

Need another word that means the same as “skeptical”? Find 5 synonyms and 30 related words for “skeptical” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Skeptical” are: doubting, questioning, sceptical, disbelieving, unbelieving

Skeptical as an Adjective

Definitions of "Skeptical" as an adjective

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

- *Denying or questioning the tenets of especially a religion.*
- *Marked by or given to doubt.*



Synonyms of "Skeptical" as an adjective (5 Words)

- disbelieving** Denying or questioning the tenets of especially a religion.
*The **disbelieving** look in her eyes.*
- doubting** Expressing or feeling uncertainty or lack of conviction; sceptical.
*People look at it through **doubting** eyes.*
- questioning** Perplexed (as if being expected to know something that you do not know).
*Aaron shot her a **questioning** glance.*
- sceptical** Not easily convinced; having doubts or reservations.
*The public were deeply **sceptical** about some of the proposals.*
- unbelieving** Holding that only material phenomena can be known and knowledge of spiritual matters or ultimate causes is impossible.
*They were to preach to the **unbelieving** people.*



Usage Examples of "Skeptical" as an adjective

- *A skeptical listener.*
- *A skeptical approach to the nature of miracles.*
- *A skeptical attitude.*



Associations of "Skeptical" (30 Words)

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| agnostic | Of or pertaining to an agnostic or agnosticism. <i>Many common file formats JPEG MP3 etc are platform agnostic.</i> |
| <u>amazement</u> | A feeling of great surprise or wonder. <i>To her amazement Bill was keen.</i> |
| <u>askance</u> | With an attitude or look of suspicion or disapproval. <i>A waiter looked askance at his jeans.</i> |
| <u>askew</u> | Turned or twisted to one side. <i>The judging was a bit askew.</i> |
| <u>atheist</u> | Related to or characterized by or given to atheism. <i>Atheist leanings.</i> |
| <u>cynical</u> | Contemptuous; mocking. <i>He gave a cynical laugh.</i> |

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| <u>disbelief</u> | Lack of faith. <i>Laura shook her head in disbelief.</i> |
| <u>distrust</u> | Doubt the honesty or reliability of; regard with suspicion. <i>The public s distrust of politicians.</i> |
| <u>doubt</u> | Consider unlikely or have doubts about. <i>I doubt my ability to do the job.</i> |
| doubtful | Not established as genuine or acceptable. <i>It is doubtful whether these schemes have any lasting effect.</i> |
| <u>dubious</u> | Not convinced. <i>They admitted the force of my argument but remained dubious.</i> |
| freethinker | A person who rejects religion. |
| incredulity | Doubt about the truth of something. <i>He stared down the street in incredulity.</i> |
| <u>incredulous</u> | (of a person or their manner) unwilling or unable to believe something. <i>An incredulous gasp.</i> |
| <u>leery</u> | Openly distrustful and unwilling to confide. <i>A city leery of gang violence.</i> |
| <u>pessimist</u> | A person who believes that this world is as bad as it could be or that evil will ultimately prevail over good. <i>The pessimists point to ways in which life has deteriorated.</i> |
| question | Pose a question. <i>Her loyalty is really beyond question.</i> |
| <u>questionable</u> | Likely to be dishonourable or morally suspect. <i>It is questionable whether any of these exceptions is genuine.</i> |
| questioning | Marked by or given to doubt. <i>Aaron shot her a questioning glance.</i> |
| sceptic | A person inclined to question or doubt accepted opinions. |
| sceptical | Marked by or given to doubt. <i>The public were deeply sceptical about some of the proposals.</i> |
| sidelong | Directed to or from one side. <i>Shot out sidelong boughs.</i> |
| skeptic | Someone who habitually doubts accepted beliefs. |
| skepticism | The disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge. |
| surprise | Cause to be surprised. <i>The announcement came as a complete surprise.</i> |
| <u>suspicious</u> | Not as expected. <i>Police were called when staff became suspicious.</i> |

suspiciously In a way that arouses suspicion or distrust.
*Women have been eyed **suspiciously** by the Party.*

unbelief A rejection of belief.
*The darkness of **unbelief**.*

uncertain Not certain to occur; not inevitable.
*Everything is **uncertain** about the army.*

uncertainty The state of being unsure of something.
*The **uncertainty** of the outcome.*

