

Need another word that means the same as "pretend"? Find 56 synonyms and 30 related words for "pretend" in this overview.

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The synonyms of "Pretend" are: act, dissemble, make, make believe, profess, affect, feign, sham, guess, hazard, venture, make as if, put on an act, play at, pass oneself off as, bluff, impersonate, fake, faked, professed, purported, simulate, put on, counterfeit, lay claim to, say that one owns, assert ownership of, make-believe, imaginary, imagined, pretended, made-up, fancied, unreal, fanciful, fictitious, fictive, mythical, feigned, mock, imitative, simulated, artificial, ersatz, dummy, false, faux, spurious, bogus, fraudulent, forged, pseudo

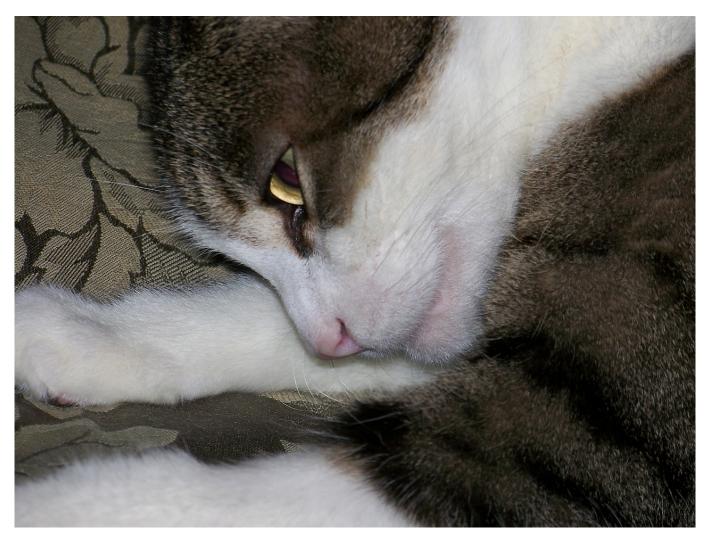
### Pretend as a Noun

#### Definitions of "Pretend" as a noun

According to the <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "pretend" as a noun can have the following definitions:

• The enactment of a pretense.





Synonyms of "Pretend" as a noun (1 Word)

**make-believe** The enactment of a pretense.





Usage Examples of "Pretend" as a noun

• It was just pretend.







### Pretend as a Verb

### Definitions of "Pretend" as a verb

According to the <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "pretend" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- Behave so as to make it appear that something is the case when in fact it is not.
- Put forward a claim and assert right or possession of.
- Behave unnaturally or affectedly.
- Give the appearance of feeling or possessing (an emotion or quality); simulate.
- State insincerely.
- Lay claim to (a quality or title.
- Put forward, of a guess, in spite of possible refutation.
- Engage in an imaginative game or fantasy.
- Make believe with the intent to deceive.
- Represent fictitiously, as in a play, or pretend to be or act like.







### Synonyms of "Pretend" as a verb (27 Words)

Take action do something.

Governments must **act** to reduce pollution.

Have an emotional or cognitive impact upon.

The medicine **affect**s my heart rate.

**assert ownership of** Assert to be true.

Deceive an opponent by a bold bet on an inferior hand with the result

**bluff** that the opponent withdraws a winning hand.

The object is to **bluff** your opponent into submission.

counterfeit Make a copy of with the intent to deceive.

They counterfeited dollar bills.

**dissemble** Hide under a false appearance.

An honest sincere person with no need to **dissemble**.

Tamper, with the purpose of deception.

The politician was not well prepared for the debate and **fake**d it.

**faked** Make a copy of with the intent to deceive.

**feign** Pretend to be affected by (a feeling, state, or injury.

She **feign**ed nervousness.

**guess**Form a correct conclusion about something by guessing.

I **quess** I d better tell you everything.

hazard Put (something) at risk of being lost.

The cargo business is too risky to **hazard** money on.

impersonate

Pretend to be (another person) for entertainment or fraud.

It s a very serious offence to **impersonate** a police officer.

**lay claim to** Put in a horizontal position.

make Make formulate or derive in the mind.

He had been trying to **make** Cynthia for two years now.

make as if Change from one form into another.make believe Gather and light the materials for.pass oneself off as Go unchallenged; be approved.

**play at** Cause to happen or to occur as a consequence.

**profess**Practice as a profession teach or claim to be knowledgeable about.

She entered St Margaret's Convent and was **profess**ed in 1943.

professedpurportedState insincerely.Propose or intend.



venture

**put on** Arrange thoughts, ideas, temporal events.

**put on an act** Cause to be in a certain state; cause to be in a certain relation.

**say that one owns** Communicate or express nonverbally.

**sham** Make believe with the intent to deceive.

Was he ill or was he **sham**ming.

simulate Create a representation or model of.

Red ochre intended to simulate blood.

Proceed somewhere despite the risk of possible dangers.

He **venture**d the opinion that Putt was insane.

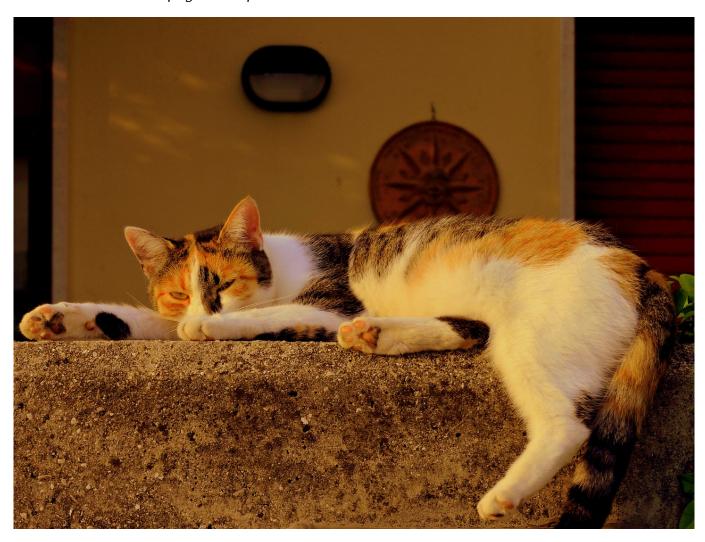


## Usage Examples of "Pretend" as a verb

- I closed my eyes and pretended I was asleep.
- She pretended not to have known the suicide bomber.



- I cannot pretend to say that you are wrong.
- Children pretending to be grown-ups.
- He cannot pretend to sophistication.
- She pretended a greater surprise than she felt.
- Pretend the title of King.
- She pretends to be an expert on wine.
- She turned the pages and pretended to read.



# Pretend as an Adjective

## Definitions of "Pretend" as an adjective

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, "pretend" as an adjective can have the



### following definitions:

- Not really what it is represented as being; imaginary.
- Imagined as in a play.







### Synonyms of "Pretend" as an adjective (28 Words)

Artificially formal. artificial

The **artificial** division of people into age groups.

Fraudulent; having a misleading appearance.

bogus A **bogus** insurance claim.

Pretended; sham. counterfeit

Counterfeit 10 notes.

Artificial and inferior. ersatz **Ersatz** emotion.

(of a person) claiming to be something that one is not.

fake **Fake** designer clothing.

Used in names of plants animals and gems that superficially resemble the

thing properly so called e g false oat. false

A false or sour note.

Formed or conceived by the imagination. fancied

A **fancied** wrong.

Indulging in or influenced by fancy. fanciful

The falsehood about some **fanciful** secret treaties.

Made in imitation; artificial. faux

A **faux** fur jacket.

Simulated or pretended; insincere. feigned

Her eyes widened with **feigned** shock.

Occurring in or invented for fiction.

**fictitious** A fictitious address.

Created by the imagination. fictive

The obviously **fictive** genres poetry drama and the novel.

Reproduced fraudulently. forged

They have illegally entered the UK using **forged** travel documents.

Unjustifiably claiming or being credited with particular accomplishments or

fraudulent qualities.

**Fraudulent** share dealing.

Not based on fact; existing only in the imagination. **imaginary** 

Chris had **imaginary** conversations with her.

(of something unreal or untrue) believed to exist or be so. imagined

They perceive **imagined** slights where none exist.



imitative (of words) formed in imitation of a natural sound.

The derring do of our film heroes inspired us to **imitative** feats.

made-up Having been paved.make-believe Imagined as in a play.

**mock** Constituting a copy or imitation of something.

Boys in **mock** battle.

Idealized, especially with reference to the past.

**mythical** A **mythical** customer whose name appears in brochures promoting the

bank s services.

**pretended** Adopted in order to deceive.

A **pretended** interest.

**pseudo**Not genuine but having the appearance of.

**Pseudo**classic.

**sham** Bogus; false.

A clergyman who arranged a **sham** marriage.

**simulated** Reproduced or made to resemble; imitative in character.

Under **simulated** combat conditions.

spurious Born out of wedlock- E.A.Freeman.

A **spurious** argument.

unreal Lacking material form or substance unreal.

*In the half light the tiny cottages seemed unreal.* 

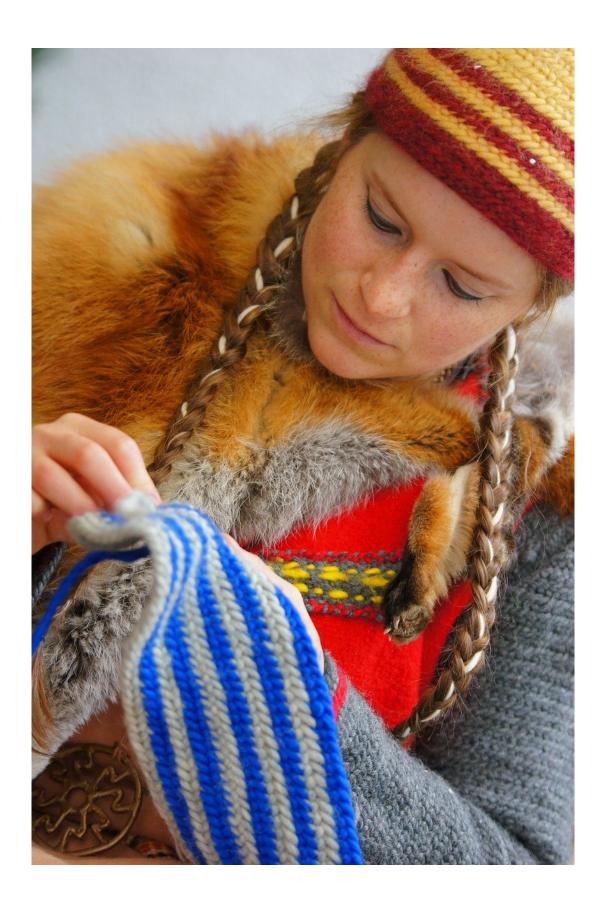




# Usage Examples of "Pretend" as an adjective

- Dangling their legs in the water to catch pretend fish.
- The children poured out pretend tea for the dolls.







## Associations of "Pretend" (30 Words)

Perform an action or work out or perform an action. act

She s just **act**ing.

Behaviour, speech, or writing that is pretentious and designed to impress. affectation

An **affectation** of calm.

Occupy or take on. assume It is reasonable to **assume** that such changes have significant social effects.

Behave in a certain manner.

behave It is not acceptable for a student to **behave** like that towards a teacher.

Denoting a phrase or catchword temporarily current or in fashion. cant

If they d stop **cant**ing about honest work they might get somewhere.

Do something that one considers to be beneath one's dignity. deign

She did not **deian** to answer the maid s auestion.

Disguise or conceal (a feeling or intention. dissemble

An honest sincere person with no need to **dissemble**.

Invent (a story or excuse). feign He **feign**ed that he was ill.

A contrived or fantastic idea.

figment A **figment** of the imagination.

An expression of agreement that is not supported by real conviction. hypocrisy

His target was the **hypocrisy** of suburban life.

Assume or act the character of. impersonate

It s a very serious offence to **impersonate** a police officer.

Not exerting influence or change. inactive

**Inactive** Crohn s disease.

Working or spreading in a hidden and usually injurious way. insidious

**Insidious** pleasures.

Affectedly dainty or refined.

mincing I don t have to go through the rest of my life with that **mincing** voice of

yours.

Narrowly and conventionally moral. moralistic

A moralistic stance on advertising.

A claim or aspiration to a particular quality. pretension

His **pretension**s to the imperial inheritance.



A reason given in justification of a course of action that is not the real

pretext reason.

The rebels had the perfect **pretext** for making their move.

Assume a prim appearance.

She **prim** prim appearance.

She **prim** med her lips after every bite of food.

**prudery** Excessive or affected modesty.

**prudish** Exaggeratedly proper.

The **prudish** moral climate of the late 19th century.

Not genuine but having the appearance of.

The arty chat of a campus **pseudo**.

Someone who adheres to strict religious principles; someone opposed to

**puritan** sensual pleasures.

Don t be such a **puritan**.

realistically This files are alietically as the affective and true to life.

This film **realistically** simulates the effects that a nuclear war could have.

refine Make more complex, intricate, or richer.

**Refine** the constant in the equation.

**sham** Adopted in order to deceive.

A clergyman who arranged a **sham** marriage.

**shy** Having a dislike of or aversion to a specified thing.

**Shy** of strangers.

simulate Reproduce someone's behavior or looks.

It was impossible to force a smile to **simulate** pleasure.

smatter To talk foolishly.

She **smatter**s Russian.

Lacking conviction or boldness or courage.

Whitewater rafting is not for the **timid**.



