

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)

alleged	Doubtful or suspect. <i>Alleged abuses of housing benefits.</i>
apparent	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>
avowed	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>
purported	Appearing or stated to be true, though not necessarily so; alleged. <i>The purported marriage was void.</i>
seeming	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>
superficial	Lacking depth of character or understanding. <i>The superficial report didn't give the true picture.</i>
supposed	Generally assumed or believed to be the case, but not necessarily so. <i>The supposed existence of ghosts.</i>
surface	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>
bark	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.
*Disk drives and printers are important **peripherals**.*
- putative** Generally considered or reputed to be.
*The **putative** author of the book.*
- rind** The bark of a tree or plant.
*With the liberal use of birch **rind** and creosote splits we soon had fires going.*
- seeming** The outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially when considered as deceptive or as distinguished from reality.
*Ellen s **seeming** indifference to the woman s fate.*
- semblance** Resemblance similarity.
*She tried to force her thoughts back into some **semblance** of order.*
- shallow** Become shallow.
*The boat ground to a halt where the water **shallowed**.*
- smatter** To talk foolishly.
*She **smatters** Russian.*
- superficial** Of little substance or significance.
*His thinking was **superficial** and fuzzy.*
- surface** Come to the surface.
*They skimmed over the **surface** of the water.*
- trappings** The outward signs, features, or objects associated with a particular situation, role, or job.
*I had the **trappings** of success.*