

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.

*The **accused** was ordered to stand trial on a number of charges.*

**defendant** A person or institution against whom an action is brought in a court of law; the person being sued or accused.

*The **defendant** tried to claim that it was self defence.*

**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.*

<b><u>distrust</u></b>	Regard as untrustworthy; regard with suspicion; have no faith or confidence in. <i>Speculation remained that the Army <b>distrusted</b> the peace process.</i>
<b><u>doubt</u></b>	Lack confidence in or have doubts about. <i>I <b>doubt</b> my ability to do the job.</i>
<b>fancy</b>	Have a fancy or particular liking or desire for. <i>I really <b>fancy</b> him.</i>
<b>feel</b>	Grope or feel in search of something. <i>You make me <b>feel</b> naked.</i>
<b>feel chary about</b>	Grope or feel in search of something.
<b>feel uneasy about</b>	Undergo passive experience of.
<b>guess</b>	Put forward of a guess in spite of possible refutation. <i>She <b>guessed</b> the child s age at 14 or 15.</i>
<b>harbour reservations about</b>	Maintain (a theory, thoughts, or feelings).
<b>harbour suspicions about</b>	Keep in one's possession; of animals.
<b>have a feeling</b>	Cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner.
<b>have a funny feeling about</b>	Serve oneself to, or consume regularly.
<b>have a hunch</b>	Achieve a point or goal.
<b>have a sneaking feeling</b>	Cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner.
<b>have a suspicion</b>	Have ownership or possession of.
<b>have doubts about</b>	Undergo.
<b>have misgivings about</b>	Suffer from; be ill with.
<b>have qualms about</b>	Have sex with; archaic use.
<b>have reservations about</b>	Have left.
<b>mistrust</b>	Regard as untrustworthy; regard with suspicion; have no faith or confidence in. <i>She had no cause to <b>mistrust</b> him.</i>
<b>reckon</b>	Expect, believe, or suppose. <i>I don t <b>reckon</b> his chances.</i>
<b>regard as a wrongdoer</b>	Look at attentively.
<b>regard as guilty</b>	Deem to be.
<b><u>surmise</u></b>	Suppose that something is true without having evidence to confirm it. <i>I <b>surmised</b> that the butler did it.</i>

<b>think</b>	Recall knowledge from memory; have a recollection. <i>One should always <b>think</b> positive.</i>
<b>think it likely</b>	Expect, believe, or suppose.
<b>think it probable</b>	Dispose the mind in a certain way.
<b>think to be guilty</b>	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**.*

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

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

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



