

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:

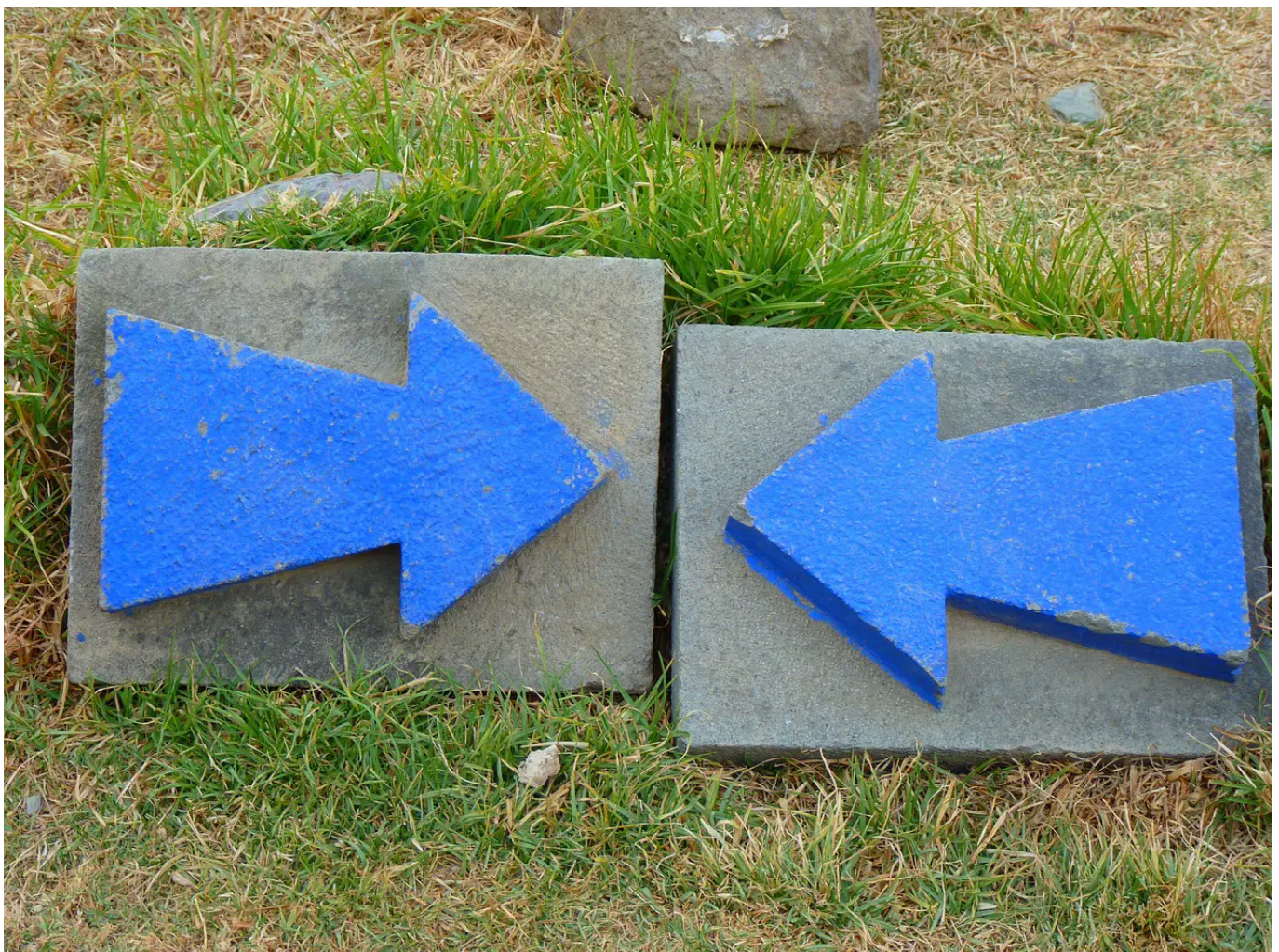
- *Designed to deceive or mislead either deliberately or inadvertently.*
- *Giving the wrong idea or impression.*



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.*

<u>ambivalence</u>	<p>The state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone. <i>The law s ambivalence about the importance of a victim s identity.</i></p>
<u>anachronism</u>	<p>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 anachronism that has survived the passing years.</i></p>
antinomy	<p>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></p>
conflicting	<p>On bad terms. Conflicting opinions.</p>
confusing	<p>Bewildering or perplexing. <i>Being hospitalized can be confusing and distressing for a small child.</i></p>
<u>contradiction</u>	<p>A statement that is necessarily false. <i>He spoke as if he thought his claims were immune to contradiction.</i></p>
<u>contradictory</u>	<p>A contradictory proposition. Contradictory attributes of unjust justice and loving vindictiveness.</p>
delusive	<p>Giving a false or misleading impression. Delusive expectations.</p>
discrepancy	<p>A difference between conflicting facts or claims or opinions. <i>There s a discrepancy between your account and his.</i></p>
discrepant	<p>Not in accord. <i>The reasons for these discrepant results are unclear.</i></p>
disorder	<p>Bring disorder to. <i>Recurrent food crises led to outbreaks of disorder.</i></p>
dissonant	<p>Characterized by musical dissonance; harmonically unresolved. <i>Irregular dissonant chords.</i></p>
<u>error</u>	<p>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 error.</i></p>
inaccurate	<p>Not accurate. <i>A forecast that proved wildly inaccurate.</i></p>
incompatibility	<p>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 incompatibility.</i></p>

incongruity	The state of being incongruous; incompatibility. <i>The incongruity of his fleshy face and skinny body disturbed her.</i>
<u>inconsistency</u>	The quality of being inconsistent and lacking a harmonious uniformity among things or parts. <i>The inconsistency between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.</i>
<u>incorrect</u>	Not agreeing with grammatical principles. <i>An incorrect transcription.</i>
misconceive	Interpret in the wrong way. <i>Criticism of the trade surplus in Washington is misconceived.</i>
<u>misconception</u>	A view or opinion that is incorrect because based on faulty thinking or understanding. <i>Public misconceptions about antibiotic use.</i>
<u>misunderstanding</u>	An understanding of something that is not correct. <i>There must have been some kind of misunderstanding.</i>
<u>omission</u>	Something that has been omitted. <i>There are glaring omissions in the report.</i>
<u>oxymoron</u>	A figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction (e.g. faith unfaithful kept him falsely true).
<u>paradox</u>	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 paradox.</i>
repugnance	Intense disgust. <i>Our repugnance at the bleeding carcasses.</i>
repulsion	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 repulsion between the atoms.</i>
slip	A slippery smoothness. <i>The front wheels began to slip.</i>
<u>throwback</u>	An organism that has the characteristics of a more primitive type of that organism. <i>The eyes could be an ancestral throwback.</i>
unsuited	Not easy to combine harmoniously. <i>He was totally unsuited for the job.</i>

