

Need another word that means the same as “pretending”? Find 4 synonyms and 30 related words for “pretending” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Pretending” are: feigning, pretence, pretense, simulation

Pretending as a Noun

Definitions of "Pretending" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “pretending” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *The act of giving a false appearance.*
- *The enactment of a pretense.*



Synonyms of "Pretending" as a noun (4 Words)

feigning The act of giving a false appearance.

pretence The practice of inventing imaginary situations in play.
*They have finally abandoned their secrecy and **pretence**.*

pretense A false or unsupportable quality.

simulation The production of a computer model of something, especially for the purpose of study.
*Photographs showing **simulation** of sex acts.*



Usage Examples of "Pretending" as a noun

- *His conformity was only pretending.*



Associations of "Pretending" (30 Words)

<u>act</u>	Perform an action or work out or perform an action. <i>The first act.</i>
affectation	A deliberate pretense or exaggerated display. <i>An affectation of calm.</i>
<u>assume</u>	Begin to have (a specified quality, appearance, or extent). <i>Oliver assumed an expression of penitence.</i>
<u>behave</u>	Behave in a certain manner. <i>They were expected to behave themselves.</i>
cant	Insincere talk about religion or morals. <i>He had no time for the cant of the priests about sin.</i>

deign	Do something that one considers to be beneath one's dignity. <i>He had deigned an apology.</i>
dissemble	Hide under a false appearance. <i>An honest sincere person with no need to dissemble.</i>
feign	Invent (a story or excuse). <i>He feigned sleep.</i>
figment	A thing that someone believes to be real but that exists only in their imagination. <i>A figment of the imagination.</i>
hypocrisy	The practice of claiming to have higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case. <i>She was irritated to be accused of hypocrisy.</i>
impersonate	Assume or act the character of. <i>It s a very serious offence to impersonate a police officer.</i>
inactive	Having no chemical or biological effect. <i>Inactive machinery.</i>
insidious	Proceeding in a gradual, subtle way, but with very harmful effects. <i>Insidious pleasures.</i>
mincing	Affectedly dainty in manner or gait; effeminate (typically used of a man). <i>I don t have to go through the rest of my life with that mincing voice of yours.</i>
moralistic	Overfond of making moral judgements about others' behaviour; too ready to moralize. <i>Modernized fairy tales are often moralistic and cleaned up.</i>
pretension	The advancing of a claim. <i>His pretensions to the imperial inheritance.</i>
pretext	Something serving to conceal plans; a fictitious reason that is concocted in order to conceal the real reason. <i>The rebels had the perfect pretext for making their move.</i>
prim	Dress primly. <i>A very prim and proper lady.</i>
prudery	Excessive or affected modesty.
prudish	Having or revealing a tendency to be easily shocked by matters relating to sex or nudity; excessively concerned with sexual propriety. <i>The prudish moral climate of the late 19th century.</i>
pseudo	Not genuine but having the appearance of. <i>We are talking about real journalists and not the pseudo kind.</i>

puritan	Having or displaying censorious moral beliefs, especially about self-indulgence and sex. <i>A puritan conscience.</i>
<u>realistically</u>	In a realistic manner. <i>Cubist artists did not try to paint realistically.</i>
<u>refine</u>	Attenuate or reduce in vigor, strength, or intensity by polishing or purifying. <i>Refine a method of analysis.</i>
<u>sham</u>	Pretend to be or to be experiencing. <i>She shams indifference.</i>
shy	Less than; short of. <i>The wealthy have become less shy of displaying their privilege.</i>
simulate	Make a pretence of. <i>Future population changes were simulated by computer.</i>
smatter	Work with in an amateurish manner. <i>She smatters Russian.</i>
<u>timid</u>	Lacking self-confidence. <i>I was too timid to ask for what I wanted.</i>

