

Need another word that means the same as “unscrupulous”? Find 34 synonyms and 30 related words for “unscrupulous” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Unscrupulous” are: unprincipled, unethical, immoral, amoral, conscienceless, untrustworthy, shameless, reprobate, exploitative, corrupt, corrupted, dishonest, fraudulent, cheating, dishonourable, deceitful, devious, underhand, guileful, cunning, furtive, sly, unsavoury, disreputable, improper, bad, evil, wicked, villainous, roguish, sinful, ignoble, degenerate, venal

Unscrupulous as an Adjective

Definitions of "Unscrupulous" as an adjective

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

- *Without scruples or principles.*
- *Having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair.*



Synonyms of "Unscrupulous" as an adjective (34 Words)

amoral	Lacking a moral sense; unconcerned with the rightness or wrongness of something. <i>An amoral attitude to sex.</i>
bad	Feeling physical discomfort or pain though is occasionally used colloquially for bad. <i>Bad headaches.</i>
cheating	Not faithful to a spouse or lover.
conscienceless	Lacking a conscience. <i>A conscienceless villain.</i>
corrupt	Lacking in integrity. <i>A corrupt and incompetent city government.</i>
corrupted	Containing errors or alterations. <i>Spoke a corrupted version of the language.</i>

<u>cunning</u>	Ingenious. Cunning men often pass for wise.
deceitful	Intended to deceive - S.T.Coleridge. <i>She was a deceitful scheming little thing.</i>
degenerate	Unrestrained by convention or morality. <i>A degenerate form of a higher civilization.</i>
<u>devious</u>	Deviating from a straight course. <i>Used devious means to achieve success.</i>
dishonest	Deceptive or fraudulent; disposed to cheat or defraud or deceive. Dishonest politicians.
dishonourable	Bringing shame or disgrace on someone or something. <i>His crimes are petty and dishonourable.</i>
disreputable	Not considered to be respectable in character or appearance. <i>He was heavy grubby and vaguely disreputable.</i>
evil	Of a force or spirit embodying or associated with the forces of the devil. <i>His evil deeds.</i>
<u>exploitative</u>	Tending to exploit or make use of. <i>An exploitative form of labour.</i>
fraudulent	Obtained, done by, or involving deception, especially criminal deception. Fraudulent share dealing.
<u>furtive</u>	Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed. <i>The look in his eyes became furtive.</i>
guileful	Having or showing sly or cunning intelligence. <i>A supremely guileful and deceptive politician.</i>
ignoble	Not of the nobility. Ignoble feelings of intense jealousy.
immoral	Not conforming to accepted standards of morality. <i>Unseemly and immoral behaviour.</i>
<u>improper</u>	Not conforming to legality, moral law, or social convention. Improper banking practices.
reprobate	Deviating from what is considered moral or right or proper or good. Reprobate behaviour.
roguish	Characteristic of a dishonest or unprincipled person. <i>He gave her a roguish smile.</i>

shameless	(of a person or their conduct) characterized by or showing a lack of shame; barefaced or brazen. <i>His shameless hypocrisy.</i>
sinful	Far more than usual or expected. <i>A sinful waste.</i>
sly	Showing in an insinuating way that one has some secret knowledge that may be harmful or embarrassing. <i>A sly manipulative woman.</i>
underhand	With the palm of the hand upward or outward. <i>Underhand dealings.</i>
unethical	Not conforming to approved standards of social or professional behavior. <i>It is unethical to torment any creature for entertainment.</i>
unprincipled	Lacking principles or moral scruples. <i>An unprincipled womanizer.</i>
unsavoury	Morally offensive. <i>They looked at the scanty unsavoury portions of food doled out to them.</i>
untrustworthy	Not able to be relied on as honest or truthful. <i>An untrustworthy person.</i>
venal	Showing or motivated by susceptibility to bribery; corrupt. <i>A venal police officer.</i>
villainous	Extremely wicked. <i>A villainous smell.</i>
wicked	Extremely unpleasant. <i>Despite the sun the wind outside was wicked.</i>



Usage Examples of "Unscrupulous" as an adjective

- *Unscrupulous landlords might be tempted to harass existing tenants.*
- *Unscrupulous politicians who would be happy to sell...their country in order to gain power.*



Associations of "Unscrupulous" (30 Words)

acquisitive

Excessively interested in acquiring money or material things.
*An **acquisitive** mind.*

avarice

Reprehensible acquisitiveness; insatiable desire for wealth (personified as one of the deadly sins).
*He was rich beyond the dreams of **avarice**.*

avaricious

Having or showing an extreme greed for wealth or material gain.
*A corrupt and **avaricious** government.*

browbeat	Intimidate (someone), typically into doing something, with stern or abusive words. <i>A witness is being browbeaten under cross examination.</i>
bully	Discourage or frighten with threats or a domineering manner; intimidate. <i>He is a ranting domineering bully.</i>
covetous	Showing extreme cupidity; painfully desirous of another's advantages. <i>Jealous of his success and covetous of his possessions.</i>
covetousness	Reprehensible acquisitiveness; insatiable desire for wealth (personified as one of the deadly sins).
cupidity	Greed for money or possessions. <i>New wealth however tainted by cupidity and egoism tends to be favourable for the arts.</i>
defraud	Deprive of by deceit. <i>He used a second identity to defraud the bank of thousands of pounds.</i>
desirous	Having or expressing desire for something. <i>The Pope was desirous of peace in Europe.</i>
egocentric	An egocentric person. <i>Egocentric loners with an overinflated sense of self worth.</i>
envious	Showing extreme cupidity; painfully desirous of another's advantages. <i>An envious glance.</i>
extortion	Unjust exaction (as by the misuse of authority). <i>Extortion rackets.</i>
grasping	Immoderately desirous of acquiring e.g. wealth. <i>The lecture was beyond his most strenuous graspings.</i>
greedy	(often followed by `for') ardently or excessively desirous. <i>He scoffed the lot the greedy pig.</i>
harassment	The act of tormenting by continued persistent attacks and criticism. <i>So great was his harassment that he wanted to destroy his tormentors.</i>
jealousy	Zealous vigilance. <i>A sharp pang of jealousy.</i>
lecherous	Given to excessive indulgence in sexual activity. <i>A lecherous good for nothing.</i>
lend	Have certain characteristics of qualities for something; be open or vulnerable to. <i>Her presence lends a certain cachet to the company.</i>
miser	A stingy hoarder of money and possessions often living miserably. <i>A typical miser he hid his money in the house in various places.</i>

miserly	(used of persons or behavior) characterized by or indicative of lack of generosity. <i>He left a miserly tip.</i>
moneylender	Someone who lends money at excessive rates of interest.
prehensile	Having a keen intellect. <i>Prehensile employers stingy with raises for their employees.</i>
rapacious	Living by preying on other animals especially by catching living prey. <i>A rapacious divorcee on the prowl.</i>
ravening	(of a ferocious wild animal) extremely hungry and hunting for prey. <i>They turned on each other like ravening wolves.</i>
stigmatize	Mark with stigmata. <i>She was stigmatized by society because she had a child out of wedlock.</i>
swine	A contemptible or unpleasant person. <i>What an arrogant unfeeling swine.</i>
usury	An exorbitant or unlawful rate of interest. <i>The medieval prohibition on usury.</i>
victimize	Make a victim of. <i>I was victimized by this con man.</i>
<u>voracious</u>	Wanting or devouring great quantities of food. <i>Voracious sharks.</i>

