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<b>abstruse</b>	Difficult to penetrate; incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding or knowledge. <i>The professor's lectures were so <b>abstruse</b> that students tended to avoid them.</i>
<a href="#">allusion</a>	The practice of making allusions. <i>A classical <b>allusion</b>.</i>
<b>artful</b>	Not straightforward or candid; giving a false appearance of frankness. <i>An <b>artful</b> choice of metaphors.</i>
<b>complexity</b>	A factor involved in a complicated process or situation. <i>He enjoyed the <b>complexity</b> of modern computers.</i>
<a href="#">covert</a>	Not openly acknowledged or displayed. <i>A woman <b>covert</b>.</i>
<b>crafty</b>	Marked by skill in deception. <i>A <b>crafty</b> crook faked an injury to escape from prison.</i>
<a href="#">cunning</a>	Showing inventiveness and skill. <i>The <b>cunning</b> maneuvers leading to his success.</i>
<b>difficult</b>	Hard to control. <i>A <b>difficult</b> task.</i>
<b>esoteric</b>	Intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest. <i>A compilation of <b>esoteric</b> philosophical theories.</i>
<b>esoterica</b>	Esoteric or highly specialized subjects or publications. <i>A professor of such <b>esoterica</b> as angelology and comparative shamanism.</i>
<a href="#">furtive</a>	Secret and sly or sordid- A.L.Guerard. <i>He stole a <b>furtive</b> glance at her.</i>
<b>guile</b>	Shrewdness as demonstrated by being skilled in deception. <i>He used all his <b>guile</b> and guts to free himself from the muddle he was in.</i>

<b>impalpable</b>	Not easily comprehended. <i>How would anyone come to a decision about something so <b>impalpable</b> as personhood.</i>
<b>ingenious</b>	Showing inventiveness and skill. <i>An <b>ingenious</b> solution to the problem.</i>
<b><u>innuendo</u></b>	An indirect (and usually malicious) implication. <i>A constant torrent of <b>innuendo</b> gossip lies and half truths.</i>
<b><u>insidious</u></b>	Beguiling but harmful. <i><b>Insidious</b> pleasures.</i>
<b><u>intangible</u></b>	An intangible thing. <i><b>Intangible</b> business property like patents.</i>
<b><u>manipulative</u></b>	Exercising unscrupulous control or influence over a person or situation. <i>A <b>manipulative</b> skill.</i>
<b>nuance</b>	Give nuances to. <i>Without understanding the finer <b>nuances</b> you can't enjoy the humor.</i>
<b><u>obscure</u></b>	Make obscure or unclear. <i>I feel an <b>obscure</b> resentment.</i>
<b>recondite</b>	Difficult to penetrate; incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding or knowledge. <i>Some <b>recondite</b> problem in historiography.</i>
<b><u>secretive</u></b>	(of a state or activity) characterized by the concealment of intentions and information. <i>A <b>secretive</b> smile.</i>
<b><u>sly</u></b>	Marked by skill in deception. <i>A <b>sly</b> sip of water.</i>
<b><u>subtle</u></b>	Capable of making fine distinctions. <i><b>Subtle</b> lighting.</i>
<b><u>subtlety</u></b>	A subtle distinction, feature, or argument. <i>You had to admire the <b>subtlety</b> of the distinctions he drew.</i>
<b><u>tricky</u></b>	Marked by skill in deception. <i>Applying eyeliner can be a <b>tricky</b> business.</i>
<b>undercurrent</b>	A subdued emotional quality underlying an utterance; implicit meaning. <i>Racial <b>undercurrents</b>.</i>
<b><u>undertone</u></b>	A pale or subdued color. <i>Spoke in <b>undertones</b>.</i>
<b><u>vague</u></b>	Lacking clarity or distinctness. <i><b>Vague</b> forms of speech have so long passed for mysteries of science.</i>

**wily**

Marked by skill in deception.  
A **wily** old attorney.

