

Need another word that means the same as “imitation”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “imitation” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Imitation” are: caricature, impersonation, emulation, copying, following, echoing, parroting, impression, parody, mockery, burlesque, travesty, lampoon, pastiche, copy, simulation, reproduction, replica, fake, false, faux, simulated**

## Imitation as a Noun

### Definitions of "Imitation" as a noun

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

- *The doctrine that representations of nature or human behavior should be accurate imitations.*
- *The repetition of a phrase or melody in another part or voice, usually at a different pitch.*
- *An act of imitating a person's speech or mannerisms, especially for comic effect.*
- *A thing intended to simulate or copy something else.*
- *Copying (or trying to copy) the actions of someone else.*
- *Something copied or derived from an original.*
- *The action of using someone or something as a model.*
- *A representation of a person that is exaggerated for comic effect.*



## Synonyms of "Imitation" as a noun (18 Words)

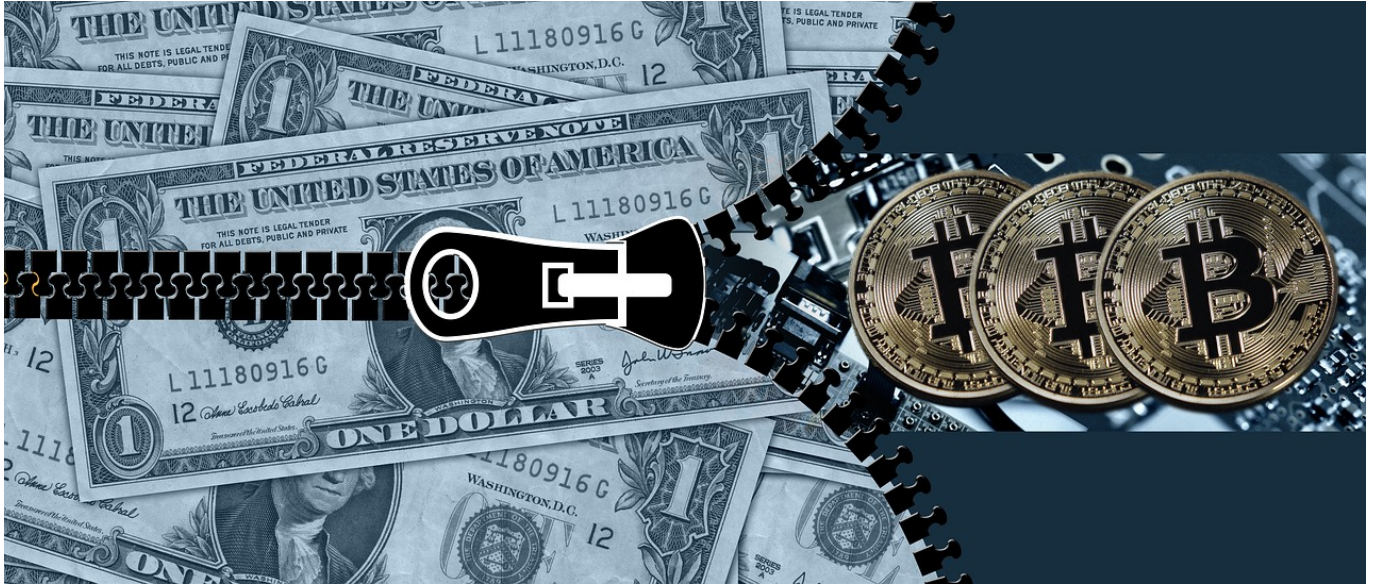
<b>burlesque</b>	A composition that imitates or misrepresents somebody's style, usually in a humorous way. <i>A novel which is a <b>burlesque</b> of the literary life.</i>
<a href="#"><u>caricature</u></a>	A representation of a person that is exaggerated for comic effect. <i>He looked a <b>caricature</b> of his normal self.</i>
<b>copy</b>	Matter to be printed. <i><b>Copy</b> for the next issue must be submitted by the beginning of the month.</i>
<b>copying</b>	An act of copying.
<b>echoing</b>	The repetition of a sound resulting from reflection of the sound waves.
<b>emulation</b>	(computer science) technique of one machine obtaining the same results as another. <i>An additional server is accessed via <b>emulation</b> software.</i>
<b>following</b>	The act of pursuing in an effort to overtake or capture. <i>The <b>following</b> are both grammatically correct sentences.</i>

<b>impersonation</b>	Pretending to be another person. <i>He was tried on charges of <b>impersonation</b> and forgery.</i>
<b><u>impression</u></b>	An impressionistic portrayal of a person. <i>I wanted to create an <b>impression</b> of success.</i>
<b>lampoon</b>	A speech or text lampooning someone or something. <i>The magazine fired at God Royalty and politicians using cartoons and <b>lampoons</b>.</i>
<b><u>mockery</u></b>	An absurd misrepresentation or imitation of something. <i>Stung by her <b>mockery</b> Frankie hung his head.</i>
<b><u>parody</u></b>	A composition that imitates or misrepresents somebody's style, usually in a humorous way. <i>He gave her a <b>parody</b> of a smile.</i>
<b>parroting</b>	Usually brightly colored zygodactyl tropical birds with short hooked beaks and the ability to mimic sounds.
<b>pastiche</b>	A musical composition consisting of a series of songs or other musical pieces from various sources. <i>The operetta is a <b>pastiche</b> of 18th century style.</i>
<b><u>replica</u></b>	An exact copy or model of something, especially one on a smaller scale. <i>A <b>replica</b> of the Empire State Building.</i>
<b><u>reproduction</u></b>	Recall that is hypothesized to work by storing the original stimulus input and reproducing it during recall. <i>A <b>reproduction</b> of Monet's Wild Poppies.</i>
<b>simulation</b>	The production of a computer model of something, especially for the purpose of study. <i><b>Simulation</b> models will allow researchers to test different strategies.</i>
<b><u>travesty</u></b>	A comedy characterized by broad satire and improbable situations. <i>The absurdly lenient sentence is a <b>travesty</b> of justice.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Imitation" as a noun

- *He attempted an atrocious imitation of my English accent.*
- *An imitation sub-machine gun.*
- *A child learns to speak by imitation.*



## Imitation as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Imitation" as an adjective

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

- *Not genuine or real; being an imitation of the genuine article.*



### Synonyms of "Imitation" as an adjective (4 Words)

- fake** Not genuine; imitation or counterfeit.  
*It isn't **fake** anything it's real synthetic fur.*
- false** Used in names of plants animals and gems that superficially resemble the thing properly so called e.g false oat.  
*A suitcase with a **false** bottom.*
- faux** Made in imitation; artificial.  
*His **faux** macho banter caused offence.*
- simulated** Manufactured in imitation of some other material.  
*A **simulated** emergency landing.*



## Usage Examples of "Imitation" as an adjective

- *Decorated with imitation palm leaves.*



## Associations of "Imitation" (30 Words)

[artificial](#)

Artificially formal.  
*She gave an **artificial** smile.*



<b>baloney</b>	Foolish or deceptive talk; nonsense. <i>I don't buy it it's all a load of <b>baloney</b>.</i>
<b>bogus</b>	Not genuine or true (used in a disapproving manner when deception has been attempted). <i>A <b>bogus</b> insurance claim.</i>
<b>charlatan</b>	A person falsely claiming to have a special knowledge or skill. <i>A self-confessed con artist and <b>charlatan</b>.</i>
<b>copy</b>	Send a copy of a letter or an email to a third party. <i>The command will <b>copy</b> a file from one disc to another.</i>
<b>counterfeit</b>	Resemble closely. <i>A <b>counterfeit</b> image of reality.</i>
<b><u>emulate</u></b>	Reproduce the function or action of (a different computer, software system, etc). <i>Hers is not a hairstyle I wish to <b>emulate</b>.</i>
<b>ersatz</b>	An artificial or inferior substitute or imitation. <i><b>Ersatz</b> coffee.</i>
<b>factitious</b>	Not produced by natural forces. <i>A largely <b>factitious</b> national identity.</i>
<b>fake</b>	A thing that is not genuine; a forgery or sham. <i><b>Fakes</b> of Old Masters.</i>
<b><u>faux</u></b>	Not genuine or real; being an imitation of the genuine article. <i>A rope of <b>faux</b> pearls.</i>
<b>hypocrite</b>	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 story tells of respectable Ben who turns out to be a cheat and a <b>hypocrite</b>.</i>
<b>imitate</b>	Reproduce someone's behavior or looks. <i>His style was <b>imitated</b> by many other writers.</i>
<b>imitative</b>	(of words) formed in imitation of a natural sound. <i>Man is an <b>imitative</b> being.</i>
<b>inauthentic</b>	Lacking sincerity. <i>People close to death could not waste time being <b>inauthentic</b>.</i>
<b>mimesis</b>	The imitative representation of nature and human behavior in art and literature. <i>Barth has always detached his use of plot from <b>mimesis</b>.</i>
<b>mimetic</b>	Exhibiting mimicry. <i><b>Mimetic</b> patterns in butterflies.</i>

<b>mimic</b>	Someone who mimics especially an actor or actress. <i>He has great ability as a <b>mimic</b>.</i>
<b>phony</b>	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.
<b>pseudo</b>	(often used in combination) not genuine but having the appearance of. <i><b>Pseudoclassic</b>.</i>
<b>rejoinder</b>	A quick reply to a question or remark (especially a witty or critical one). <i>She would have made some cutting <b>rejoinder</b> but none came to mind.</i>
<b>replica</b>	An exact copy or model of something, especially one on a smaller scale. <i>A <b>replica</b> of the Empire State Building.</i>
<b>replicate</b>	Make an exact copy of; reproduce. <i>It might be impractical to <b>replicate</b> Eastern culture in the west.</i>
<b>replication</b>	(law) a pleading made by a plaintiff in reply to the defendant's plea or answer. <i>In the <b>replication</b> the plaintiff went on to state many additional facts.</i>
<b>riposte</b>	A quick reply to a question or remark (especially a witty or critical one). <i>His opponent <b>riposted</b>.</i>
<b>sham</b>	Pretend to be or to be experiencing. <i>He was a <b>sham</b> totally unqualified for his job as a senior doctor.</i>
<b>simulate</b>	Reproduce someone's behavior or looks. <i>Future population changes were <b>simulated</b> by computer.</i>
<b>simulated</b>	Not genuine or real; being an imitation of the genuine article. <i>A <b>simulated</b> leather handbag.</i>
<b>specious</b>	Based on pretense; deceptively pleasing. <i>A <b>specious</b> argument.</i>
<b>spurious</b>	Born out of wedlock. <i>A <b>spurious</b> work of art.</i>

