

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.*

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

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

<u>cynical</u>	Believing the worst of human nature and motives; having a sneering disbelief in e.g. selflessness of others. <i>A cynical manipulation of public opinion.</i>
<u>disbelief</u>	Doubt about the truth of something. <i>Laura shook her head in disbelief.</i>
<u>distrust</u>	Regard as untrustworthy; regard with suspicion; have no faith or confidence in. <i>The public s distrust of politicians.</i>
<u>doubt</u>	Consider unlikely or have doubts about. <i>I have no reason to doubt him.</i>
doubtful	Unsettled in mind or opinion. <i>Of doubtful legality.</i>
dubiety	The state of being unsure of something. <i>His enemies made much of the dubiety of his paternity.</i>
<u>dubious</u>	Fraught with uncertainty or doubt. <i>Extremely dubious assumptions.</i>
incredulity	Doubt about the truth of something. <i>He stared down the street in incredulity.</i>
<u>incredulous</u>	Not disposed or willing to believe; unbelieving. <i>An incredulous gasp.</i>
<u>leery</u>	Cautious or wary due to realistic suspicions. <i>A city leery of gang violence.</i>
misgiving	Doubt about someone's honesty. <i>I felt a sense of misgiving at the prospect of retirement.</i>
mistrust	The trait of not trusting others. <i>The public mistrust of government.</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>He finds solace in the writings of pessimist philosophers.</i>
<u>qualm</u>	A momentary faint or sick feeling. <i>Military regimes generally have no qualms about controlling the press.</i>
question	Pose a question. <i>There s no question that the company s true financial situation is different.</i>
<u>questionable</u>	Able to be refuted. <i>A fire of questionable origin.</i>
questioning	The raising of a doubt about or objection to something. <i>This situation should prompt questioning.</i>

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

