

Need another word that means the same as “dubious”? Find 25 synonyms and 30 related words for “dubious” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Dubious” are: doubtful, dubitable, in question, uncertain, unsure, in doubt, hesitant, suspicious, suspect, under suspicion, untrustworthy, unreliable, undependable, questionable, equivocal, ambiguous, indeterminate, indefinite, unclear, vague, imprecise, hazy, puzzling, enigmatic, cryptic

## Dubious as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Dubious" as an adjective

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

- *Not convinced.*
- *Fraught with uncertainty or doubt.*
- *Morally suspect.*
- *Hesitating or doubting.*
- *Not to be relied upon; suspect.*
- *Of questionable value.*
- *Open to doubt or suspicion.*

### Synonyms of "Dubious" as an adjective (25 Words)

**ambiguous**      Open to two or more interpretations; or of uncertain nature or significance; or (often) intended to mislead.  
*The election result was **ambiguous**.*

<u>cryptic</u>	Of an obscure nature- Rachel. <i>He found his boss's utterances too <b>cryptic</b>.</i>
<b>doubtful</b>	Improbable. <i>I was <b>doubtful</b> of my judgement.</i>
<b>dubitable</b>	Open to doubt or suspicion. <i>It was more than <b>dubitable</b> whether the friend was as influential as she thought.</i>
<b>enigmatic</b>	Resembling an oracle in obscurity of thought. <i>He took the money with an <b>enigmatic</b> smile.</i>
<b>equivocal</b>	Open to question-Anna Jameson. <i>The evidence from bacteriologic analysis was <b>equivocal</b>.</i>
<u>hazy</u>	Indistinct or hazy in outline. <i>School leavers were often <b>hazy</b> about employment.</i>
<b>hesitant</b>	Lacking decisiveness of character; unable to act or decide quickly or firmly. <i>Her slow <b>hesitant</b> way of speaking.</i>
<b>imprecise</b>	Not precise. <i>The terms he used were <b>imprecise</b> and emotional.</i>
<b>in doubt</b>	Currently fashionable.
<b>in question</b>	Directed or bound inward.
<b>indefinite</b>	Lasting for an unknown or unstated length of time. <i>Amorphous blots of color having vague and <b>indefinite</b> edges.</i>
<b>indeterminate</b>	Of uncertain or ambiguous nature. <i>An <b>indeterminate</b> campaign.</i>
<u>puzzling</u>	Lacking clarity of meaning; causing confusion or perplexity. <i>Only one very <b>puzzling</b> question remains unanswered.</i>
<u>questionable</u>	Able to be refuted. <i><b>Questionable</b> motives.</i>
<u>suspect</u>	Not to be relied on or trusted; possibly dangerous or false. <i>A <b>suspect</b> package was found on the platform.</i>
<u>suspicious</u>	Not as expected. <i>Police were called when staff became <b>suspicious</b>.</i>
<u>uncertain</u>	Lacking or indicating lack of confidence or assurance. <i>An <b>uncertain</b> smile.</i>
<u>unclear</u>	Not obvious or definite; ambiguous. <i>The law itself was <b>unclear</b> on that point.</i>

<b>undependable</b>	Not worthy of reliance or trust. <i>An <b>undependable</b> generalization.</i>
<b>under suspicion</b>	Lower in rank, power, or authority.
<b>unreliable</b>	Lacking a sense of responsibility. <i>In the early 1950s computers were large and expensive and <b>unreliable</b>.</i>
<b>unsure</b>	Not feeling, showing, or done with confidence and certainty. <i>She was feeling nervous <b>unsure</b> of herself.</i>
<b>untrustworthy</b>	Not worthy of trust or belief. <i>Thomas considered her to be devious and <b>untrustworthy</b>.</i>
<b>vague</b>	Of uncertain, indefinite, or unclear character or meaning. <i>A <b>vague</b> uneasiness.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Dubious" as an adjective

- *He holds the dubious distinction of being relegated with every club he has played for.*
- *They admitted the force of my argument but remained dubious.*
- *What one found uncertain the other found dubious or downright false.*
- *He has a dubious record indeed.*
- *Dubious about agreeing to go.*
- *Extremely dubious assumptions.*
- *Timeshare has been brought into disrepute by dubious sales methods.*
- *I was rather dubious about the whole idea.*

## Associations of "Dubious" (30 Words)

<b>agnostic</b>	Relating to agnostics or agnosticism. <i>Our industry is moving towards a device <b>agnostic</b> model.</i>
<b>askance</b>	Directed to one side with or as if with doubt or suspicion or envy- Elizabeth Bowen. <i>The reformers looked <b>askance</b> at the mystical tradition.</i>
<b>askew</b>	Wrong; awry. <i>Her hat was slightly <b>askew</b>.</i>
<b>cynical</b>	Concerned only with one's own interests and typically disregarding accepted standards in order to achieve them. <i>He gave a <b>cynical</b> laugh.</i>
<b>disbelief</b>	A rejection of belief. <i>I ll burn in hell for <b>disbelief</b>.</i>

<b>distrust</b>	Doubt about someone's honesty. <i>Speculation remained that the Army <b>distrusted</b> the peace process.</i>
<b>doubt</b>	Consider unlikely or have doubts about. <i>I <b>doubt</b> not any ones contradicting this Journal.</i>
<b>doubtful</b>	Open to doubt or suspicion. <i>He looked <b>doubtful</b> but gave a nod.</i>
<b>freethinker</b>	A person who rejects accepted opinions, especially those concerning religious belief.
<b>incredulity</b>	Doubt about the truth of something. <i>He stared down the street in <b>incredulity</b>.</i>
<b>incredulous</b>	Not disposed or willing to believe; unbelieving. <i>An <b>incredulous</b> gasp.</i>
<b>leery</b>	Openly distrustful and unwilling to confide. <i>A city <b>leery</b> of gang violence.</i>
<b>misgiving</b>	A feeling of doubt or apprehension about the outcome or consequences of something. <i>I felt a sense of <b>misgiving</b> at the prospect of retirement.</i>
<b>pessimist</b>	A person who believes that this world is as bad as it could be or that evil will ultimately prevail over good. <i>He finds solace in the writings of <b>pessimist</b> philosophers.</i>
<b>question</b>	An instance of questioning. <i>The <b>question</b> of local government funding worried ministers.</i>
<b>questionable</b>	Able to be refuted. <i><b>Questionable</b> motives.</i>
<b>questioning</b>	Showing an interest in learning new things. <i>The young lieutenant escorted us to the barracks for <b>questioning</b>.</i>
<b>sceptic</b>	Someone who habitually doubts accepted beliefs.
<b>sceptical</b>	Relating to the theory that certain knowledge is impossible. <i>The public were deeply <b>sceptical</b> about some of the proposals.</i>
<b>sidelong</b>	On the side. <i>Moved downward in a <b>sidelong</b> way.</i>
<b>skeptic</b>	Someone who habitually doubts accepted beliefs.
<b>skeptical</b>	Denying or questioning the tenets of especially a religion. <i>A <b>skeptical</b> approach to the nature of miracles.</i>
<b>skepticism</b>	Doubt about the truth of something.
<b>surprise</b>	Cause to be surprised. <i>Much to her <b>surprise</b> she d missed him.</i>

<b><u>suspect</u></b>	Not to be relied on or trusted; possibly dangerous or false. <i>A broker whose honesty he had no reason to <b>suspect</b>.</i>
<b><u>suspicious</u></b>	Openly distrustful and unwilling to confide. <i>Police were called when staff became <b>suspicious</b>.</i>
<b><u>suspiciously</u></b>	In a way that arouses suspicion or distrust. <i>The group was <b>suspiciously</b> quiet about their activities.</i>
<b><u>unbelief</u></b>	Lack of religious belief; an absence of faith. <i>The distinction between doubt and <b>unbelief</b> is valid and useful.</i>
<b><u>uncertain</u></b>	Ambiguous (especially in the negative). <i>Everything is <b>uncertain</b> about the army.</i>
<b><u>uncertainty</u></b>	The state of being unsure of something. <i>Times of <b>uncertainty</b> and danger.</i>