

Need another word that means the same as “disingenuous”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “disingenuous” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Disingenuous” are: artful, dishonest, deceitful, underhand, underhanded, duplicitous, double-dealing, two-faced, insincere, false, lying, untruthful, mendacious

Disingenuous as an Adjective

Definitions of "Disingenuous" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “disingenuous” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Not straightforward or candid; giving a false appearance of frankness.*
- *Not straightforward or candid; giving a false appearance of frankness- David Cannadine.*
- *Not candid or sincere, typically by pretending that one knows less about something than one really does.*

Synonyms of "Disingenuous" as an adjective (13 Words)

artful	Not straightforward or candid; giving a false appearance of frankness- David Cannadine. <i>The artful dodger.</i>
deceitful	Marked by deliberate deceptiveness especially by pretending one set of feelings and acting under the influence of another- Israel Zangwill. <i>Deceitful advertising.</i>

dishonest	Behaving or prone to behave in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or insincere way. <i>Dishonest politicians.</i>
double-dealing	Marked by deliberate deceptiveness especially by pretending one set of feelings and acting under the influence of another- Israel Zangwill.
<u>duplicious</u>	Deceitful. <i>A duplicious philanderer.</i>
false	Used in names of plants animals and gems that superficially resemble the thing properly so called e g false oat. <i>A false passport.</i>
<u>insincere</u>	Not expressing genuine feelings. <i>Their praise was extravagant and insincere.</i>
lying	Not telling the truth. <i>He s a lying cheating snake in the grass.</i>
mendacious	Not telling the truth; lying. <i>A mendacious statement.</i>
two-faced	Marked by deliberate deceptiveness especially by pretending one set of feelings and acting under the influence of another- Israel Zangwill.
underhand	Acting or done in a secret or dishonest way. <i>Underhand bowling.</i>
underhanded	Marked by deception. <i>Underhanded practices.</i>
untruthful	Not expressing or given to expressing the truth. <i>The statement given under oath was untruthful.</i>

Usage Examples of "Disingenuous" as an adjective

- *This journalist was being somewhat disingenuous as well as cynical.*
- *A disingenuous excuse.*
- *An ambitious, disingenuous, philistine, and hypocritical operator, who...exemplified...the most disagreeable traits of his time.*

Associations of "Disingenuous" (30 Words)

artful	Showing creative skill or taste. <i>An artful choice of metaphors.</i>
bombastic	High-sounding but with little meaning; inflated. <i>Bombastic music that drowned out what anyone was saying.</i>

changed	Changed in constitution or structure or composition by metamorphism. <i>He s an altered or changed man since his election to Congress.</i>
<u>crooked</u>	Having or marked by bends or angles; not straight or aligned. <i>His teeth were yellow and crooked.</i>
<u>deformed</u>	(of a person or part of the body) not having the normal or natural shape or form; misshapen. <i>His deformed hands.</i>
dishonest	Behaving or prone to behave in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or insincere way. <i>He was a dishonest hypocrite prepared to exploit his family.</i>
<u>distorted</u>	So badly formed or out of shape as to be ugly. <i>His poor distorted limbs.</i>
exaggerated	Regarded or represented as larger, better, or worse than in reality. <i>Thick lenses exaggerated the size of her eyes.</i>
extremely	To a very great degree; very. <i>Extremely unpleasant.</i>
fawning	Attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery. <i>Fawning interviews with Hollywood celebs.</i>
feigned	Simulated or pretended; insincere. <i>Feigned sympathy.</i>
<u>flattery</u>	Excessive or insincere praise. <i>She allowed no hint of flattery to enter her voice.</i>
garble	A garbled account or transmission. <i>Upon winning a race a driver spews out a litany of commercial garble.</i>
<u>hypocritical</u>	Behaving in a way that suggests one has higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case. <i>It would be entirely hypocritical of me to say I regret it because I don t.</i>
immoderate	Not sensible or restrained; excessive. <i>Immoderate laughter.</i>
<u>insincere</u>	Lacking sincerity. <i>Their praise was extravagant and insincere.</i>
<u>manipulate</u>	Manipulate in a fraudulent manner. <i>The masses were deceived and manipulated by a tiny group.</i>
meretricious	Based on pretense; deceptively pleasing. <i>Meretricious souvenirs for the tourist trade.</i>
<u>morbid</u>	Suggesting an unhealthy mental state. <i>Morbid curiosity.</i>

obsequious	Attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery. <i>They were served by obsequious waiters.</i>
overly	Excessively. <i>She was a jealous and overly possessive woman.</i>
smarmy	Ingratiating and wheedling in a way that is regarded as insincere or excessive. <i>A smarmy unctuous reply.</i>
specious	Misleading in appearance, especially misleadingly attractive. <i>The music trade gives Golden Oldies a specious appearance of novelty.</i>
twisted	Having an intended meaning altered or misrepresented. <i>Many of the facts seemed twisted out of any semblance to reality.</i>
untrue	Not true to an obligation or trust-Bruno Laske. <i>Unfortunately the statement was simply untrue.</i>
untrustworthy	Not able to be relied on as honest or truthful. <i>An untrustworthy person.</i>
warped	Bent or twisted out of shape, typically as a result of the effects of heat or damp. <i>A warped sense of humour.</i>
wind	Wind instruments or specifically woodwind instruments forming a band or a section of an orchestra. <i>When there is no wind row.</i>
worm	An earthworm. <i>I wormed her over a course of three weeks.</i>
wrest	Forcibly pull (something) from a person's grasp. <i>Wrest a meaning from the old text.</i>