

Need another word that means the same as “duplicity”? Find 26 synonyms and 30 related words for “duplicity” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Duplicity” are: fraudulence, double-dealing, deceitfulness, deceit, deception, deviousness, underhandedness, dishonesty, falseness, falsity, fraud, sharp practice, swindling, cheating, chicanery, trickery, craft, guile, artifice, subterfuge, skulduggery, treachery, unfairness, unjustness, perfidy, improbity**

## Duplicity as a Noun

### Definitions of "Duplicity" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “duplicity” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *The state of being double.*
- *A fraudulent or duplicitous representation.*
- *Deceitfulness.*
- *Acting in bad faith; deception by pretending to entertain one set of intentions while acting under the influence of another.*



## Synonyms of "Duplicity" as a noun (26 Words)

### [artifice](#)

Clever or cunning devices or expedients, especially as used to trick or deceive others.

*An industry dominated by **artifice**.*

### **cheating**

A deception for profit to yourself.

### [chicanery](#)

The use of deception or subterfuge to achieve one's purpose.

*Storylines packed with political **chicanery**.*

### [craft](#)

An aircraft or spaceship.

*Her cousin was not her equal in guile and evasive **craft**.*

### [deceit](#)

The action or practice of deceiving someone by concealing or misrepresenting the truth.

*Hypocrisy and **deceit** were anathema to her.*

### **deceitfulness**

The quality of being crafty.

### **deception**

The act of deceiving.

*Obtaining property by **deception**.*

<b>deviousness</b>	The quality of being oblique and rambling indirectly.
<b>dishonesty</b>	Deceitfulness shown in someone's character or behaviour. <i>The dismissal of thirty civil servants for <b>dishonesty</b> and misconduct.</i>
<b>double-dealing</b>	Acting in bad faith; deception by pretending to entertain one set of intentions while acting under the influence of another.
<b>falseness</b>	Unfaithfulness by virtue of being unreliable or treacherous.
<b>falsity</b>	The fact of being untrue, incorrect, or insincere. <i>He exposed the <b>falsity</b> of the claim.</i>
<b>fraud</b>	Intentional deception resulting in injury to another person. <i>Prosecutions for social security <b>frauds</b>.</i>
<b>fraudulence</b>	A fraudulent or duplicitous representation.
<b>guile</b>	The quality of being crafty. <i>He used all his <b>guile</b> and guts to free himself from the muddle he was in.</i>
<b>improbability</b>	Lack of honesty and moral integrity.
<b>perfidy</b>	The state of being deceitful and untrustworthy. <i>It was an example of his <b>perfidy</b>.</i>
<b>sharp practice</b>	A long thin sewing needle with a sharp point.
<b>skulduggery</b>	Underhand, unscrupulous, or dishonest behaviour or activities. <i>A firm that investigates commercial <b>skulduggery</b>.</i>
<b><u>subterfuge</u></b>	Deceit used in order to achieve one's goal. <i>He wasn't sick it was just a <b>subterfuge</b>.</i>
<b>swindling</b>	The act of swindling by some fraudulent scheme.
<b><u>treachery</u></b>	Betrayal of trust. <i>Many died because of his <b>treachery</b>.</i>
<b><u>trickery</u></b>	The use of tricks to deceive someone (usually to extract money from them). <i>The dealer resorted to <b>trickery</b>.</i>
<b>underhandedness</b>	Secretive or dishonest behaviour. <i>He rules with a combination of threats and <b>underhandedness</b>.</i>
<b>unfairness</b>	An unjust act. <i>The multiple <b>unfairnesses</b> the elderly face.</i>
<b>unjustness</b>	The practice of being unjust or unfair.



## Usage Examples of "Duplicity" as a noun

- *The president was accused of duplicity in his dealings with Congress.*



## Associations of "Duplicity" (30 Words)

- betray** Give away information about somebody.  
*A double agent who **betrayed** some 400 British and French agents to the Germans.*
- betrayal** An act of deliberate betrayal.  
*The **betrayal** by the king by his daughter.*
- betrayor** A person who says one thing and does another.
- cheating** Violating accepted standards or rules.
- chicanery** The use of deception or subterfuge to achieve one's purpose.  
*Storylines packed with political **chicanery**.*

<b>cunning</b>	Crafty artfulness (especially in deception). <i>A <b>cunning</b> baby.</i>
<b>deceit</b>	The action or practice of deceiving someone by concealing or misrepresenting the truth. <i>Hypocrisy and <b>deceit</b> were anathema to her.</i>
<b>deceive</b>	Be false to; be dishonest with. <i>I didn't intend to <b>deceive</b> people into thinking it was French champagne.</i>
<b>deception</b>	An illusory feat; considered magical by naive observers. <i>Obtaining property by <b>deception</b>.</i>
<b>fraud</b>	A person or thing intended to deceive others, typically by unjustifiably claiming or being credited with accomplishments or qualities. <i>Mediums exposed as tricksters and <b>frauds</b>.</i>
<b>fraudulence</b>	The quality of being fraudulent.
<b>guile</b>	The quality of being crafty. <i>He used all his <b>guile</b> and guts to free himself from the muddle he was in.</i>
<b>hoax</b>	Subject to a playful hoax or joke. <i>The evidence had been planted as part of an elaborate <b>hoax</b>.</i>
<b>humbug</b>	A hypocrite. <i>Poor Dave is easily <b>humbugged</b>.</i>
<b>hypocrite</b>	A hypocritical person. <i>The story tells of respectable Ben who turns out to be a cheat and a <b>hypocrite</b>.</i>
<b>infidelity</b>	Disbelief in a particular religion, especially Christianity. <i>Her <b>infidelity</b> continued after her marriage.</i>
<b>perfidious</b>	Tending to betray; especially having a treacherous character as attributed to the Carthaginians by the Romans. <i>The <b>perfidious</b> Judas.</i>
<b>perfidy</b>	Betrayal of a trust. <i>It was an example of his <b>perfidy</b>.</i>
<b>phony</b>	A person who professes beliefs and opinions that he or she does not hold in order to conceal his or her real feelings or motives.
<b>quisling</b>	A traitor who collaborates with an enemy force occupying their country. <i>He had the <b>Quisling</b> owner of the factory arrested.</i>
<b>rebel</b>	A person who takes part in an armed rebellion against the constituted authority especially in the hope of improving conditions. <i>As I came over the hill my legs <b>rebelled</b> I could walk no further.</i>

<b>renegade</b>	Become a renegade. <i>An agent who later turns out to be a <b>renegade</b>.</i>
<b>skulduggery</b>	Verbal misrepresentation intended to take advantage of you in some way. <i>A firm that investigates commercial <b>skulduggery</b>.</i>
<b>traitor</b>	A person who says one thing and does another. <i>He was a <b>traitor</b> to his own class.</i>
<b>traitorous</b>	Having the character of, or characteristic of, a traitor. <i>When his <b>traitorous</b> actions were discovered he was imprisoned.</i>
<b>treacherous</b>	Tending to betray especially having a treacherous character as attributed to the Carthaginians by the Romans. <i>A holidaymaker was swept away by <b>treacherous</b> currents.</i>
<b>treasonable</b>	(of an offence or offender) punishable as treason or as committing treason. <i>There was no evidence of <b>treasonable</b> activity.</i>
<b>trickery</b>	The use of tricks to deceive someone (usually to extract money from them). <i>The dealer resorted to <b>trickery</b>.</i>
<b>turncoat</b>	A person who deserts one party or cause in order to join an opposing one. <i>They denounced him as a <b>turncoat</b>.</i>
<b>wile</b>	Lure; entice. <i>She didn't employ any feminine <b>wiles</b> to capture his attention.</i>

