

Need another word that means the same as “indirect”? Find 28 synonyms and 30 related words for “indirect” in this overview.

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Indirect as an Adjective

Definitions of "Indirect" as an adjective

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

- *(of taxation) levied on goods and services rather than income or profits.*
- *(of lighting) from a concealed source and diffusely reflected.*
- *Not as a direct effect or consequence.*
- *Having intervening factors or persons or influences.*
- *(of costs) deriving from overhead charges or subsidiary work.*
- *Not done directly; conducted through intermediaries.*
- *(of a route) not straight; not following the shortest way.*
- *Extended senses; not direct in manner or language or behavior or action.*
- *Not directly caused by or resulting from something.*
- *Not direct in spatial dimension; not leading by a straight line or course to a destination.*
- *Descended from a common ancestor but through different lines.*
- *Avoiding direct mention or exposition of a subject.*

- Denoting a free kick from which a goal may not be scored directly.



Synonyms of "Indirect" as an adjective (28 Words)

- accidental** Happening by chance or unexpectedly or unintentionally.
*The character's motives remain **accidental** to the plot.*
- accompanying** Following or accompanying as a consequence.
*The **accompanying** documentation.*
- ancillary** Furnishing added support.
*Paragraph 19 was merely **ancillary** to paragraph 16.*
- circuitous** Deviating from a straight course.
*The canal followed a **circuitous** route.*
- collateral** Accompany, concomitant.
***Collateral** evidence.*

<u>concomitant</u>	Occurring with or following as a consequence. <i>Concomitant with his obsession with dirt was a desire for order.</i>
<u>consequential</u>	Following as a result or effect. <i>A loss of confidence and a consequential withdrawal of funds.</i>
<u>contingent</u>	Possible but not certain to occur. <i>That men are living creatures is a contingent fact.</i>
curving	Having or marked by a curve or smoothly rounded bend.
<u>derivative</u>	Resulting from or employing derivation. <i>A derivative process.</i>
derived	Formed or developed from something else; not original. <i>The belief that classes and organizations are secondary and derived.</i>
deviant	Homosexual (typically used of a man). <i>Deviant ideas.</i>
divergent	(of thought) using a variety of premises, especially unfamiliar premises, as bases for inference, and avoiding common limiting assumptions in making deductions. <i>A divergent opinion.</i>
incidental	Not of prime or central importance. <i>Labor problems incidental to a rapid expansion.</i>
inexplicit	Not definitely or clearly expressed or explained. <i>Inexplicit declarations.</i>
meandering	Of a path e.g. <i>Meandering streams.</i>
oblique	(especially of a muscle) neither parallel nor perpendicular to the long axis of a body or limb. <i>Acute and obtuse angles are oblique angles.</i>
resultant	Occurring or produced as a result of something. <i>Restructuring and the resultant cost savings.</i>
resulting	Occurring or following as the consequence of something. <i>Talk of a general election and the resulting political uncertainty.</i>
<u>roundabout</u>	Not saying what is meant clearly and directly; circumlocutory. <i>A roundabout paragraph.</i>
<u>secondary</u>	(chiefly of amines) derived from ammonia by replacement of two hydrogen atoms by organic groups. <i>A secondary issue.</i>
serpentine	Of or like a serpent or snake. <i>Serpentine country lanes.</i>

<u>subordinate</u>	Lower in rank or position. <i>In adventure stories character must be subordinate to action.</i>
<u>tortuous</u>	Full of twists and turns. <i>A tortuous road up the mountain.</i>
<u>unintended</u>	Not planned or meant. <i>The unintended consequences of people's actions.</i>
wandering	Travelling aimlessly from place to place; itinerant. <i>Wandering tribes.</i>
winding	Of a path e.g. <i>Winding roads are full of surprises.</i>
zigzag	Having the form of a zigzag veering alternately to right and left. <i>When chased by a predator some animals take a zigzag course.</i>



Usage Examples of "Indirect" as an adjective

- *Making indirect but legitimate inquiries.*
- *Sometimes taking an indirect path saves time.*

- *Hidden or indirect costs involved in training.*
- *You must take an indirect course in sailing.*
- *Full employment would have an indirect effect on wage levels.*
- *An indirect attack on the Archbishop.*
- *Fittings were installed to give a subdued, indirect light in the nave.*
- *Known as a shady indirect fellow.*
- *Local government under the indirect control of the British.*
- *Indirect benefits.*
- *An indirect descendant of the Stuarts.*
- *An indirect advantage.*
- *Reflection from the ceiling provided a soft indirect light.*
- *An indirect cause.*
- *Though his methods are indirect they are not dishonest.*
- *Indirect evidence.*
- *Doubtless they had some indirect purpose in mind.*
- *An indirect insult.*
- *He took a careful, indirect route home from his dockside rendezvous.*



Associations of "Indirect" (30 Words)

- away** Out of the way especially away from one's thoughts.
*He put **away** the pistol.*
- backhanded** (of racket strokes) made across the body with back of hand facing direction of stroke.
*A **backhanded** and dishonest way of reaching his goal.*
- circuitous** Marked by obliqueness or indirection in speech or conduct.
*The explanation was **circuitous** and puzzling.*
- circumlocutory** Using many words where fewer would do, especially in a deliberate attempt to be vague or evasive; long-winded.
*Had a preference for circumlocutious or **circumlocutory** rather than forthright expression.*
- cowardly** In a way which shows a lack of courage.
*A **cowardly** attack on a helpless victim.*

<u>devious</u>	Deviating from a straight course. <i>A devious character.</i>
<u>digress</u>	Lose clarity or turn aside especially from the main subject of attention or course of argument in writing, thinking, or speaking. <i>She always digresses when telling a story.</i>
digressive	(of e.g. speech and writing) tending to depart from the main point or cover a wide range of subjects. <i>A digressive allusion to the day of the week.</i>
<u>discursive</u>	(of a style of speech or writing) fluent and expansive. <i>The attempt to transform utterances from one discursive context to another.</i>
<u>dislodge</u>	Remove or force out from a position. <i>The hoofs of their horses dislodged loose stones.</i>
distract	Prevent (someone) from concentrating on something. <i>Horror and doubt distract His troubled thoughts.</i>
excursive	Tending to deviate from a course or activity; digressive. <i>His excursive remarks.</i>
<u>extraction</u>	Properties attributable to your ancestry. <i>A worker of Polish extraction.</i>
instead	In place of, or as an alternative to. <i>Used English terms instead of Latin ones.</i>
<u>irrelevant</u>	Not connected with or relevant to something. <i>Theory can sometimes be hastily dismissed as irrelevant to the classroom.</i>
meandering	Convoluting or undirected thought or language. <i>A brilliant sample of meandering discourse.</i>
<u>rambling</u>	(of e.g. speech and writing) tending to depart from the main point or cover a wide range of subjects. <i>A rambling club.</i>
roam	(of a person's eyes or hands) pass lightly over something without stopping. <i>Her eyes roamed over the chattering women.</i>
rotary	A rotary machine engine or device. <i>A rotary mower.</i>
<u>roundabout</u>	A revolving machine with model horses or cars on which people ride for amusement; a merry-go-round. <i>Hear in a roundabout way that her ex husband was marrying her best friend.</i>

scrappy	Consisting of disorganized, untidy, or incomplete parts. <i>He had a scrappy New York temperament.</i>
secondhand	Derived from what is primary or original; not firsthand. <i>Most of our knowledge is secondhand.</i>
serpentine	A kind of cannon, used especially in the 15th and 16th centuries. <i>For young horses suppleness and control were built with serpentines.</i>
sidetrack	A minor path or track. <i>A sidetrack to the original discovery well.</i>
<u>substitute</u>	Act or serve as a substitute. <i>A sheriff substitute.</i>
<u>tangential</u>	Diverging from a previous course or line; erratic. <i>A tangential line.</i>
<u>tortuous</u>	Not straightforward. <i>A tortuous road up the mountain.</i>
wandering	Having no fixed course. <i>Wandering tribes.</i>
wind	Wind instruments or specifically woodwind instruments forming a band or a section of an orchestra. <i>The wind howled about the building.</i>
winding	The act of winding or twisting. <i>The windings of the stream.</i>

