

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)

<b>dissembling</b>	Pretending with intention to deceive.
<b>feigning</b>	Pretending with intention to deceive.
<b><u>guise</u></b>	An external form, appearance, or manner of presentation, typically concealing the true nature of something. <i>Sums paid under the <b>guise</b> of consultancy fees.</i>
<b>make-believe</b>	Imaginative intellectual play.
<b>pretence</b>	An artful or simulated semblance. <i>They have always avoided preciousness and <b>pretence</b>.</i>
<b><u>pretending</u></b>	The enactment of a pretense. <i>His conformity was only <b>pretending</b>.</i>
<b>pretension</b>	A claim or assertion of a claim to something. <i>His <b>pretensions</b> to the imperial inheritance.</i>
<b>pretext</b>	Something serving to conceal plans; a fictitious reason that is concocted in order to conceal the real reason. <i>The rebels had the perfect <b>pretext</b> for making their move.</i>
<b>simulation</b>	Imitation of a situation or process. <i>Clever <b>simulation</b> that's good enough to trick you.</i>

## Associations of "Pretense" (30 Words)

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

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

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