

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. A pretended interest.
sanctimonious	Excessively or hypocritically pious. What happened to all the sanctimonious talk about putting his family first.
self-righteous	Excessively or hypocritically pious.
specious	Superficially plausible, but actually wrong. A specious argument.
superior	Of high or superior quality or performance. An ignited firework proceeds superior to circumstances until its blazing vitality fades.

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

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>