

Need another word that means the same as “subterfuge”? Find 41 synonyms and 30 related words for “subterfuge” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Subterfuge” are: blind, trickery, intrigue, deviousness, evasion, deceit, deception, dishonesty, cheating, duplicity, guile, cunning, craft, craftiness, slyness, chicanery, bluff, pretence, fraud, fraudulence, sophistry, sharp practice, trick, hoax, ruse, wile, ploy, stratagem, artifice, dodge, manoeuvre, machination, pretext, expedient, tactic, scheme, masquerade, smokescreen, sleight, stunt, game

## Subterfuge as a Noun

### Definitions of "Subterfuge" as a noun

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

- *Deceit used in order to achieve one's goal.*
- *Something intended to misrepresent the true nature of an activity.*

### Synonyms of "Subterfuge" as a noun (41 Words)

#### [artifice](#)

Clever or cunning devices or expedients, especially as used to trick or deceive others.

*An industry dominated by **artifice**.*

#### [blind](#)

A hiding place sometimes used by hunters (especially duck hunters).

*He waited impatiently in the **blind**.*

#### **bluff**

The act of bluffing in poker deception by a false show of confidence in the strength of your cards.

*His game of **bluff**.*

<b>cheating</b>	A deception for profit to yourself.
<b><u>chicanery</u></b>	The use of deception or subterfuge to achieve one's purpose. <i>Storylines packed with political <b>chicanery</b>.</i>
<b><u>craft</u></b>	An aircraft or spaceship. <i>He represented the <b>craft</b> of brewers.</i>
<b>craftiness</b>	The quality of being crafty.
<b><u>cunning</u></b>	Skill in achieving one's ends by deceit. <i>What resources of energy and <b>cunning</b> it took just to survive.</i>
<b><u>deceit</u></b>	The action or practice of deceiving someone by concealing or misrepresenting the truth. <i>Hypocrisy and <b>deceit</b> were anathema to her.</i>
<b>deception</b>	A thing that deceives. <i>Obtaining property by <b>deception</b>.</i>
<b>deviousness</b>	The quality of being oblique and rambling indirectly.
<b>dishonesty</b>	Deceitfulness shown in someone's character or behaviour. <i>The dismissal of thirty civil servants for <b>dishonesty</b> and misconduct.</i>
<b><u>dodge</u></b>	The dodging of a bill in change-ringing. <i>The grant system's widespread use as a tax <b>dodge</b>.</i>
<b><u>duplicity</u></b>	A fraudulent or duplicitous representation. <i>The president was accused of <b>duplicity</b> in his dealings with Congress.</i>
<b>evasion</b>	Nonperformance of something distasteful (as by deceit or trickery) that you are supposed to do. <i>His <b>evasion</b> of his clear duty was reprehensible.</i>
<b>expedient</b>	A means to an end; not necessarily a principled or ethical one. <i>The current policy is a political <b>expedient</b>.</i>
<b>fraud</b>	Something intended to deceive; deliberate trickery intended to gain an advantage. <i>Mediums exposed as tricksters and <b>frauds</b>.</i>
<b>fraudulence</b>	The quality of being fraudulent.
<b>game</b>	The game equipment needed in order to play a particular game. <i>For actors memorizing lines is no <b>game</b>.</i>
<b>guile</b>	The quality of being crafty. <i>He used all his <b>guile</b> and guts to free himself from the muddle he was in.</i>
<b><u>hoax</u></b>	Something intended to deceive; deliberate trickery intended to gain an advantage. <i>A <b>hoax</b> 999 call.</i>

<b>intrigue</b>	The secret planning of something illicit or detrimental. <i>The cabinet was a nest of <b>intrigue</b>.</i>
<b>machination</b>	A plot or scheme.
<b>manoeuvre</b>	A move made to gain a tactical end. <i>Shady financial <b>manoeuvres</b>.</i>
<b>masquerade</b>	A costume worn as a disguise at a masquerade party. <i>Dressing up role playing and <b>masquerade</b>.</i>
<b>ploy</b>	A cunning plan or action designed to turn a situation to one's own advantage. <i>The eternal cross stitch I was set to do before I could indulge my own <b>loys</b>.</i>
<b>pretence</b>	A false or unsupportable quality. <i>They have always avoided preciousness and <b>pretence</b>.</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>ruse</b>	An action intended to deceive someone; a trick. <i>Emma tried to think of a <b>ruse</b> to get Paul out of the house.</i>
<b>scheme</b>	A particular ordered system or arrangement. <i>The occupational sick pay <b>scheme</b>.</i>
<b>sharp practice</b>	A long thin sewing needle with a sharp point.
<b>sleight</b>	The use of dexterity or cunning, especially so as to deceive. <i>Except by <b>sleight</b> of logic the two positions cannot be harmonized.</i>
<b>slyness</b>	Shrewdness as demonstrated by being skilled in deception.
<b>smokescreen</b>	An action intended to conceal or confuse or obscure. <i>He tried to create a <b>smokescreen</b> by quibbling about the statistics.</i>
<b>sophistry</b>	A fallacious argument. <i>Trying to argue that I had benefited in any way from the disaster was pure <b>sophistry</b>.</i>
<b>stratagem</b>	Skill in devising plans or schemes; cunning. <i>A series of devious <b>stratagems</b>.</i>
<b>stunt</b>	A creature (especially a whale) that has been prevented from attaining full growth.
<b>tactic</b>	An action or strategy carefully planned to achieve a specific end. <i>These are possible tax saving <b>tactics</b> to discuss with your accountant.</i>
<b>trick</b>	A prostitute's customer. <i>She thought Elaine was playing some <b>trick</b> on her.</i>

<b>trickery</b>	The practice of deception. <i>The dealer resorted to <b>trickery</b>.</i>
<b>wile</b>	The use of tricks to deceive someone (usually to extract money from them). <i>The devious <b>wiles</b> of the politicians.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Subterfuge" as a noun

- *He had to use subterfuge and bluff on many occasions.*
- *I hated all the subterfuges, I hated lying to you.*
- *He wasn't sick-it was just a subterfuge.*

## Associations of "Subterfuge" (30 Words)

<b>baloney</b>	Pretentious or silly talk or writing. <i>I don't buy it it's all a load of <b>baloney</b>.</i>
<b>betray</b>	Treacherously reveal (information). <i>She drew a deep breath that <b>betrayed</b> her indignation.</i>
<b>cheat</b>	An act of cheating a fraud or deception. <i>She <b>cheats</b> on her husband.</i>
<b>cheating</b>	Violating accepted standards or rules.
<b>chicanery</b>	The use of tricks to deceive someone (usually to extract money from them). <i>Storylines packed with political <b>chicanery</b>.</i>
<b>cozen</b>	Trick or deceive. <i>He <b>cozened</b> the money out of the old man.</i>
<b>deceit</b>	The act of deceiving. <i>Hypocrisy and <b>deceit</b> were anathema to her.</i>
<b>deceive</b>	Deliberately cause (someone) to believe something that is not true, especially for personal gain. <i>I didn't intend to <b>deceive</b> people into thinking it was French champagne.</i>
<b>deception</b>	A misleading falsehood. <i>Obtaining property by <b>deception</b>.</i>
<b>deceptive</b>	Giving an appearance or impression different from the true one; misleading. <i>Deliberately <b>deceptive</b> packaging.</i>
<b>defraud</b>	Deprive of by deceit. <i>He used a second identity to <b>defraud</b> the bank of thousands of pounds.</i>

<b>delude</b>	Make (someone) believe something that is not true. <i>Too many theorists have <b>deluded</b> the public.</i>
<b>dissimulation</b>	Concealment of one's thoughts, feelings, or character; pretence. <i>His audience consisted of a <b>dissimulation</b> of birds.</i>
<b>feint</b>	Make a deceptive or distracting movement, especially during a fight. <i>You would would you said Bob <b>feinting</b> punches back at them.</i>
<b>fraud</b>	A person or thing intended to deceive others, typically by unjustifiably claiming or being credited with accomplishments or qualities. <i>Mediums exposed as tricksters and <b>frauds</b>.</i>
<b>fraudulence</b>	Something intended to deceive; deliberate trickery intended to gain an advantage.
<b>fraudulent</b>	Intended to deceive. <i>A <b>fraudulent</b> scheme to escape paying taxes.</i>
<b>hoodwink</b>	Deceive or trick. <i>Staff were <b>hoodwinked</b> into thinking the cucumber was a sawn off shotgun.</i>
<b>humbug</b>	A hypocrite. <i>Poor Dave is easily <b>humbugged</b>.</i>
<b>insider</b>	An officer of a corporation or others who have access to private information about the corporation's operations. <i>Political <b>insiders</b>.</i>
<b>liar</b>	A person who tells lies. <i>The man was a notorious <b>liar</b>.</i>
<b>lie</b>	The way direction or position in which something lies. <i>The abbey <b>lies</b> in ruins today.</i>
<b><u>manipulation</u></b>	The action of manipulating someone in a clever or unscrupulous way. <i>There was no deliberate <b>manipulation</b> of visitors emotions.</i>
<b>perfidious</b>	Tending to betray; especially having a treacherous character as attributed to the Carthaginians by the Romans. <i>The <b>perfidious</b> Judas.</i>
<b>perfidy</b>	An act of deliberate betrayal. <i>Hapsburg <b>perfidy</b>.</i>
<b>phony</b>	A person who professes beliefs and opinions that he or she does not hold in order to conceal his or her real feelings or motives.
<b>scam</b>	Deprive of by deceit. <i>An insurance <b>scam</b>.</i>

<b>swindle</b>	Use deception to deprive (someone) of money or possessions. <i>He is mixed up in a 10 million insurance <b>swindle</b>.</i>
<b>treacherous</b>	Tending to betray especially having a treacherous character as attributed to the Carthaginians by the Romans. <i>A <b>treacherous</b> Gestapo agent.</i>
<u><b>trickery</b></u>	Verbal misrepresentation intended to take advantage of you in some way. <i>The dealer resorted to <b>trickery</b>.</i>