

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)

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

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

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

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

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