unhurried way.<br><i>The fire was started <b>deliberately</b>.</i>  |
| <b>designed</b>          | Done or made or performed with purpose and intent.<br><i>Games <b>designed</b> for all ages.</i>   |

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| <b>fabricate</b>      | Invent (something) in order to deceive.<br><i>Officers <b>fabricated</b> evidence.</i>  |
| <b>fancied</b>        | Formed or conceived by the imagination.<br><i>A <b>fancied</b> wrong.</i>   |
| <b>fictitious</b>     | Adopted in order to deceive.<br><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.<br><i>The signature on the cheque was <b>forged</b>.</i>                                  |
| <b>headed</b>         | Having a heading or course in a certain direction.<br><i>She was always cool <b>headed</b>.</i>   |
| <b>intend</b>         | Mean or intend to express or convey.<br><i>Pigs <b>intended</b> for human consumption.</i>  |
| <b>intended</b>       | Planned or meant.<br><i>An <b>intended</b> insult.</i>  |
| <b>intentional</b>    | Done or made or performed with purpose and intent- Havelock Ellis.<br><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.<br><i>He used that word <b>intentionally</b>.</i>   |
| <b>knowingly</b>      | With full knowledge and deliberation.<br><i>Amy looked at me <b>knowingly</b>.</i>  |
| <b>minded</b>         | (used in combination) mentally oriented toward something specified.<br><i>I m not scientifically <b>minded</b>.</i>                                   |
| <b>plan</b>           | Make a design of plan out in systematic often graphic form.<br><i>The UN peace <b>plan</b>.</i>   |
| <b>planned</b>        | Planned in advance.<br><i>The <b>planned</b> outlays for new equipment.</i>   |
| <b>premeditated</b>   | Characterized by deliberate purpose and some degree of planning.<br><i>A <b>premeditated</b> crime.</i>   |
| <b>purpose</b>        | The quality of being determined to do or achieve something firmness of purpose.<br><i>He is a man of <b>purpose</b>.</i>                              |
| <b>purposeful</b>     | Having or showing determination or resolve.<br><i>The <b>purposeful</b> stride of a great barrister.</i>  |
| <b>purposefully</b>   | In a way that shows determination or resolve.<br><i>We <b>purposefully</b> avoided addressing the problem.</i>  |

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

