

**dubious**[ˈdjuːbiəs] *a*

1. 1) сомнительный, неясный; двусмысленный  
dubious answer [compliment] - двусмысленный ответ [комплимент]  
dubious advantage [honour] - сомнительное преимущество [-ая честь]
- 2) нерешённый, находящийся под вопросом  
dubious battle - битва с неясным исходом  
dubious result - неясный результат
2. подозрительный, сомнительный, тёмный  
dubious character - подозрительная личность  
dubious transaction - тёмное дело  
dubious company - сомнительное общество
3. 1) сомневающийся, колеблющийся  
dubious what to do - не знающий, что делать  
dubious of/about/ smb.'s honesty - сомневающийся в чьей-л. честности  
I'm dubious of sanctions - санкции кажутся мне сомнительной мерой
- 2) выражающий или отражающий сомнение  
his face had a dubious expression - на его лице отразилось сомнение; судя по лицу, он сомневался

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**du·bi·ous** *BrE* [ˈdjuːbiəs] *NAmE* [ˈduːbiəs] *adjective*

1. **not usually before noun** ~ (about sth)/(about doing sth) (of a person) not certain and slightly suspicious about sth; not knowing whether sth is good or bad

**Syn:** ↑doubtful

- I was rather dubious about the whole idea.

2. (disapproving) probably not honest

**Syn:** ↑suspicious

- They indulged in some highly dubious business practices to obtain their current position in the market.

3. that you cannot be sure about; that is probably not good

- They consider the plan to be of dubious benefit to most families.
- (ironic) She had the dubious honour of being the last woman to be hanged in England (= it was not an honour at all).

**Derived Word** ↑dubiously**Word Origin:**[**dubious** **dubiously**] mid 16th cent. (in sense 2 and 3): from Latin **dubiosus**, from **dubium** 'a doubt', neuter of **dubius** 'doubtful'.**Example Bank:**

- some highly dubious information
- Kate looked dubious, but did as she was asked.
- She had the dubious honour of being the last woman to be hanged in England.
- The man who sold it to him was known to be of dubious character.

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**du·bi·ous** /ˈdjuːbiəs/ *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** **dubius**, from **dubare** 'to be unable to decide']

1. probably not honest, true, right etc:

- The firm was accused of dubious accounting practices.
- Many critics regard this argument as dubious or, at best, misleading.
- The assumption that growth in one country benefits the whole world is highly dubious.

2. [**not before noun**] not sure whether something is good or true **SYN** doubtful:

- I can see you are dubious; take some time to think about it.

**dubious about**

- Some universities are dubious about accepting students over the age of 30.
- 'Are you sure you know what you are doing?' Andy said, looking dubious.

3. **the dubious honour/distinction/pleasure (of doing something)** a dubious honour etc is the opposite of an honour – used about something unpleasant that happens:

- The Stephensons had the dubious honor of being the 100th family to lose their home in the fire.

4. not good or not of good quality:

- The room was decorated in dubious taste.

—**dubiously** *adverb*—**dubiousness** *noun* [uncountable]

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**THESAURUS**■ **seeming to be dishonest**

- **suspicious** if someone or something seems suspicious, they make you think that something dishonest or illegal is happening: The police are treating the boy's death as suspicious.
- **dubious** if something seems dubious, you think it may not be completely true, right, or honest: He has a rather dubious reputation. | It all sounds highly dubious to me. | the country's dubious record on human rights
- **shady** shady business deals or people seem to be dishonest or connected with secret and illegal activities: Several senior

members of the party had been involved in shady deals. | a shady character

▪ **shifty** someone who looks shifty looks as if they are doing or planning something dishonest: The man on the market stall looked a bit shifty when he gave me my change.

▪ **dodgy** *British English informal* probably dishonest and not to be trusted – used especially to say that you do not want to be involved with someone or something: There's something a bit dodgy about him. | dodgy business deals

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