

Need another word that means the same as “ruse”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “ruse” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Ruse” are: artifice, ploy, stratagem, tactic, move, device, scheme, trick, gambit, cunning plan, manoeuvre, contrivance, expedient, dodge, subterfuge, machination, game, wile, smokescreen, red herring, blind

Ruse as a Noun

Definitions of "Ruse" as a noun

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

- *An action intended to deceive someone; a trick.*
- *A deceptive maneuver (especially to avoid capture).*



Synonyms of "Ruse" as a noun (21 Words)

- artifice** Clever or cunning devices or expedients, especially as used to trick or deceive others.
*The style is not free from the **artifices** of the period.*
- blind** A heavy drinking bout.
*He phoned again from his own home that was just a **blind** for his wife.*
- contrivance** An elaborate or deceitful scheme contrived to deceive or evade.
*His testimony was just a **contrivance** to throw us off the track.*
- cunning plan** Crafty artfulness (especially in deception).
- device** A drawing or design.
*The **device** is small enough to wear on your wrist.*
- dodge** An elaborate or deceitful scheme contrived to deceive or evade.
*The grant system's widespread use as a tax **dodge**.*
- expedient** A means to an end; not necessarily a principled or ethical one.
*The current policy is a political **expedient**.*

gambit	A chess move early in the game in which the player sacrifices minor pieces in order to obtain an advantageous position. <i>He tried the dubious Budapest gambit.</i>
game	A person's performance in a game a person's standard of play. <i>The game of cricket.</i>
machination	A plot or scheme.
manoeuvre	A movement or series of moves requiring skill and care. <i>The Russian vessel was on manoeuvres.</i>
move	The act of changing your residence or place of business. <i>The country's move to independence.</i>
ploy	An activity done for amusement. <i>The eternal cross stitch I was set to do before I could indulge my own plys.</i>
red herring	A tributary of the Mississippi River that flows eastward from Texas along the southern boundary of Oklahoma and through Louisiana.
scheme	A statement that evades the question by cleverness or trickery. <i>The whole scheme is plunged into darkness bar the light in Victor's house.</i>
smokescreen	Screen consisting of a cloud of smoke that obscures movements. <i>Troops laid down a smokescreen to cover the rescue of the victims.</i>
stratagem	Skill in devising plans or schemes; cunning. <i>A series of devious stratagems.</i>
subterfuge	Something intended to misrepresent the true nature of an activity. <i>He wasn't sick it was just a subterfuge.</i>
tactic	An action or strategy carefully planned to achieve a specific end. <i>These are possible tax saving tactics to discuss with your accountant.</i>
trick	A peculiar or characteristic habit or mannerism. <i>The trick is to put one ski forward and kneel.</i>
wile	Devious or cunning stratagems employed in manipulating or persuading someone to do what one wants. <i>She didn't employ any feminine wiles to capture his attention.</i>



Usage Examples of "Ruse" as a noun

- *Emma tried to think of a ruse to get Paul out of the house.*

Associations of "Ruse" (30 Words)

artifice

A deceptive maneuver (especially to avoid capture).
*The style is not free from the **artifices** of the period.*

calculated

(of an action) done with full awareness of the likely consequences.
*Victims of vicious and **calculated** assaults.*

concoct

Make a concoction of by mixing.
*She began to **concoct** a dinner likely to appeal to him.*

construct	An idea or theory containing various conceptual elements, typically one considered to be subjective and not based on empirical evidence. Construct <i>an argument.</i>
<u>deliberate</u>	Characterized by conscious design or purpose. A deliberate attempt to provoke conflict.
deliberately	With intention; in an intentional manner. <i>She was working deliberately.</i>
designed	Done or made or performed with purpose and intent. <i>The aircraft performed their designed functions well.</i>
fabricate	Make up something artificial or untrue. <i>Officers fabricated evidence.</i>
fancied	Formed or conceived by the imagination. <i>A fancied wrong.</i>
<u>fictitious</u>	Adopted in order to deceive. <i>Reports of a deal were dismissed as fictitious by the Minister.</i>
<u>forge</u>	Make out of components (often in an improvising manner). <i>The signature on the cheque was forged.</i>
<u>headed</u>	Having a head of a specified kind or anything that serves as a head; often used in combination. Headed <i>notepaper.</i>
<u>intend</u>	Mean or intend to express or convey. <i>This benefit is intended for people incapable of work.</i>
intended	Future; betrothed. <i>She used to be my intended.</i>
<u>intentional</u>	Characterized by conscious design or purpose. Intentional <i>wrongdoing and harm.</i>
intentionality	The quality of mental states (e.g. thoughts, beliefs, desires, hopes) which consists in their being directed towards some object or state of affairs.
intentionally	With intention; in an intentional manner. <i>He used that word intentionally.</i>
knowingly	In a way that suggests one has secret knowledge or awareness. <i>When a journalist knowingly misleads their readers.</i>
make	Make formulate or derive in the mind. <i>Let s make it 7 30.</i>
minded	Interested in or enthusiastic about a particular thing. <i>Conservation minded citizens.</i>

plan	Design or make a plan of something to be made or built. <i>They were planning a trip to Egypt.</i>
planned	Planned in advance. <i>The planned outlays for new equipment.</i>
purpose	The quality of being determined to do or achieve something firmness of purpose. <i>There was a new sense of purpose in her step as she set off.</i>
purposeful	Intentional. <i>If his sudden death was not accidental it must have been purposeful.</i>
purposefully	Intentionally and deliberately. <i>We purposefully avoided addressing the problem.</i>
purposely	With intention; in an intentional manner. <i>She had purposely made it difficult.</i>
sabotage	A deliberate act of destruction or disruption in which equipment is damaged. <i>Power lines from South Africa were sabotaged by rebel forces.</i>
scheme	Devise a system or form a scheme for. <i>Police uncovered a scheme to steal paintings worth more than 250 000.</i>
skillfully	With skill. <i>Fragments of a nearly complete jug skillfully restored at the institute of archaeology.</i>
wittingly	With full knowledge and deliberation. <i>He wittingly deleted the references.</i>