

Need another word that means the same as “misleading”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “misleading” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Misleading” are: deceptive, confusing, equivocal, ambiguous, fallacious, specious, spurious, false, mock, pseudo, illusory, delusive, evasive**

## Misleading as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Misleading" as an adjective

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

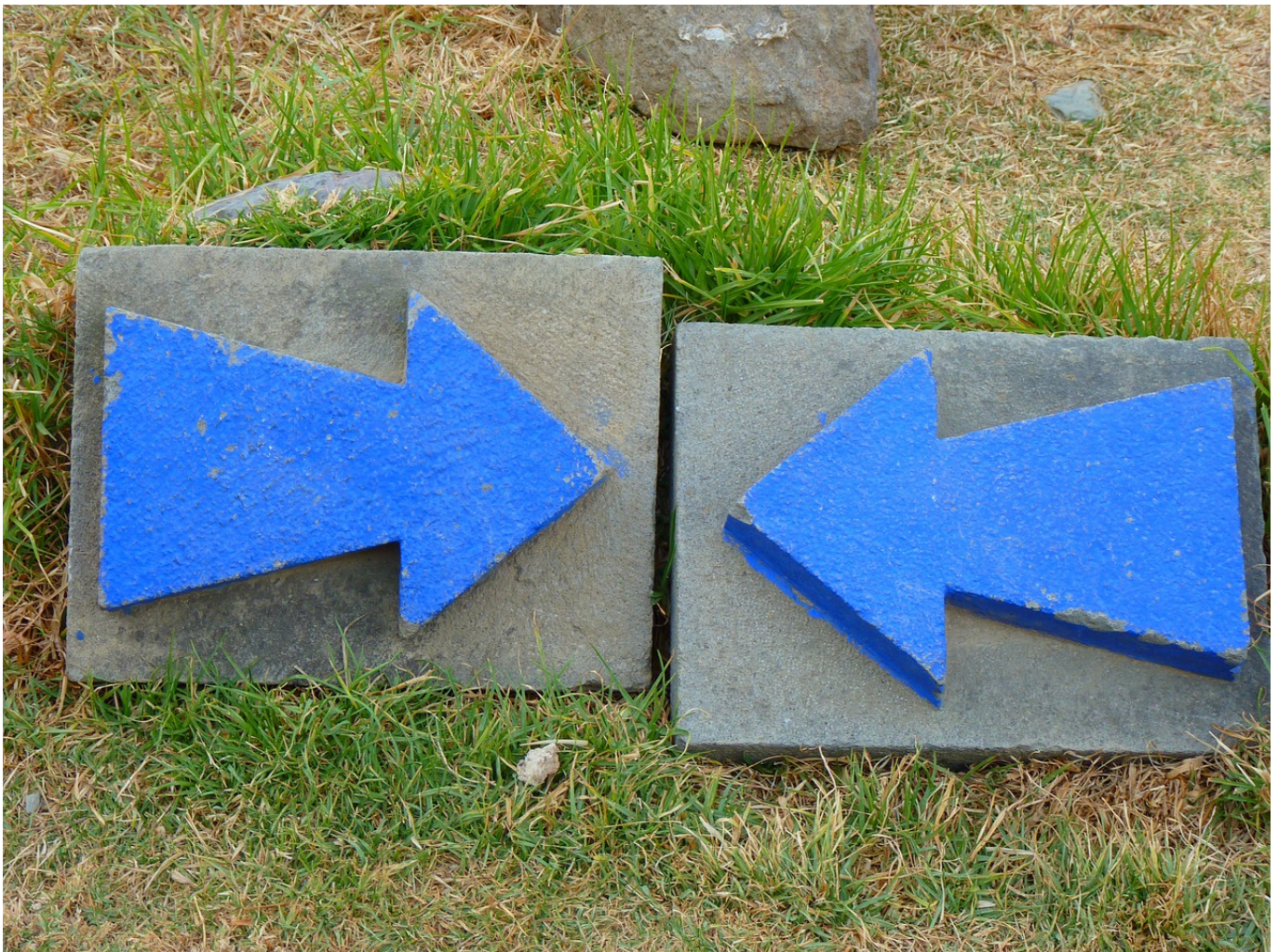
- *Designed to deceive or mislead either deliberately or inadvertently.*
- *Giving the wrong idea or impression.*



## Synonyms of "Misleading" as an adjective (13 Words)

- ambiguous** Having more than one possible meaning.  
***Ambiguous** words.*
- confusing** Causing confusion or disorientation.  
*Being hospitalized can be **confusing** and distressing for a small child.*
- deceptive** Giving an appearance or impression different from the true one; misleading.  
*The **deceptive** calm in the eye of the storm.*
- delusive** Giving a false or misleading impression.  
***Delusive** expectations.*
- equivocal** (of a person) using ambiguous or evasive language.  
*Popularity is an **equivocal** crown.*
- evasive** Avoiding or escaping from difficulty or danger especially enemy fire.  
*They decided to take **evasive** action.*
- fallacious** Containing or based on a fallacy.  
***Fallacious** arguments.*

- false** Used in names of plants animals and gems that superficially resemble the thing properly so called e g false oat.  
*The trunk had a **false** bottom.*
- illusory** Based on illusion; not real.  
*She knew the safety of her room was **illusory**.*
- mock** (of an examination, battle, etc.) arranged for training or practice.  
*Jim threw up his hands in **mock** horror.*
- pseudo** (often used in combination) not genuine but having the appearance of.  
*We are talking about real journalists and not the **pseudo** kind.*
- specious** Misleading in appearance, especially misleadingly attractive.  
*The music trade gives Golden Oldies a **specious** appearance of novelty.*
- spurious** (of a line of reasoning) apparently but not actually valid.  
*This **spurious** reasoning results in nonsense.*



## Usage Examples of "Misleading" as an adjective

- *A misleading similarity.*
- *Statistics can be presented in ways that are misleading.*
- *Your article contains a number of misleading statements.*



## Associations of "Misleading" (30 Words)

### ambiguity

The quality of being open to more than one interpretation; inexactness.

*We can detect no **ambiguity** in this section of the Act.*

<b><u>ambivalence</u></b>	The state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone. <i>The law s <b>ambivalence</b> about the importance of a victim s identity.</i>
<b><u>anachronism</u></b>	A thing belonging or appropriate to a period other than that in which it exists, especially a thing that is conspicuously old-fashioned. <i>The town is a throwback to medieval times an <b>anachronism</b> that has survived the passing years.</i>
<b>antinomy</b>	A contradiction between two beliefs or conclusions that are in themselves reasonable; a paradox. <i>There are not many short novels capable of accommodating bewildering antinomies.</i>
<b>conflicting</b>	On bad terms. <b>Conflicting</b> opinions.
<b>confusing</b>	Bewildering or perplexing. <i>Being hospitalized can be <b>confusing</b> and distressing for a small child.</i>
<b><u>contradiction</u></b>	A statement that is necessarily false. <i>He spoke as if he thought his claims were immune to <b>contradiction</b>.</i>
<b><u>contradictory</u></b>	A contradictory proposition. <b>Contradictory</b> attributes of unjust justice and loving vindictiveness.
<b>delusive</b>	Giving a false or misleading impression. <b>Delusive</b> expectations.
<b>discrepancy</b>	A difference between conflicting facts or claims or opinions. <i>There s a <b>discrepancy</b> between your account and his.</i>
<b>discrepant</b>	Not in accord. <i>The reasons for these <b>discrepant</b> results are unclear.</i>
<b>disorder</b>	Bring disorder to. <i>Recurrent food crises led to outbreaks of <b>disorder</b>.</i>
<b>dissonant</b>	Characterized by musical dissonance; harmonically unresolved. <i>Irregular <b>dissonant</b> chords.</i>
<b><u>error</u></b>	A measure of the estimated difference between the observed or calculated value of a quantity and its true value. <i>Goods dispatched to your branch in <b>error</b>.</i>
<b>inaccurate</b>	Not accurate. <i>A forecast that proved wildly <b>inaccurate</b>.</i>
<b>incompatibility</b>	The degree to which the body's immune system will try to reject foreign material (as transfused blood or transplanted tissue). <i>Defects due to software <b>incompatibility</b>.</i>

<b>incongruity</b>	The state of being incongruous; incompatibility. <i>The <b>incongruity</b> of his fleshy face and skinny body disturbed her.</i>
<b><u>inconsistency</u></b>	The quality of being inconsistent and lacking a harmonious uniformity among things or parts. <i>The <b>inconsistency</b> between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.</i>
<b><u>incorrect</u></b>	Not agreeing with grammatical principles. <i>An <b>incorrect</b> transcription.</i>
<b>misconceive</b>	Interpret in the wrong way. <i>Criticism of the trade surplus in Washington is <b>misconceived</b>.</i>
<b><u>misconception</u></b>	A view or opinion that is incorrect because based on faulty thinking or understanding. <i>Public <b>misconceptions</b> about antibiotic use.</i>
<b><u>misunderstanding</u></b>	An understanding of something that is not correct. <i>There must have been some kind of <b>misunderstanding</b>.</i>
<b><u>omission</u></b>	Something that has been omitted. <i>There are glaring <b>omissions</b> in the report.</i>
<b><u>oxymoron</u></b>	A figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction (e.g. faith unfaithful kept him falsely true).
<b><u>paradox</u></b>	A statement or proposition which, despite sound (or apparently sound) reasoning from acceptable premises, leads to a conclusion that seems logically unacceptable or self-contradictory. <i>The liar <b>paradox</b>.</i>
<b>repugnance</b>	Intense disgust. <i>Our <b>repugnance</b> at the bleeding carcasses.</i>
<b>repulsion</b>	A force under the influence of which objects tend to move away from each other, e.g. through having the same magnetic polarity or electric charge. <i>Bond lengths are increased due to increasing <b>repulsion</b> between the atoms.</i>
<b>slip</b>	A slippery smoothness. <i>The front wheels began to <b>slip</b>.</i>
<b><u>throwback</u></b>	An organism that has the characteristics of a more primitive type of that organism. <i>The eyes could be an ancestral <b>throwback</b>.</i>
<b>unsuited</b>	Not easy to combine harmoniously. <i>He was totally <b>unsuited</b> for the job.</i>

