

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)

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

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

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

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

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