

Need another word that means the same as “shady”? Find 26 synonyms and 30 related words for “shady” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Shady” are: fishy, funny, suspect, suspicious, shadowed, shadowy, umbrageous, shaded, dark, dim, sunless, questionable, dubious, doubtful, of dubious character, disreputable, untrustworthy, dishonest, dishonourable, devious, slippery, tricky, underhand, unscrupulous, irregular, unethical**

## Shady as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Shady" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “shady” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Filled with shade.*
- *Of questionable taste or morality.*
- *Quiet, dark, or concealed.*
- *Situated in or full of shade.*
- *Giving shade from sunlight.*
- *Unscrupulous.*
- *Of questionable honesty or legality.*
- *Of doubtful honesty or legality.*
- *Not as expected.*



## Synonyms of "Shady" as an adjective (26 Words)

<b>dark</b>	Having a dark hue. <i>A <b>dark</b> day.</i>
<b><u>devious</u></b>	Showing a skilful use of underhand tactics to achieve goals. <i>They have <b>devious</b> ways of making money.</i>
<b><u>dim</u></b>	Made dim or less bright. <i><b>Dim</b> memories.</i>
<b>dishonest</b>	Deceptive or fraudulent; disposed to cheat or defraud or deceive. <i>He gave the editor a <b>dishonest</b> account of events.</i>
<b>dishonourable</b>	Bringing shame or disgrace on someone or something. <i>His crimes are petty and <b>dishonourable</b>.</i>
<b>disreputable</b>	Lacking respectability in character or behavior or appearance. <i>He was heavy grubby and vaguely <b>disreputable</b>.</i>
<b>doubtful</b>	Feeling uncertain about something. <i>I was <b>doubtful</b> of my judgement.</i>

dubious

Hesitating or doubting.

*I was rather **dubious** about the whole idea.*

fishy

Not as expected.

*I m convinced there is something **fishy** going on.*

funny

Not as expected.

*There was something **funny** going on.*

irregular

Not occurring at a regular rate or fixed intervals.

*Highly **irregular** behavior.*

of dubious character

Not convinced.

questionable

Doubtful as regards truth or validity.

***Questionable** motives.*

shaded

(of pictures or drawings) drawn or painted with degrees or gradations of shadow.

***Shaded** avenues.*

shadowed

Filled with shade.

*The surface of the pond is dark and **shadowed**.*

shadowy

Filled with shade.

***Shadowy** figures in the gloom.*

slippery

(of a surface or object) difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is smooth, wet, or slimy.

*The word intended is a decidedly **slippery** one.*

sunless

Filled or abounding with clouds.

*The windowless **sunless** headquarters.*

suspect

Not as expected.

*A **suspect** package was found on the platform.*

suspicious

Not as expected.

*He was **suspicious** of her motives.*

tricky

(of a task, problem, etc.) requiring care and skill because difficult or awkward.

***Tricky** Dick.*

umbrageous

Filled with shade.

***Umbrageous** at the loss of their territory.*

underhand

Acting or done in a secret or dishonest way.

***Underhand** dealings.*

unethical

Not conforming to approved standards of social or professional behavior.

***Unethical** business practices.*



**unscrupulous**

Having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair.

**Unscrupulous** politicians who would be happy to sell their country in order to gain power.

**untrustworthy**

Not able to be relied on as honest or truthful.

Thomas considered her to be devious and **untrustworthy**.



**Usage Examples of "Shady" as an adjective**

- Her shady past intrigued him.
- The shady side of the street.
- He was involved in his grandmother's shady deals.
- They sprawled under a shady carob tree.
- He established a dummy company through which he laundered vast sums of cash from shady middlemen and arms dealers.
- A shady deal.
- Shady woods.
- A shady part of town.



## Associations of "Shady" (30 Words)

<b>ambiguous</b>	Open to two or more interpretations; or of uncertain nature or significance; or (often) intended to mislead. <i><b>Ambiguous</b> words.</i>
<b>ambiguously</b>	So as to be open to doubt or uncertainty. <i>A peculiar <b>ambiguously</b> remembered landscape where past and present seem repeatedly confounded.</i>
<b><u>ambivalent</u></b>	Uncertain or unable to decide about what course to follow. <i>An <b>ambivalent</b> attitude to Europe.</i>
<b><u>blur</u></b>	Make unclear indistinct or blurred. <i>It happened so fast it was just a <b>blur</b>.</i>
<b>blurred</b>	Not clear or distinct; hazy. <i>A landscape of <b>blurred</b> outlines.</i>

<b>dark</b>	Having a dark hue. A <b>dark</b> scowl.
<b>darkling</b>	Uncannily or threateningly dark or obscure. A <b>darkling</b> glance.
<b>darkness</b>	Night. His lectures dispelled the <b>darkness</b> .
<b>dim</b>	Make dim or lusterless. The lights <b>dimmed</b> and the curtain rose.
<b>dimly</b>	With a faint light; not brightly. I can only <b>dimly</b> remember the 1960s.
<b>doubt</b>	Consider unlikely or have doubts about. Who can <b>doubt</b> the value and necessity of these services.
<b>doubtful</b>	Not known with certainty. It is <b>doubtful</b> whether these schemes have any lasting effect.
<b>dubious</b>	Not to be relied upon; suspect. Timeshare has been brought into disrepute by <b>dubious</b> sales methods.
<b>dusky</b>	Used in names of animals with dark coloration e g dusky dolphin dusky warbler. <b>Dusky</b> red.
<b>equivocal</b>	(of a person) using ambiguous or evasive language. He has always been <b>equivocal</b> about the meaning of his lyrics.
<b>faint</b>	Feeling weak and dizzy and close to losing consciousness. A <b>faint</b> aroma.
<b>incredulous</b>	(of a person or their manner) unwilling or unable to believe something. An <b>incredulous</b> gasp.
<b>indeterminate</b>	(of a judicial sentence) not of a fixed length but dependent on the convicted person's conduct. An <b>indeterminate</b> future.
<b>murkiness</b>	An atmosphere in which visibility is reduced because of a cloud of some substance.
<b>opaque</b>	An opaque thing. Bottles filled with a pale <b>opaque</b> liquid.
<b>questionable</b>	Doubtful as regards truth or validity. <b>Questionable</b> motives.
<b>shadowy</b>	Filled with shade. <b>Shadowy</b> figures in the gloom.



**skeptical**

Marked by or given to doubt.  
*A **skeptical** listener.*

**skepticism**

The disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge.

**suspicious**

Causing one to have the idea or impression that someone or something is questionable, dishonest, or dangerous.  
*He was **suspicious** of her motives.*

**tenebrous**

Dark; shadowy or obscure.  
*A **tenebrous** cave.*

**uncertain**

Lacking or indicating lack of confidence or assurance.  
***Uncertain** of his convictions.*

**uncertainty**

The state of being uncertain.  
*The **uncertainty** of the outcome.*

**unclear**

Not clear to the mind.  
*Users are still **unclear** about what middleware does.*

**vaguely**

Slightly.  
*He looked **vaguely** familiar.*

