

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

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**The synonyms of “Deceit” are: deception, misrepresentation, dissembling, dissimulation, fraudulence, deceitfulness, duplicity, double-dealing, fraud, cheating, trickery, duping, chicanery, underhandedness, deviousness, slyness, cunning, craftiness, craft, wiliness, artfulness, guile, bluff, bluffing, lying, pretence, artifice, treachery, sham, imposture, hoax, fake, blind, wile, trojan horse**

## Deceit as a Noun

### Definitions of "Deceit" as a noun

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

- *The action or practice of deceiving someone by concealing or misrepresenting the truth.*
- *The act of deceiving.*
- *The quality of being fraudulent.*
- *A misleading falsehood.*



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

<b>artfulness</b>	The quality of being adroit in taking unfair advantage.
<b><u>artifice</u></b>	Clever or cunning devices or expedients, especially as used to trick or deceive others. <i>An industry dominated by <b>artifice</b>.</i>
<b><u>blind</u></b>	An awning over a shop window. <i>They had just moved in and had not put up <b>blinds</b> yet.</i>
<b>bluff</b>	The act of bluffing in poker deception by a false show of confidence in the strength of your cards. <i>His game of <b>bluff</b>.</i>
<b>bluffing</b>	The act of bluffing in poker deception by a false show of confidence in the strength of your cards.
<b>cheating</b>	A deception for profit to yourself.
<b><u>chicanery</u></b>	The use of deception or subterfuge to achieve one's purpose. <i>Storylines packed with political <b>chicanery</b>.</i>

<b><u>craft</u></b>	An aircraft or spaceship. <i>The <b>craft</b> of cobbling.</i>
<b>craftiness</b>	The quality of being crafty.
<b><u>cunning</u></b>	Shrewdness as demonstrated by being skilled in deception. <i>What resources of energy and <b>cunning</b> it took just to survive.</i>
<b>deceitfulness</b>	The quality of being crafty.
<b>deception</b>	The action of deceiving someone. <i>A range of elaborate <b>deceptions</b>.</i>
<b>deviousness</b>	The quality of being deceitful and underhanded.
<b>dissembling</b>	The act of deceiving.
<b>dissimulation</b>	The act of deceiving. <i>An attempt at <b>dissimulation</b>.</i>
<b>double-dealing</b>	Acting in bad faith; deception by pretending to entertain one set of intentions while acting under the influence of another.
<b>duping</b>	A person who is tricked or swindled.
<b><u>duplicity</u></b>	The state of being double. <i>The president was accused of <b>duplicity</b> in his dealings with Congress.</i>
<b>fake</b>	A deceptive move made by a football player. <i><b>Fakes</b> of Old Masters.</i>
<b>fraud</b>	Something intended to deceive; deliberate trickery intended to gain an advantage. <i>Prosecutions for social security <b>frauds</b>.</i>
<b>fraudulence</b>	The quality of being fraudulent.
<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><u>hoax</u></b>	Something intended to deceive; deliberate trickery intended to gain an advantage. <i>A <b>hoax</b> 999 call.</i>
<b>imposture</b>	Pretending to be another person. <i>In a day and a night of violence and <b>imposture</b> William Bentley also succeeds in capturing a smuggler.</i>
<b>lying</b>	A statement that deviates from or perverts the truth.
<b><u>misrepresentation</u></b>	A misleading falsehood. <i>A gross <b>misrepresentation</b> of the situation.</i>
<b>pretence</b>	The practice of inventing imaginary situations in play. <i>His anger is masked by a <b>pretence</b> that all is well.</i>

**sham**

A person who pretends to be someone or something they are not.  
*George abhorred **sham** and affectation.*

**slyness**

Shrewdness as demonstrated by being skilled in deception.

**treachery**

Betrayal of trust.

*Many died because of his **treachery**.*

**trickery**

The use of tricks to deceive someone (usually to extract money from them).

*The dealer resorted to **trickery**.*

**trojan horse**

A padded gymnastic apparatus on legs.

**underhandedness**

Secretive or dishonest behaviour.

*He rules with a combination of threats and **underhandedness**.*

**wile**

The use of tricks to deceive someone (usually to extract money from them).

*She didn't employ any feminine **wiles** to capture his attention.*

**wiliness**

A person who lacks confidence, is irresolute and wishy-washy.





## Usage Examples of "Deceit" as a noun

- *A series of lies and deceits.*
- *A web of deceit.*
- *Hypocrisy and deceit were anathema to her.*



## Associations of "Deceit" (30 Words)

<b>baloney</b>	Pretentious or silly talk or writing. <i>I don't buy it it's all a load of <b>baloney</b>.</i>
<b>betrayal</b>	An act of deliberate betrayal. <i>The <b>betrayal</b> by the king by his daughter.</i>
<b>cheating</b>	A deception for profit to yourself.
<b>chicanery</b>	The use of deception or subterfuge to achieve one's purpose. <i>Storylines packed with political <b>chicanery</b>.</i>

<b>cozen</b>	Cheat or trick. <i>He <b>cozened</b> the money out of the old man.</i>
<b>deceive</b>	Cause someone to believe an untruth. <i>The area may seem to offer nothing of interest but don't be <b>deceived</b>.</i>
<b>deception</b>	The action of deceiving someone. <i>A range of elaborate <b>deceptions</b>.</i>
<b><u>deceptive</u></b>	Designed to deceive or mislead either deliberately or inadvertently. <i>The <b>deceptive</b> calm in the eye of the storm.</i>
<b>delude</b>	Be false to; be dishonest with. <i>Too many theorists have <b>deluded</b> the public.</i>
<b>dissimulation</b>	A flock of small birds. <i>His audience consisted of a <b>dissimulation</b> of birds.</i>
<b><u>duplicity</u></b>	Deceitfulness. <i>The president was accused of <b>duplicity</b> in his dealings with Congress.</i>
<b>faithless</b>	Having the character of, or characteristic of, a traitor. <i>They were ungodly and <b>faithless</b>.</i>
<b>feint</b>	Make a deceptive or distracting movement, especially during a fight. <i>The midfielder <b>feinted</b> to shoot.</i>
<b>fraud</b>	Wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain. <i>Mediums exposed as tricksters and <b>frauds</b>.</i>
<b>fraudulence</b>	Something intended to deceive; deliberate trickery intended to gain an advantage.
<b>fraudulent</b>	Intended to deceive – S.T. Coleridge. <i>A <b>fraudulent</b> scheme to escape paying taxes.</i>
<b><u>hoax</u></b>	Subject to a playful hoax or joke. <i>A <b>hoax</b> 999 call.</i>
<b>humbug</b>	Deceptive or false talk or behaviour. <i>Poor Dave is easily <b>humbugged</b>.</i>
<b>liar</b>	A person who has lied or who lies repeatedly. <i>The man was a notorious <b>liar</b>.</i>
<b>lie</b>	The way, direction or position in which something lies. <i>His body <b>lies</b> in a crypt.</i>
<b>perfidious</b>	Deceitful and untrustworthy. <i>The <b>perfidious</b> Judas.</i>
<b>perfidy</b>	Betrayal of a trust. <i>Hapsburg <b>perfidy</b>.</i>

<b>phony</b>	A person who professes beliefs and opinions that he or she does not hold in order to conceal his or her real feelings or motives.
<b><u>rebel</u></b>	Take part in a rebellion renounce a former allegiance. <i>Tory <b>rebels</b>.</i>
<b><u>renegade</u></b>	Become a renegade. <i>An agent who later turns out to be a <b>renegade</b>.</i>
<b>scam</b>	Swindle. <i>A guy that <b>scams</b> old pensioners out of their savings.</i>
<b>swindle</b>	A fraudulent scheme or action. <i>He is mixed up in a 10 million insurance <b>swindle</b>.</i>
<b>treacherous</b>	Tending to betray especially having a treacherous character as attributed to the Carthaginians by the Romans. <i><b>Treacherous</b> winding roads.</i>
<b>trick</b>	A clever or particular way of doing something. <i>A <b>trick</b> knee.</i>
<b><u>trickery</u></b>	The use of tricks to deceive someone (usually to extract money from them). <i>The dealer resorted to <b>trickery</b>.</i>

