

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)

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| <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.<br><i>An industry dominated by <b>artifice</b>.</i> |
| <b><u>blind</u></b>     | An awning over a shop window.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i>Storylines packed with political <b>chicanery</b>.</i>                   |

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| <b><u>craft</u></b>             | An aircraft or spaceship.<br><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.<br><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.<br><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.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i><b>Fakes</b> of Old Masters.</i>  |
| <b>fraud</b>                    | Something intended to deceive; deliberate trickery intended to gain an advantage.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i>A <b>hoax</b> 999 call.</i>                                     |
| <b>imposture</b>                | Pretending to be another person.<br><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.<br><i>A gross <b>misrepresentation</b> of the situation.</i>  |
| <b>pretence</b>                 | The practice of inventing imaginary situations in play.<br><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)

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| <b>baloney</b>   | Pretentious or silly talk or writing.<br><i>I don't buy it it's all a load of <b>baloney</b>.</i>                         |
| <b>betrayal</b>  | An act of deliberate betrayal.<br><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.<br><i>Storylines packed with political <b>chicanery</b>.</i> |

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| <b>cozen</b>            | Cheat or trick.<br><i>He <b>cozened</b> the money out of the old man.</i>   |
| <b>deceive</b>          | Cause someone to believe an untruth.<br><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.<br><i>A range of elaborate <b>deceptions</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>deceptive</u></b> | Designed to deceive or mislead either deliberately or inadvertently.<br><i>The <b>deceptive</b> calm in the eye of the storm.</i>           |
| <b>delude</b>           | Be false to; be dishonest with.<br><i>Too many theorists have <b>deluded</b> the public.</i>  |
| <b>dissimulation</b>    | A flock of small birds.<br><i>His audience consisted of a <b>dissimulation</b> of birds.</i>  |
| <b><u>duplicity</u></b> | Deceitfulness.<br><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.<br><i>They were ungodly and <b>faithless</b>.</i>                                 |
| <b>feint</b>            | Make a deceptive or distracting movement, especially during a fight.<br><i>The midfielder <b>feinted</b> to shoot.</i>                      |
| <b>fraud</b>            | Wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain.<br><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.<br><i>A <b>fraudulent</b> scheme to escape paying taxes.</i>  |
| <b><u>hoax</u></b>      | Subject to a playful hoax or joke.<br><i>A <b>hoax</b> 999 call.</i>  |
| <b>humbug</b>           | Deceptive or false talk or behaviour.<br><i>Poor Dave is easily <b>humbugged</b>.</i>   |
| <b>liar</b>             | A person who has lied or who lies repeatedly.<br><i>The man was a notorious <b>liar</b>.</i>  |
| <b>lie</b>              | The way direction or position in which something lies.<br><i>His body <b>lies</b> in a crypt.</i>   |
| <b>perfidious</b>       | Deceitful and untrustworthy.<br><i>The <b>perfidious</b> Judas.</i>   |
| <b>perfidy</b>          | Betrayal of a trust.<br><i>Hapsburg <b>perfidy</b>.</i>   |

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| <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.<br><i>Tory <b>rebels</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>renegade</u></b> | Become a renegade.<br><i>An agent who later turns out to be a <b>renegade</b>.</i>  |
| <b>scam</b>            | Swindle.<br><i>A guy that <b>scams</b> old pensioners out of their savings.</i>   |
| <b>swindle</b>         | A fraudulent scheme or action.<br><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.<br><i><b>Treacherous</b> winding roads.</i> |
| <b>trick</b>           | A clever or particular way of doing something.<br><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).<br><i>The dealer resorted to <b>trickery</b>.</i>                              |

