

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)

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

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| dubious | Hesitating or doubting. <i>I was rather dubious about the whole idea.</i> |
| fishy | Not as expected. <i>I m convinced there is something fishy going on.</i> |
| funny | Not as expected. <i>There was something funny going on.</i> |
| irregular | Not occurring at a regular rate or fixed intervals. <i>Highly irregular behavior.</i> |
| 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. <i>The surface of the pond is dark and shadowed.</i> |
| 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. <i>The word intended is a decidedly slippery one.</i> |
| sunless | Filled or abounding with clouds. <i>The windowless sunless headquarters.</i> |
| suspect | Not as expected. <i>A suspect package was found on the platform.</i> |
| suspicious | Not as expected. <i>He was suspicious of her motives.</i> |
| 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)

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

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

- 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.*

