

Need another word that means the same as “pretense”? Find 9 synonyms and 30 related words for “pretense” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Pretense” are: guise, pretence, pretext, dissembling, feigning, pretension, pretending, simulation, make-believe

Pretense as a Noun

Definitions of "Pretense" as a noun

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

- *An artful or simulated semblance.*
- *Imaginative intellectual play.*
- *The act of giving a false appearance.*
- *A false or unsupportable quality.*
- *Pretending with intention to deceive.*



Synonyms of "Pretense" as a noun (9 Words)

dissembling	Pretending with intention to deceive.
feigning	Pretending with intention to deceive.
<u>guise</u>	An external form, appearance, or manner of presentation, typically concealing the true nature of something. <i>Sums paid under the guise of consultancy fees.</i>
make-believe	Imaginative intellectual play.
pretence	An artful or simulated semblance. <i>They have always avoided preciousness and pretence.</i>
<u>pretending</u>	The enactment of a pretense. <i>His conformity was only pretending.</i>
pretension	A claim or assertion of a claim to something. <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>
simulation	Imitation of a situation or process. <i>Clever simulation that's good enough to trick you.</i>

Associations of "Pretense" (30 Words)

affectation	A studied display of real or pretended feeling. <i>She called the room her boudoir which he thought an affectation.</i>
affection	A condition or disease. <i>He had trouble expressing the affection he felt.</i>
<u>alibi</u>	Exonerate by means of an alibi. <i>Her friend agreed to alibi her.</i>
appearance	The way that someone or something looks. <i>The appearance of the railway.</i>
<u>attributable</u>	(of a work or remark) able to be ascribed to a particular author, artist, or speaker. <i>Some 50 liturgical works by or attributable to him have survived.</i>
cherish	Keep (a hope or ambition) in one's mind. <i>He had long cherished a secret fantasy about his future.</i>

condone	Approve or sanction (something), especially with reluctance. <i>Those arrested were released and the exhibition was officially condoned a few weeks later.</i>
decorate	Confer an award or medal on (a member of the armed forces). <i>The five bedrooms are individually decorated.</i>
excuse	Defend explain clear away or make excuses for by reasoning. <i>Your need to sleep late does not excuse your late arrival at work.</i>
fancy	Have a fancy or particular liking or desire for. <i>A fancy computerized system.</i>
flimsy	Not convincing. <i>A flimsy argument.</i>
fond	(followed by `of' or `to') having a strong preference or liking for. <i>A fond farewell.</i>
formal	Being in accord with established forms and conventions and requirements as e g of formal dress. <i>A formal ball.</i>
guise	An external form, appearance, or manner of presentation, typically concealing the true nature of something. <i>He visited in the guise of an inspector.</i>
justification	The action of declaring or making righteous in the sight of God. <i>All these incidents were used again as a justification for my sacking.</i>
justify	Declare or make righteous in the sight of God. <i>In most European languages you justify text by adding space between letters and words.</i>
mannerism	An ordinary gesture or expression that becomes abnormal through exaggeration or repetition. <i>He seemed deliberately to be stripping his art of mannerism.</i>
outward	Outwards. <i>The outward voyage.</i>
palliation	To act in such a way as to cause an offense to seem less serious.
pose	A posture assumed by models for photographic or artistic purposes. <i>An armed gang posed as policemen to ambush a postman.</i>
pretend	Represent fictitiously as in a play or pretend to be or act like. <i>Dangling their legs in the water to catch pretend fish.</i>
pretext	An artful or simulated semblance. <i>The rebels had the perfect pretext for making their move.</i>
prevarication	A statement that deviates from or perverts the truth.

rationalization	The process of converting a function or expression to a rational form. <i>They justify themselves with ingenious rationalizations.</i>
rationalize	Remove irrational quantities from. <i>She couldn't rationalize her urge to return to the cottage.</i>
reason	Present reasons and arguments. <i>The children must learn to reason.</i>
rococo	The rococo style of art decoration or architecture. <i>The rococo style.</i>
suppose	Expect believe or suppose. <i>The procedure supposes that a will has already been proved.</i>
validate	Check or prove the validity or accuracy of. <i>He seems to need other women's attention to validate him as a man.</i>
why	The cause or intention underlying an action or situation especially in the phrase the whys and wherefores. <i>The whys and wherefores of these procedures need to be explained to students.</i>