

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

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

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

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

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