

Need another word that means the same as “imaginary”? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for “imaginary” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Imaginary” are: fanciful, notional, unreal, fictional, fictitious, pretend, make-believe, mythical, mythological, legendary, fantastic, complex number, complex quantity, imaginary number

Imaginary as a Noun

Definitions of "Imaginary" as a noun

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

- *A number of the form $a+bi$ where a and b are real numbers and i is the square root of -1 .*
- *(mathematics) a number of the form $a+bi$ where a and b are real numbers and i is the square root of -1 .*



Synonyms of "Imaginary" as a noun (3 Words)

complex number A conceptual whole made up of complicated and related parts.

complex quantity A compound described in terms of the central atom to which other atoms are bound or coordinated.

imaginary number A number of the form $a+bi$ where a and b are real numbers and i is the square root of -1 .



Imaginary as an Adjective

Definitions of "Imaginary" as an adjective

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

- *(of a number or quantity) expressed in terms of the square root of a negative number (usually the square root of -1 , represented by i or j).*
- *Existing only in the imagination.*
- *Not based on fact; existing only in the imagination.*
- *Not based on fact; unreal- F.D.Roosevelt.*



Synonyms of "Imaginary" as an adjective (11 Words)

- fanciful** Having a curiously intricate quality.
*A **fanciful** mind.*
- fantastic** Extravagantly fanciful in design, construction, appearance.
***Fantastic** hybrid creatures.*
- fictional** Related to or involving literary fiction.
*A **fictional** character.*
- fictitious** Adopted in order to deceive.
*Reports of a deal were dismissed as **fictitious** by the Minister.*
- legendary** Celebrated in fable or legend.
*Her wisdom in matters of childbirth was **legendary**.*
- make-believe** Imagined as in a play.
- mythical** Based on or told of in traditional stories; lacking factual basis or historical validity.
*One of Denmark's greatest **mythical** heroes.*

- mythological** Relating to, based on, or appearing in myths or mythology.
*The tree of life is one of the oldest of all **mythological** symbols.*
- notional** Denoting or relating to an approach to grammar which is dependent on the definition of terminology (e.g. 'a verb is a doing word') as opposed to identification of structures and processes.
***Notional** budgets for hospital and community health services.*
- pretend** Not really what it is represented as being; imaginary.
*The children poured out **pretend** tea for the dolls.*
- unreal** Lacking material form or substance unreal.
*The **unreal** world of advertising art.*



Usage Examples of "Imaginary" as an adjective

- *Chris had imaginary conversations with her.*
- *A small child's imaginary friends.*



Associations of "Imaginary" (30 Words)

assumed	Adopted as a basis of reasoning; expected. <i>The assumed result of the election.</i>
chimerical	Produced by a wildly fanciful imagination. <i>His Utopia is not a chimerical commonwealth but a practical improvement on what already exists.</i>
daydream	Indulge in a daydream. <i>Stop daydreaming and pay attention.</i>
delusion	The act of deluding; deception by creating illusory ideas. <i>What a capacity television has for delusion.</i>
dreamer	Someone guided more by ideals than by practical considerations. <i>A rebellious young dreamer.</i>
dreaming	Imaginative thoughts indulged in while awake.
dreamland	Sleep regarded as a world of dreams. <i>A digital dreamland where you'll pay bills with a click of the mouse.</i>
dreamy	Dreamy in mood or nature. <i>A slow dreamy melody.</i>
envisage	Form a mental image of something that is not present or that is not the case. <i>The Rome Treaty envisaged free movement across frontiers.</i>
escapism	An inclination to retreat from unpleasant realities through diversion or fantasy. <i>Virtual reality offers a form of escapism.</i>
fancied	Formed or conceived by the imagination. <i>A fancied wrong.</i>
fanciful	Indulging in or influenced by fancy. <i>A fanciful Art Nouveau bar.</i>
fantasy	A genre of imaginative fiction involving magic and adventure, especially in a setting other than the real world. <i>It is ludicrous to fantasy disinventing the hydrogen bomb.</i>
fiction	A deliberately false or improbable account. <i>They were supposed to be keeping up the fiction that they were happily married.</i>
fictitious	Formed or conceived by the imagination. <i>Reports of a deal were dismissed as fictitious by the Minister.</i>

figment	A thing that someone believes to be real but that exists only in their imagination. <i>A figment of the imagination.</i>
hypnosis	A hypnotic state. <i>I was regressed under hypnosis.</i>
idealist	A person who believes in the theory of idealism. <i>He came to power with the reputation of a left wing idealist.</i>
idealistic	Of high moral or intellectual value; elevated in nature or style- Oliver Franks. <i>Idealistic young doctors who went to work for the rebels.</i>
illusive	Based on or having the nature of an illusion. <i>An illusive haven.</i>
illusory	Based on or having the nature of an illusion. <i>Secret activities offer presidents the alluring but often illusory promise that they can achieve foreign policy goals without the bothersome debate and open decision that are staples of democracy.</i>
<u>imagine</u>	Believe (something unreal or untrue) to exist or be so. <i>I imagine she earned a lot of money with her new novel.</i>
improbable	Too improbable to admit of belief. <i>This account of events was seen by the jury as most improbable.</i>
<u>psyche</u>	That which is responsible for one's thoughts, feelings, and conscious brain functions; the seat of the faculty of reason. <i>Their childhood made them want to understand the human psyche and to help others.</i>
<u>reverie</u>	An instrumental piece suggesting a dreamy or musing state. <i>A knock on the door broke her reverie.</i>
<u>surreal</u>	Having the qualities of surrealism bizarre. <i>A surreal mix of fact and fantasy.</i>
<u>tale</u>	A number or total. <i>She enjoyed hearing others tell their tales.</i>
<u>transient</u>	Lasting only for a short time; impermanent. <i>Transient laborers.</i>
<u>visionary</u>	A person given to fanciful speculations and enthusiasms with little regard for what is actually possible. <i>Visionary dreams.</i>
<u>visualize</u>	Make (something) visible to the eye. <i>With this machine ultrasound can be visualized.</i>

