

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**.*

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| <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> |

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| 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)

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| 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> |

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| 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> |

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