

Need another word that means the same as “suspect”? Find 46 synonyms and 30 related words for “suspect” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Suspect” are: surmise, distrust, mistrust, have a suspicion, have a feeling, feel, be inclined to think, fancy, reckon, guess, conjecture, think, think it likely, think it probable, have a sneaking feeling, have a hunch, regard as guilty, think to be guilty, regard as a wrongdoer, doubt, have doubts about, harbour suspicions about, have misgivings about, be sceptical about, have qualms about, be suspicious of, be wary of, feel chary about, feel uneasy about, harbour reservations about, have reservations about, have a funny feeling about, defendant, suspected person, accused, fishy, funny, shady, suspicious, dubious, untrustworthy, questionable, doubtful, odd, queer, under suspicion

Suspect as a Noun

Definitions of "Suspect" as a noun

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

- *A person or institution against whom an action is brought in a court of law; the person*

being sued or accused.

- *Someone who is under suspicion.*
- *A person thought to be guilty of a crime or offence.*



Synonyms of "Suspect" as a noun (3 Words)

accused	A person or group of people who are charged with or on trial for a crime. <i>The accused was ordered to stand trial on a number of charges.</i>
<u>defendant</u>	A person or institution against whom an action is brought in a court of law; the person being sued or accused. <i>The defendant tried to claim that it was self defence.</i>
suspected person	Someone who is under suspicion.



Usage Examples of "Suspect" as a noun

- *The police have arrested a suspect.*



Suspect as a Verb

Definitions of "Suspect" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "suspect" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Regard as untrustworthy; regard with suspicion; have no faith or confidence in.*
- *Believe or feel that (someone) is guilty of an illegal, dishonest, or unpleasant act, without certain proof.*
- *Have an idea or impression of the existence, presence, or truth of (something) without certain proof.*
- *Doubt the genuineness or truth of.*
- *Hold in suspicion; believe to be guilty.*
- *Imagine to be the case or true or probable.*



Synonyms of "Suspect" as a verb (32 Words)

be inclined to think

Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.

be sceptical about

Occupy a certain position or area.

be suspicious of

Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.

be wary of

Spend or use time.

conjecture

Form an opinion or supposition about (something) on the basis of incomplete information.

*Many **conjectured** that the jury could not agree.*

distrust

Regard as untrustworthy; regard with suspicion; have no faith or confidence in.

*Speculation remained that the Army **distrusted** the peace process.*

doubt

Lack confidence in or have doubts about.

*I **doubt** my ability to do the job.*

fancy

Have a fancy or particular liking or desire for.

*I really **fancy** him.*

feel

Grope or feel in search of something.

*You make me **feel** naked.*

feel chary about

Grope or feel in search of something.

feel uneasy about

Undergo passive experience of.

guess

Put forward of a guess in spite of possible refutation.

*She **guessed** the child's age at 14 or 15.*

harbour reservations about Maintain (a theory, thoughts, or feelings.

harbour suspicions about Keep in one's possession; of animals.

have a feeling Cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner.

have a funny feeling about Serve oneself to, or consume regularly.

have a hunch Achieve a point or goal.

have a sneaking feeling Cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner.

have a suspicion Have ownership or possession of.

have doubts about Undergo.

have misgivings about Suffer from; be ill with.

have qualms about Have sex with; archaic use.

have reservations about Have left.

mistrust

Regard as untrustworthy; regard with suspicion; have no faith or confidence in.

*She had no cause to **mistrust** him.*

reckon

Expect, believe, or suppose.

*I don't **reckon** his chances.*

regard as a wrongdoer

Look at attentively.

regard as guilty

Deem to be.

surmise

Suppose that something is true without having evidence to confirm it.

*I **surmised** that the butler did it.*

think

Recall knowledge from memory; have a recollection.
*One should always **think** positive.*

think it likely

Expect, believe, or suppose.

think it probable

Dispose the mind in a certain way.

think to be guilty

Have in mind as a purpose.



Usage Examples of "Suspect" as a verb

- *She suspected that he might be bluffing.*
- *I suspect he is a fugitive.*
- *If you suspect a gas leak, do not turn on an electric light.*
- *Parents suspected of child abuse.*
- *The U.S. suspected Bin Laden as the mastermind behind the terrorist attacks.*
- *A broker whose honesty he had no reason to suspect.*



Suspect as an Adjective

Definitions of "Suspect" as an adjective

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

- *Not as expected.*
- *Not to be relied on or trusted; possibly dangerous or false.*



Synonyms of "Suspect" as an adjective (11 Words)

doubtful

Not known with certainty.
*Of **doubtful** legality.*

dubious

Of questionable value.
*They admitted the force of my argument but remained **dubious**.*

<u>fishy</u>	Of or relating to or resembling fish. <i>There was something fishy about the accident.</i>
funny	Unusual, especially in such a way as to arouse suspicion. <i>Are you okay You look a bit funny.</i>
<u>odd</u>	Beyond or deviating from the usual or expected. <i>Invited 30 odd guests.</i>
<u>questionable</u>	Subject to question. <i>A fire of questionable origin.</i>
<u>shady</u>	Filled with shade. <i>The shady side of the street.</i>
<u>suspicious</u>	Not as expected. <i>He was suspicious of her motives.</i>
under suspicion	Located below or beneath something else.
untrustworthy	Not able to be relied on as honest or truthful. <i>An untrustworthy person.</i>



Usage Examples of "Suspect" as an adjective

- *A suspect package was found on the platform.*
- *Her motives were suspect.*



Associations of "Suspect" (30 Words)

ask	Require or ask for as a price or condition. <i>You should have asked my permission first.</i>
<u>collusion</u>	Collusion between ostensible opponents in a lawsuit. <i>The armed forces were working in collusion with drug traffickers.</i>
<u>defendant</u>	An individual, company, or institution sued or accused in a court of law. <i>The defendant tried to claim that it was self defence.</i>
<u>disbelief</u>	A rejection of belief. <i>Laura shook her head in disbelief.</i>
<u>distrust</u>	The trait of not trusting others. <i>The public s distrust of politicians.</i>
<u>doubt</u>	Lack confidence in or have doubts about. <i>I doubt that she will accept his proposal of marriage.</i>
doubtful	Open to doubt or suspicion. <i>I was doubtful of my judgement.</i>
dubiety	The state of being unsure of something. <i>His enemies made much of the dubiety of his paternity.</i>
<u>dubious</u>	Of questionable value. <i>Timeshare has been brought into disrepute by dubious sales methods.</i>
illegality	Unlawfulness by virtue of violating some legal statute. <i>Proceedings will be required to establish the illegality of the act.</i>
<u>incredulous</u>	(of a person or their manner) unwilling or unable to believe something. <i>An incredulous gasp.</i>
indubitable	Too obvious to be doubted. <i>An indubitable truth.</i>
<u>interrogate</u>	Obtain data from (a computer file, database, storage device, or terminal). <i>An interactive system enables users to interrogate the database.</i>
<u>leery</u>	Cautious or wary due to realistic suspicions. <i>A city leery of gang violence.</i>
misgiving	Painful expectation. <i>I felt a sense of misgiving at the prospect of retirement.</i>
mistrust	Be suspicious of; have no confidence in. <i>The public mistrust of government.</i>
<u>qualm</u>	A mild state of nausea. <i>Military regimes generally have no qualms about controlling the press.</i>

question	Pose a series of questions to. <i>The question of local government funding worried ministers.</i>
questionable	Able to be refuted. <i>A questionable reputation.</i>
sceptical	Denying or questioning the tenets of especially a religion. <i>The public were deeply sceptical about some of the proposals.</i>
shady	Of doubtful honesty or legality. <i>A shady part of town.</i>
skeptical	Marked by or given to doubt. <i>A skeptical attitude.</i>
suppose	Expect believe or suppose. <i>The procedure supposes that a will has already been proved.</i>
suspicion	Doubt about someone's honesty. <i>He was arrested on suspicion of murder.</i>
suspicious	Not as expected. <i>She gave him a suspicious look.</i>
suspiciously	In a way that arouses suspicion or distrust. <i>What s going on I asked suspiciously.</i>
unbelief	A rejection of belief. <i>The darkness of unbelief.</i>
uncertain	Ambiguous (especially in the negative). <i>An uncertain future.</i>
uncertainty	Being unsettled or in doubt or dependent on chance. <i>The uncertainty of the outcome.</i>
unwillingness	The trait of being unwilling. <i>He deplored the Government s unwillingness to provide adequate funds.</i>

