

Need another word that means the same as “hoax”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “hoax” in this overview.

Table Of Contents:

- [Hoax as a Noun](#)
- [Definitions of "Hoax" as a noun](#)
- [Synonyms of "Hoax" as a noun \(10 Words\)](#)
- [Usage Examples of "Hoax" as a noun](#)
- [Hoax as a Verb](#)
- [Definitions of "Hoax" as a verb](#)
- [Synonyms of "Hoax" as a verb \(7 Words\)](#)
- [Associations of "Hoax" \(30 Words\)](#)

The synonyms of “Hoax” are: dupery, fraud, fraudulence, humbug, put-on, joke, jest, prank, trick, jape, play a joke on, pull someone's leg, play a practical joke on, play a jest on, play a prank on, fool

Hoax as a Noun

Definitions of "Hoax" as a noun

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

- *Something intended to deceive; deliberate trickery intended to gain an advantage.*
- *A humorous or malicious deception.*



Synonyms of "Hoax" as a noun (10 Words)

dupery	Something intended to deceive; deliberate trickery intended to gain an advantage.
fraud	Wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain. <i>He was convicted of fraud.</i>
fraudulence	Something intended to deceive; deliberate trickery intended to gain an advantage.
humbug	A boiled sweet, especially one flavoured with peppermint. <i>His comments are sheer humbug.</i>
jape	A practical joke. <i>The childish jape of depositing a stink bomb in her locker.</i>
jest	A humorous anecdote or remark intended to provoke laughter. <i>It was said in jest.</i>

- joke** A humorous anecdote or remark intended to provoke laughter.
*He told a very funny **joke**.*
- prank** A practical joke or mischievous act.
*The tapestry was stolen as part of a drunken student **prank**.*
- put-on** A ludicrous or grotesque act done for fun and amusement.
- trick** A cunning act or scheme intended to deceive or outwit someone.
*He s a double dealer capable of any mean **trick**.*



Usage Examples of "Hoax" as a noun

- A hoax 999 call.
- The evidence had been planted as part of an elaborate hoax.



Hoax as a Verb

Definitions of "Hoax" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "hoax" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Trick or deceive (someone).*
- *Subject to a playful hoax or joke.*



Synonyms of "Hoax" as a verb (7 Words)

fool

Fool or hoax.

*He **fooled** nightclub managers into believing he was a successful businessman.*

play a jest on

Consider not very seriously.

play a joke on	Participate in games or sport.
play a practical joke on	Stake on the outcome of an issue.
play a prank on	Stake on the outcome of an issue.
pull someone's leg	Bring, take, or pull out of a container or from under a cover.
trick	Cunningly deceive or outwit. <i>We tricked the teacher into thinking that class would be cancelled next week.</i>



Associations of "Hoax" (30 Words)

baloney	Foolish or deceptive talk; nonsense. <i>I don't buy it it's all a load of baloney.</i>
bamboozle	Conceal one's true motives from especially by elaborately feigning good intentions so as to gain an end. <i>He bamboozled his professors into thinking that he knew the subject well.</i>
bogus	Not genuine or true (used in a disapproving manner when deception has been attempted). <i>A bogus insurance claim.</i>
charlatan	A flamboyant deceiver; one who attracts customers with tricks or jokes. <i>A self confessed con artist and charlatan.</i>
cheat	An act of cheating a fraud or deception. <i>She cheats on her husband.</i>
counterfeit	A copy that is represented as the original. <i>A counterfeit prince.</i>
deceit	The quality of being fraudulent. <i>A web of deceit.</i>
deceive	(of a thing) give (someone) a mistaken impression. <i>The insurance company deceived me when they told me they were covering my house.</i>
deception	A misleading falsehood. <i>Obtaining property by deception.</i>
duplicity	A fraudulent or duplicitous representation. <i>The president was accused of duplicity in his dealings with Congress.</i>
fraud	Something intended to deceive; deliberate trickery intended to gain an advantage. <i>Prosecutions for social security frauds.</i>
fraudulence	The quality of being fraudulent.
fraudulent	Intended to deceive - S.T.Coleridge. <i>Fraudulent psychics.</i>
gullible	Easily tricked because of being too trusting. <i>An attempt to persuade a gullible public to spend their money.</i>
hoodwink	Conceal one's true motives from especially by elaborately feigning good intentions so as to gain an end. <i>Staff were hoodwinked into thinking the cucumber was a sawn off shotgun.</i>

humbug	Pretentious or silly talk or writing. <i>You see what a humbug I am.</i>
hypocrite	A hypocritical person. <i>The story tells of respectable Ben who turns out to be a cheat and a hypocrite.</i>
impostor	A person who pretends to be someone else in order to deceive others, especially for fraudulent gain. <i>The charity has warned anyone approached by the impostor to contact police immediately.</i>
liar	A person who tells lies. <i>The man was a notorious liar.</i>
mountebank	A person who deceives others, especially in order to trick them out of their money; a charlatan.
perpetrate	Carry out or commit (a harmful, illegal, or immoral action). <i>A crime has been perpetrated against a sovereign state.</i>
phony	Fraudulent; having a misleading appearance.
pretender	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. <i>The pretender to the throne.</i>
pseudo	(often used in combination) not genuine but having the appearance of. <i>The arty chat of a campus pseudo.</i>
quackery	Dishonest practices and claims to have special knowledge and skill in some field, typically medicine. <i>A website dedicated to exposing medical quackery.</i>
rebel	A person who takes part in an armed rebellion against the constituted authority especially in the hope of improving conditions. <i>Rebel forces.</i>
scam	Deprive of by deceit. <i>A guy that scams old pensioners out of their savings.</i>
specious	Misleading in appearance, especially misleadingly attractive. <i>The music trade gives Golden Oldies a specious appearance of novelty.</i>
swindle	Use deception to deprive (someone) of money or possessions. <i>He was said to have swindled 62 5 million from the state owned cement industry.</i>
swindler	A person who uses deception to deprive someone of money or possessions. <i>He used his charm to become a small time swindler.</i>

