

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)

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

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

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

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

**unfaithful**

Having the character of, or characteristic of, a traitor.  
An **unfaithful** reproduction.

**unreliable**

Not able to be relied upon.  
*In the early 1950s computers were large and expensive and **unreliable**.*

**untrue**

Not true to an obligation or trust.  
*Is **untrue** to his highest opportunity and duty.*

**untrustworthy**

Not worthy of trust or belief.  
*These **untrustworthy** impressions were instinctive.*

**venal**

Capable of being corrupted.  
*A **venal** police officer.*