

Need another word that means the same as “ostensible”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “ostensible” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Ostensible” are: ostensive, apparent, seeming, outward, surface, superficial, professed, supposed, avowed, so-called, alleged, declared, purported, pretended, feigned, specious

Ostensible as an Adjective

Definitions of "Ostensible" as an adjective

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

- *Stated or appearing to be true, but not necessarily so.*
- *Represented or appearing as such; pretended.*
- *Appearing as such but not necessarily so.*

Synonyms of "Ostensible" as an adjective (16 Words)

<u>alleged</u>	Doubtful or suspect. <i>Alleged abuses of housing benefits.</i>
<u>apparent</u>	Clearly revealed to the mind or the senses or judgment. <i>For all his apparent wealth he had no money to pay the rent.</i>
<u>avowed</u>	Openly declared as such. <i>An avowed atheist.</i>
declared	Declared as fact explicitly stated. <i>There is only one declared winner.</i>

feigned	Not genuine. <i>Feigned sympathy.</i>
ostensive	Manifestly demonstrative.
outward	Outer. <i>The outward physical body.</i>
pretended	Not genuine; assumed. <i>A pretended interest.</i>
professed	(of a quality, feeling, or belief) claimed openly but often falsely. <i>Her professed love of everything about that country.</i>
<u>purported</u>	Appearing or stated to be true, though not necessarily so; alleged. <i>The purported marriage was void.</i>
<u>seeming</u>	Appearing to be real or true, but not necessarily being so; apparent. <i>Ellen's seeming indifference to the woman's fate.</i>
so-called	Doubtful or suspect.
specious	Superficially plausible, but actually wrong. <i>The music trade gives Golden Oldies a specious appearance of novelty.</i>
<u>superficial</u>	Lacking depth of character or understanding. <i>The superficial report didn't give the true picture.</i>
<u>supposed</u>	Generally assumed or believed to be the case, but not necessarily so. <i>The supposed existence of ghosts.</i>
<u>surface</u>	Relating to or found on the surface of something. <i>The surface fleet.</i>

Usage Examples of "Ostensible" as an adjective

- *The real dispute which lay behind the ostensible complaint.*
- *The ostensible truth of their theories.*
- *His ostensible purpose was charity, his real goal popularity.*

Associations of "Ostensible" (30 Words)

auricular	Of or relating to near the ear. <i>The Catholic doctrine of the necessity of private auricular confession.</i>
<u>bark</u>	A sound resembling a bark typically one made by someone laughing or coughing. <i>A short bark of laughter.</i>

bombast	Pompous or pretentious talk or writing. <i>The bombast of gung ho militarism.</i>
casing	The outermost covering of a pneumatic tire. <i>A waterproof casing.</i>
cuticle	The outer cellular layer of a hair. <i>The cuticle is the hair's protective shield.</i>
dabbler	An amateur who engages in an activity without serious intentions and who pretends to have knowledge.
dilettante	A person who cultivates an area of interest, such as the arts, without real commitment or knowledge. <i>A wealthy literary dilettante.</i>
epidermis	The outer layer of tissue in a plant, except where it is replaced by periderm.
<u>exterior</u>	Forming, situated on, or relating to the outside of something. <i>Exterior grade plywood.</i>
<u>external</u>	(of storage) using a disk or tape drive rather than the main memory. <i>External commerce.</i>
externalize	Give external existence or form to. <i>An urgent need to externalize the experience.</i>
<u>extrinsic</u>	(of a muscle, such as an eye muscle) having its origin some distance from the part which it moves. <i>That style is something extrinsic to the subject.</i>
<u>facing</u>	An ornamental coating to a building. <i>The bricks were used as a facing on a concrete core.</i>
<u>guise</u>	An artful or simulated semblance. <i>Under the guise of friendship he betrayed them.</i>
integument	An outer protective covering such as the skin of an animal or a cuticle or seed coat or rind or shell. <i>This chemical compound is found in the integument of the seed.</i>
outer	A shot that strikes the outer. <i>Boots with stiff leather outers.</i>
<u>outside</u>	Functioning outside the boundaries or precincts of an organized unit. <i>An outside pitch.</i>
outward	Outwards. <i>Outward pressure.</i>
<u>outwardly</u>	With respect to the outside. <i>Outwardly she seemed no different.</i>

peripheral	A peripheral device. <i>Disk drives and printers are important peripherals.</i>
putative	Generally considered or reputed to be. <i>The putative author of the book.</i>
rind	The bark of a tree or plant. <i>With the liberal use of birch rind and creosote splits we soon had fires going.</i>
<u>seeming</u>	The outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially when considered as deceptive or as distinguished from reality. <i>Ellen s seeming indifference to the woman s fate.</i>
<u>semblance</u>	Resemblance similarity. <i>She tried to force her thoughts back into some semblance of order.</i>
<u>shallow</u>	Become shallow. <i>The boat ground to a halt where the water shallowed.</i>
smatter	To talk foolishly. <i>She smatters Russian.</i>
<u>superficial</u>	Of little substance or significance. <i>His thinking was superficial and fuzzy.</i>
<u>surface</u>	Come to the surface. <i>They skimmed over the surface of the water.</i>
trappings	The outward signs, features, or objects associated with a particular situation, role, or job. <i>I had the trappings of success.</i>