feign

[feɪn] *v*

1. притворяться, симулировать; прикидываться

   to feign indifference [surprise] - притворяться безразличным [удивлённым]

   to feign a sickness - симулировать болезнь

   to feign that one is mad - симулировать сумасшествие, прикидываться сумасшедшим

   he feigned that he believed her story - он сделал вид, что поверил её словам

2. *арх.* придумывать; выдумывать

   to feign an excuse - придумать оправдание

   to feign a story - выдумать историю

3. подделывать (*документы*)

4. *редк.* придавать форму, вид

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feign [**feign feigns feigned feigning**] *BrE* [feɪn]   *NAmE* [feɪn]   verb **~ sth** | **~**
to do sth (formal)

to pretend that you have a particular feeling or that you are ill/sick, tired, etc

• He survived the massacre by feigning death.

• 'Who cares?' said Alex, feigning indifference.

• 'A present for me?' she asked with feigned surprise.

Verb forms:

verb forms		
present simple		
1 / you / we /they	feign	
	BrE	/feɪn/
	NAmE	/feɪn/
he / she /it	feigns	
	BrE	/feɪnz/
	NAmE	/feɪnz/
past simple, past participle	feigned	
	BrE	/feɪnd/
	NAmE	/feɪnd/
-ing form	feigning	
	BrE	/feɪnɪŋ/
	NAmE	/feɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French feign-, stem of feindre, from Latin fingere **'mould, contrive'**. Senses in Middle English (taken from Latin) included 'make something', 'invent a story, excuse, or allegation', hence 'make a pretence of a feeling or response'. Compare with ↑fiction and ↑figment.

Example Bank:

• She feigned sleep to avoid having to answer.

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[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: feindre, from Latin fingere *'to shape, pretend'*]

to pretend to have a particular feeling or to be ill, asleep etc:

   Feigning a headache, I went upstairs to my room.

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