

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)

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

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

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

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

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



