

Need another word that means the same as “suspicious”? Find 33 synonyms and 30 related words for “suspicious” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Suspicious” are: fishy, funny, shady, suspect, leery, mistrustful, untrusting, wary, doubtful, unsure, dubious, chary, sceptical, distrustful, disbelieving, apprehensive, cynical, jaundiced, disreputable, unsavoury, slippery, questionable, odd, strange, irregular, queer, under suspicion, mysterious, murky, dark, criminal, dishonest, corrupt**

## Suspicious as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Suspicious" as an adjective

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

- *Having or showing a cautious distrust of someone or something.*
- *Causing one to have the idea or impression that someone or something is questionable, dishonest, or dangerous.*
- *Openly distrustful and unwilling to confide.*
- *Not as expected.*
- *Having the belief or impression that someone is involved in an illegal or dishonest activity.*



## Synonyms of "Suspicious" as an adjective (33 Words)

- apprehensive** Mentally upset over possible misfortune or danger etc.  
*A kind and **apprehensive** friend.*
- chary** Cautiously or suspiciously reluctant to do something.  
***Chary** of the risks involved.*
- corrupt** Evil or morally depraved.  
*The old **corrupt** order.*
- criminal** Guilty of crime or serious offense.  
*He may never fulfil his potential and that would be a **criminal** waste.*
- cynical** Believing that people are motivated purely by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity.  
*Her **cynical** attitude.*
- dark** Used of color having a dark hue.  
*So many **dark** deeds had been committed.*
- disbelieving** Denying or questioning the tenets of especially a religion.  
*The **disbelieving** look in her eyes.*

<b>dishonest</b>	Behaving or prone to behave in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or insincere way. <i><b>Dishonest</b> politicians.</i>
<b>disreputable</b>	Lacking respectability in character or behavior or appearance. <i>He was heavy grubby and vaguely <b>disreputable</b>.</i>
<b>distrustful</b>	Feeling or showing distrust of someone or something. <i>I have grown up to be <b>distrustful</b> of men.</i>
<b>doubtful</b>	Feeling uncertain about something. <i>It is <b>doubtful</b> whether these schemes have any lasting effect.</i>
<b>dubious</b>	Not to be relied upon; suspect. <i><b>Dubious</b> about agreeing to go.</i>
<b>fishy</b>	Of or relating to or resembling fish. <i>There was something <b>fishy</b> about the accident.</i>
<b>funny</b>	Beyond or deviating from the usual or expected. <i>It s a <b>funny</b> old world.</i>
<b>irregular</b>	(of a verb or other word) having inflections that do not conform to the usual rules. <i>She led a somewhat <b>irregular</b> private life.</i>
<b>jaundiced</b>	Showing or affected by prejudice or envy or distaste. <i>Looked with a <b>jaundiced</b> eye on the growth of regimentation.</i>
<b>leery</b>	Cautious or wary due to realistic suspicions. <i>A city <b>leery</b> of gang violence.</i>
<b>mistrustful</b>	Openly distrustful and unwilling to confide. <i>He wondered if he had been unduly <b>mistrustful</b> of her.</i>
<b>murky</b>	(of liquids) clouded as with sediment. <i>A government minister with a <b>murky</b> past.</i>
<b>mysterious</b>	(of a location) having an atmosphere of strangeness or secrecy. <i>A <b>mysterious</b> benefactor provided the money.</i>
<b>odd</b>	Beyond or deviating from the usual or expected. <i>It is <b>odd</b> that his name is never mentioned.</i>
<b>questionable</b>	Likely to be dishonourable or morally suspect. <i>His <b>questionable</b> financial deals.</i>
<b>sceptical</b>	Relating to the theory that certain knowledge is impossible. <i>The public were deeply <b>sceptical</b> about some of the proposals.</i>
<b>shady</b>	Quiet, dark, or concealed. <i>He was involved in his grandmother s <b>shady</b> deals.</i>

<b>slippery</b>	Causing or tending to cause things to slip or slide. <i>How extraordinarily <b>slippery</b> a liar the camera is.</i>
<b>strange</b>	Unusual or surprising; difficult to understand or explain. <i>Children have some <b>strange</b> ideas.</i>
<b>suspect</b>	Not as expected. <i>Her motives were <b>suspect</b>.</i>
<b>under suspicion</b>	Located below or beneath something else.
<b>unsavoury</b>	Morally offensive. <i>An <b>unsavoury</b> reputation.</i>
<b>unsure</b>	Lacking self-confidence. <i><b>Unsure</b> of himself and his future.</i>
<b>untrusting</b>	Not tending to believe in other people's honesty or sincerity; suspicious. <i>Kate became wary furtive and <b>untrusting</b>.</i>
<b>wary</b>	Feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems. <i>They were <b>wary</b> in their movements.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Suspicious" as an adjective

- *She gave him a suspicious look.*
- *Police were called when staff became suspicious.*
- *He was suspicious of her motives.*
- *They are not treating the fire as suspicious.*
- *Suspicious behavior.*



## Associations of "Suspicious" (30 Words)

In an ambiguous manner.

**ambiguously** *A peculiar **ambiguously** remembered landscape where past and present seem repeatedly confounded.*

<b><u>cynical</u></b>	Believing the worst of human nature and motives; having a sneering disbelief in e.g. selflessness of others. <i>A <b>cynical</b> manipulation of public opinion.</i>
<b><u>disbelief</u></b>	Doubt about the truth of something. <i>Laura shook her head in <b>disbelief</b>.</i>
<b><u>distrust</u></b>	Regard as untrustworthy; regard with suspicion; have no faith or confidence in. <i>The public s <b>distrust</b> of politicians.</i>
<b><u>doubt</u></b>	Consider unlikely or have doubts about. <i>I have no reason to <b>doubt</b> him.</i>
<b>doubtful</b>	Unsettled in mind or opinion. <i>Of <b>doubtful</b> legality.</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>	Fraught with uncertainty or doubt. <i>Extremely <b>dubious</b> assumptions.</i>
<b>incredulity</b>	Doubt about the truth of something. <i>He stared down the street in <b>incredulity</b>.</i>
<b><u>incredulous</u></b>	Not disposed or willing to believe; unbelieving. <i>An <b>incredulous</b> gasp.</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>	Doubt about someone's honesty. <i>I felt a sense of <b>misgiving</b> at the prospect of retirement.</i>
<b>mistrust</b>	The trait of not trusting others. <i>The public <b>mistrust</b> of government.</i>
<b><u>pessimist</u></b>	A person who believes that this world is as bad as it could be or that evil will ultimately prevail over good. <i>He finds solace in the writings of <b>pessimist</b> philosophers.</i>
<b><u>qualm</u></b>	A momentary faint or sick feeling. <i>Military regimes generally have no <b>qualms</b> about controlling the press.</i>
<b>question</b>	Pose a question. <i>There s no <b>question</b> that the company s true financial situation is different.</i>
<b><u>questionable</u></b>	Able to be refuted. <i>A fire of <b>questionable</b> origin.</i>
<b>questioning</b>	The raising of a doubt about or objection to something. <i>This situation should prompt <b>questioning</b>.</i>

<b>sceptical</b>	Marked by or given to doubt. <i>The public were deeply <b>sceptical</b> about some of the proposals.</i>
<b><u>shady</u></b>	Filled with shade. <i>A <b>shady</b> deal.</i>
<b>skeptic</b>	Someone who habitually doubts accepted beliefs.
<b><u>skeptical</u></b>	Marked by or given to doubt. <i>A <b>skeptical</b> attitude.</i>
<b>skepticism</b>	The disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge.
<b><u>suspect</u></b>	Believe or feel that (someone) is guilty of an illegal, dishonest, or unpleasant act, without certain proof. <i>A <b>suspect</b> package was found on the platform.</i>
<b>suspiciously</b>	With a cautious distrust or suspicion of someone or something. <i>Women have been eyed <b>suspiciously</b> by the Party.</i>
<b>unbelief</b>	A rejection of belief. <i>The darkness of <b>unbelief</b>.</i>
<b><u>uncertain</u></b>	Not able to be relied on; not known or definite. <i>An <b>uncertain</b> recollection of events.</i>
<b><u>uncertainty</u></b>	The state of being uncertain. <i>The <b>uncertainty</b> of the outcome.</i>
<b>vaguely</b>	In a way that is uncertain, indefinite or unclear; roughly. <i>He <b>vaguely</b> remembered talking to her once.</i>
<b><u>waffle</u></b>	Pancake batter baked in a waffle iron. <i>We ve edited out some of the <b>waffle</b>.</i>



