

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

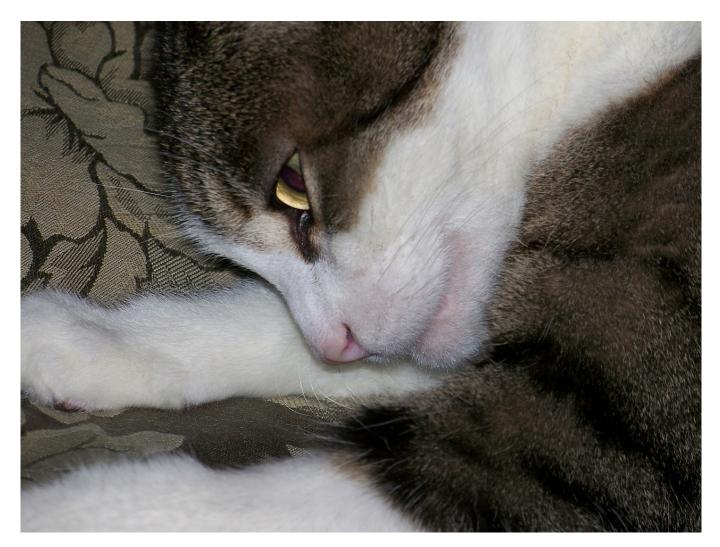
### **Pretend as a Noun**

#### 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.





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## **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)

<u>act</u>	Take action do something. Governments must <b>act</b> to reduce pollution.
affect	Have an emotional or cognitive impact upon. <i>The medicine <b>affect</b>s my heart rate.</i>
assert ownership of	Assert to be true.
bluff	Deceive an opponent by a bold bet on an inferior hand with the result that the opponent withdraws a winning hand. <i>The object is to <b>bluff</b> your opponent into submission.</i>
counterfeit	Make a copy of with the intent to deceive. They <b>counterfeit</b> ed dollar bills.
dissemble	Hide under a false appearance. An honest sincere person with no need to <b>dissemble</b> .
fake	Tamper, with the purpose of deception. <i>The politician was not well prepared for the debate and <b>fake</b>d it.</i>
faked	Make a copy of with the intent to deceive.
feign	Pretend to be affected by (a feeling, state, or injury. She <b>feign</b> ed nervousness.
guess	Form a correct conclusion about something by guessing. I <b>guess</b> I d better tell you everything.
<u>hazard</u>	Put (something) at risk of being lost. The cargo business is too risky to <b>hazard</b> money on.
impersonate	Pretend to be (another person) for entertainment or fraud. It s a very serious offence to <b>impersonate</b> a police officer.
lay claim to	Put in a horizontal position.
make	Make formulate or derive in the mind. He had been trying to <b>make</b> 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 <b>profess</b> ed in 1943.
professed	State insincerely.
<u>purported</u>	Propose or intend.



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.
<u>sham</u>	Make believe with the intent to deceive. Was he ill or was he <b>sham</b> ming.
simulate	Create a representation or model of. <i>Red ochre intended to <b>simulate</b> blood.</i>
venture	Proceed somewhere despite the risk of possible dangers. <i>He venture</i> d the opinion that Putt was insane.

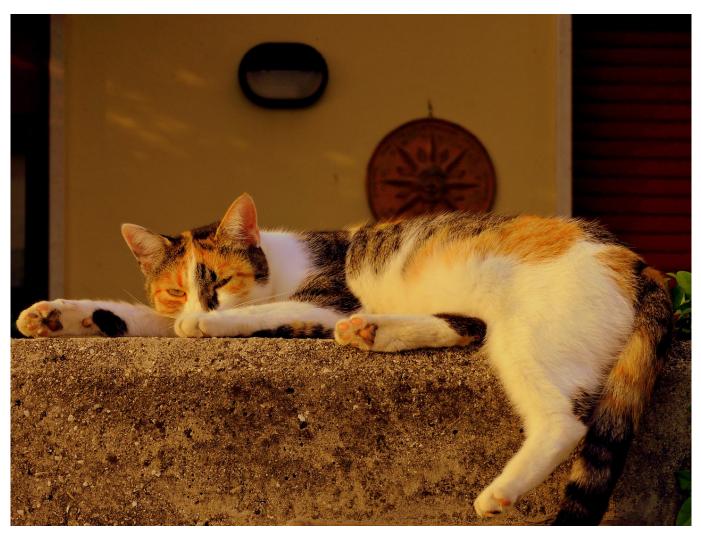


### Usage Examples of "Pretend" as a verb

- 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

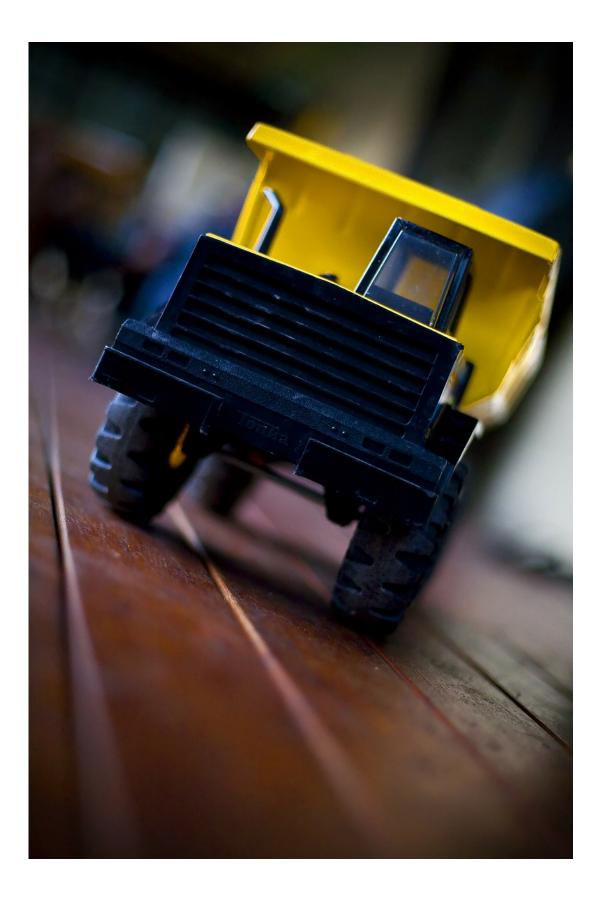
According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, "pretend" as an adjective can have the



following definitions:

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







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

<u>artificial</u>	Artificially formal. The <b>artificial</b> division of people into age groups.
bogus	Fraudulent; having a misleading appearance. A <b>bogus</b> insurance claim.
counterfeit	Pretended; sham. <b>Counterfeit</b> 10 notes.
ersatz	Artificial and inferior. <b>Ersatz</b> emotion.
fake	(of a person) claiming to be something that one is not. <i>Fake designer clothing</i> .
false	Used in names of plants animals and gems that superficially resemble the thing properly so called e g false oat. A <b>false</b> or sour note.
fancied	Formed or conceived by the imagination. A <b>fancied</b> wrong.
fanciful	Indulging in or influenced by fancy. The falsehood about some <b>fanciful</b> secret treaties.
<u>faux</u>	Made in imitation; artificial. A <b>faux</b> fur jacket.
feigned	Simulated or pretended; insincere. Her eyes widened with <b>feigned</b> shock.
<u>fictitious</u>	Occurring in or invented for fiction. A <b>fictitious</b> address.
fictive	Created by the imagination. The obviously <b>fictive</b> genres poetry drama and the novel.
forged	Reproduced fraudulently. They have illegally entered the UK using <b>forged</b> travel documents.
fraudulent	Unjustifiably claiming or being credited with particular accomplishments or qualities. <i>Fraudulent</i> share dealing.
<u>imaginary</u>	Not based on fact; existing only in the imagination. Chris had <b>imaginary</b> conversations with her.
imagined	(of something unreal or untrue) believed to exist or be so. They perceive <b>imagined</b> slights where none exist.



imitative	(of words) formed in imitation of a natural sound. The derring do of our film heroes inspired us to <b>imitative</b> feats.	
made-up	Having been paved.	
make-believe Imagined as in a play.		
<u>mock</u>	Constituting a copy or imitation of something. Boys in <b>mock</b> battle.	
<u>mythical</u>	Idealized, especially with reference to the past. A <b>mythical</b> customer whose name appears in brochures promoting the bank s services.	
pretended	Adopted in order to deceive. A <b>pretended</b> interest.	
pseudo	Not genuine but having the appearance of. <i>Pseudo</i> classic.	
<u>sham</u>	Bogus; false. A clergyman who arranged a <b>sham</b> marriage.	
simulated	Reproduced or made to resemble; imitative in character. Under <b>simulated</b> combat conditions.	
spurious	Born out of wedlock- E.A.Freeman. A <b>spurious</b> argument.	
unreal	Lacking material form or substance unreal. In the half light the tiny cottages seemed <b>unreal</b> .	

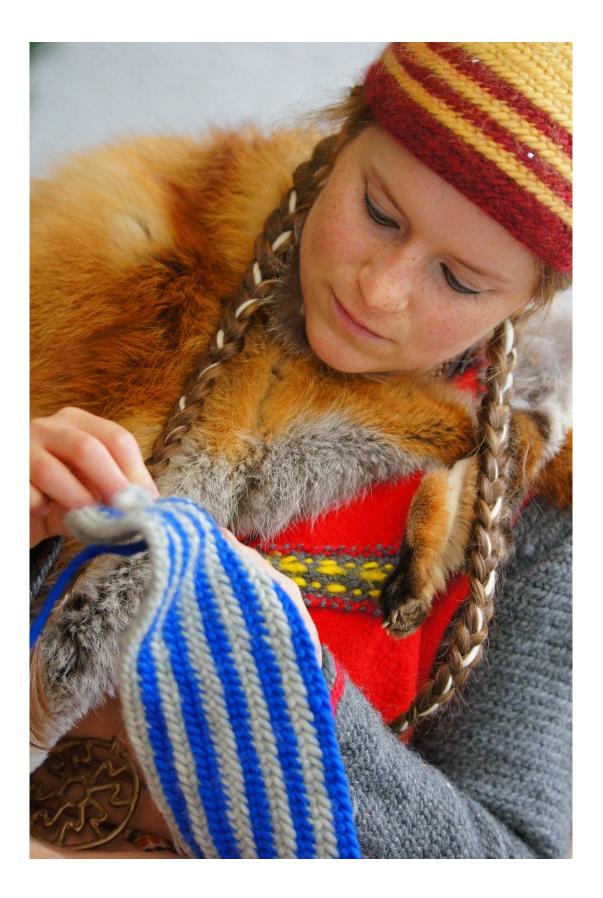




#### Usage Examples of "Pretend" as an adjective

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







# Associations of "Pretend" (30 Words)

<u>act</u>	Perform an action or work out or perform an action. <i>She s just <b>act</b>ing.</i>
affectation	Behaviour, speech, or writing that is pretentious and designed to impress. An <b>affectation</b> of calm.
<u>assume</u>	Occupy or take on. It is reasonable to <b>assume</b> that such changes have significant social effects.
<u>behave</u>	Behave in a certain manner. It is not acceptable for a student to <b>behave</b> like that towards a teacher.
cant	Denoting a phrase or catchword temporarily current or in fashion. If they d stop <b>cant</b> ing about honest work they might get somewhere.
deign	Do something that one considers to be beneath one's dignity. She did not <b>deign</b> to answer the maid s question.
dissemble	Disguise or conceal (a feeling or intention. An honest sincere person with no need to <b>dissemble</b> .
feign	Invent (a story or excuse). He <b>feign</b> ed that he was ill.
figment	A contrived or fantastic idea. A <b>figment</b> of the imagination.
hypocrisy	An expression of agreement that is not supported by real conviction. <i>His target was the <b>hypocrisy</b> of suburban life.</i>
impersonate	Assume or act the character of. It s a very serious offence to <b>impersonate</b> a police officer.
inactive	Not exerting influence or change. <i>Inactive</i> Crohn s disease.
<u>insidious</u>	Working or spreading in a hidden and usually injurious way. <i>Insidious</i> pleasures.
mincing	Affectedly dainty or refined. I don t have to go through the rest of my life with that <b>mincing</b> voice of yours.
moralistic	Narrowly and conventionally moral. A <b>moralistic</b> stance on advertising.
pretension	A claim or aspiration to a particular quality. <i>His <b>pretension</b>s to the imperial inheritance</i> .



pretext	A reason given in justification of a course of action that is not the real reason. The rebels had the perfect <b>pretext</b> for making their move.
prim	Assume a prim appearance. She <b>prim</b> med her lips after every bite of food.
prudery	Excessive or affected modesty.
prudish	Exaggeratedly proper. The <b>prudish</b> moral climate of the late 19th century.
pseudo	Not genuine but having the appearance of. <i>The arty chat of a campus <b>pseudo</b>.</i>
puritan	Someone who adheres to strict religious principles; someone opposed to sensual pleasures. Don t be such a <b>puritan</b> .
<u>realistically</u>	In a way that is accurate and true to life. This film <b>realistically</b> simulates the effects that a nuclear war could have.
<u>refine</u>	Make more complex, intricate, or richer. <b>Refine</b> the constant in the equation.
<u>sham</u>	Adopted in order to deceive. A clergyman who arranged a <b>sham</b> marriage.
shy	Having a dislike of or aversion to a specified thing. <b>Shy</b> of strangers.
simulate	Reproduce someone's behavior or looks. It was impossible to force a smile to <b>simulate</b> pleasure.
smatter	To talk foolishly. She <b>smatter</b> s Russian.
<u>timid</u>	Lacking conviction or boldness or courage. Whitewater rafting is not for the <b>timid</b> .



