

Need another word that means the same as “hypocritical”? Find 12 synonyms and 30 related words for “hypocritical” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Hypocritical” are: sanctimonious, pious, pietistic, self-righteous, holier-than-thou, superior, insincere, specious, feigned, pretended, hollow, false

Hypocritical as an Adjective

Definitions of "Hypocritical" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “hypocritical” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Professing feelings or virtues one does not have.*
- *Behaving in a way that suggests one has higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case.*



Synonyms of "Hypocritical" as an adjective (12 Words)

false	Used in names of plants animals and gems that superficially resemble the thing properly so called e g false oat. <i>A false passport.</i>
feigned	Simulated or pretended; insincere. <i>Her eyes widened with feigned shock.</i>
holier-than-thou	Excessively or hypocritically pious.
hollow	As if echoing in a hollow space. <i>A hollow promise.</i>
<u>insincere</u>	Lacking sincerity. <i>She flashed him an insincere smile.</i>
pietistic	Of or relating to Pietism.
<u>pious</u>	Dutiful or loyal, especially towards one's parents. <i>A deeply pious woman.</i>

pretended	Not genuine; assumed. <i>A pretended interest.</i>
sanctimonious	Excessively or hypocritically pious. <i>What happened to all the sanctimonious talk about putting his family first.</i>
self-righteous	Excessively or hypocritically pious.
specious	Superficially plausible, but actually wrong. <i>A specious argument.</i>
superior	Of high or superior quality or performance. <i>An ignited firework proceeds superior to circumstances until its blazing vitality fades.</i>

Usage Examples of "Hypocritical" as an adjective

- *Hypocritical praise.*
- *It would be entirely hypocritical of me to say I regret it because I don't.*
- *We don't go to church and we thought it would be hypocritical to have him christened.*

Associations of "Hypocritical" (30 Words)

adulation	Excessive admiration or praise. <i>He found it difficult to cope with the adulation of the fans.</i>
ambidextrous	Able to use the right and left hands equally well. <i>An ambidextrous tile gauge.</i>
corruptible	Capable of being corrupted. <i>Corruptible judges.</i>
deceitful	Marked by deliberate deceptiveness especially by pretending one set of feelings and acting under the influence of another. <i>She was a deceitful scheming little thing.</i>
deceptive	Causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true. <i>He put the question with deceptive casualness.</i>
dishonest	Deceptive or fraudulent; disposed to cheat or defraud or deceive. <i>He gave the editor a dishonest account of events.</i>
disingenuous	Not straightforward or candid; giving a false appearance of frankness. <i>An ambitious disingenuous philistine and hypocritical operator who exemplified the most disagreeable traits of his time.</i>
exaggerated	Enlarged to an abnormal degree. <i>An exaggerated account of his adventures.</i>

factitious	Not produced by natural forces. <i>A largely factitious national identity.</i>
fake	(of a person) claiming to be something that one is not. <i>Fake designer clothing.</i>
fallacious	Intended to deceive. <i>Fallacious reasoning.</i>
fawning	Displaying exaggerated flattery or affection; obsequious. <i>Fawning interviews with Hollywood celebs.</i>
feigned	Simulated or pretended; insincere. <i>Feigned sympathy.</i>
<u>flattery</u>	Excessive and insincere praise, given especially to further one's own interests. <i>She allowed no hint of flattery to enter her voice.</i>
fraudulent	Intended to deceive - S.T.Coleridge. <i>Fraudulent psychics.</i>
<u>gaudy</u>	Tastelessly showy. <i>A gaudy costume.</i>
<u>insincere</u>	Lacking sincerity. <i>She flashed him an insincere smile.</i>
mendacious	Not telling the truth; lying. <i>Mendacious propaganda.</i>
<u>mendacity</u>	Untruthfulness. <i>People publicly castigated for past mendacity.</i>
meretricious	Tastelessly showy. <i>Meretricious souvenirs for the tourist trade.</i>
<u>obsequious</u>	Attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery. <i>They were served by obsequious waiters.</i>
pretentious	Intended to attract notice and impress others. <i>A pretentious scholarly edition.</i>
smarmy	Unpleasantly and excessively suave or ingratiating in manner or speech. <i>Smarmy self importance.</i>
specious	Based on pretense; deceptively pleasing. <i>The music trade gives Golden Oldies a specious appearance of novelty.</i>
<u>unconscionable</u>	Greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation. <i>Shareholders have had to wait an unconscionable time for the facts to be established.</i>

<u>unfaithful</u>	Having the character of, or characteristic of, a traitor. <i>An unfaithful reproduction.</i>
unreliable	Not able to be relied upon. <i>In the early 1950s computers were large and expensive and unreliable.</i>
<u>untrue</u>	Not true to an obligation or trust. <i>Is untrue to his highest opportunity and duty.</i>
untrustworthy	Not worthy of trust or belief. <i>These untrustworthy impressions were instinctive.</i>
venal	Capable of being corrupted. <i>A venal police officer.</i>