

deceive

[dɪ'si:v] *v*

1. 1) **обманывать, сознательно вводить в заблуждение**

to deceive the teacher [one's parents] - обмануть учителя [своих родителей]
 to deceive smb. into the belief that ... - внушить кому-л. ложную мысль, будто ...
 to deceive smb. as to one's intentions - ввести кого-л. в заблуждение насчёт своих намерений
 the boy deceived you about it - мальчишка обманул /надул/ вас на этот счёт
 you're deceiving yourself - вы обманываете (самого) себя
 let us not deceive ourselves with fond hopes - не будем себя тешить несбыточными надеждами

2) **обманывать, вводить в заблуждение, сбивать с толку (о явлениях, событиях, фактах)**

to be deceived by appearances - быть обманутым внешностью
 his friendly manner deceived me - я был обманут его дружеским обращением
 I was deceived by the blue sky and took no umbrella - безоблачное небо ввело меня в заблуждение, и я не взял зонтика
 I thought my eyes were deceiving me - я не верил своим глазам

2. **преим. разг. разочаровывать, не оправдывать ожиданий**

hopes completely deceived - совершенно не оправдавшиеся надежды
 you have deceived my expectations - вы не оправдали моих ожиданий

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de·ceive [deceive deceives deceived deceiving] *BrE* [dɪ'si:v] *NAmE* [dɪ'si:v]

verb

1. **transitive** to make sb believe sth that is not true

- ~ **sb** Her husband had been deceiving her for years.
- ~ **sb into doing sth** She deceived him into handing over all his savings.

2. **transitive** ~ **yourself (that...)** to refuse to admit to yourself that sth unpleasant is true

- You're deceiving yourself if you think he'll change his mind.

3. **transitive, intransitive** ~ **(sb)** to make sb have a wrong idea about sb/sth

Syn: ↑mislead

- Unless my eyes deceive me, that's his wife.

see also ↑deceptive

see flatter to deceive **at** ↑flatter

Derived Word ↑deceiver

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	deceive
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'si:v/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'si:v/
he / she /it	deceives
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'si:vz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'si:vz/
past simple, past participle	deceived
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'si:vd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'si:vd/
-ing form	deceiving
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'si:vɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'si:vɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *deceivre*, from Latin *decipere* 'catch, ensnare, cheat'.

Word Family:

- deceive** *verb*
- deceit** *noun*
- deceitful** *adjective*
- deception** *noun*
- deceptive** *adjective*

Synonyms:

cheat

fool • deceive • betray • take in • trick • con

These words all mean to make sb believe sth that is not true, especially in order to get what you want.

cheat • to make sb believe sth that is not true, in order to get money or sth else from them: ▫ She is accused of attempting to cheat the taxman. ◇ ▫ He cheated his way into the job.

Cheat also means to act in a dishonest way in order to gain an advantage, especially in a game, competition or exam: ▫ You're not allowed to look at the answers— ▫ that's cheating ▫.

fool • to make sb believe sth that is not true, especially in order to laugh at them or to get what you want: ▫ Just don't be fooled into investing any money with them.

deceive • to make sb believe sth that is not true, especially sb who trusts you, in order to get what you want: ▫ She deceived him into handing over all his savings.

betray • to hurt sb who trusts you, especially by deceiving them or not being loyal to them: ▫ She felt betrayed when she found

out the truth about him.

take sb in • [often passive] to deceive sb, usually in order to get what you want: ▪ I was taken in by her story.

trick • to deceive sb, especially in a clever way, in order to get what you want.

con • (informal) to deceive sb, especially in order to get money from them or get them to do sth for you: ▪ They had been conned out of £100 000.

which word?

Many of these words involvemaking sb believe sth that is not true, but some of them are more disapproving than others. **Deceive** is probably the worst because people typically deceive friends, relations and others who know and trust them. People may **feel cheated/betrayed** by sb in authority who they trusted to look after their interests. If sb **takes you in**, they may do it by acting a part and using words and charm effectively. If sb **cheats/fools/tricks/cons** you, they may get sth from you and make you feel stupid. However, sb might **fool** you just as a joke; and to **trick** sb is sometimes seen as a clever thing to do, if the person being tricked is seen as a bad person who deserves it.

to cheat/fool/trick/con sb **out of** sth

to cheat/fool/deceive/betray/trick/con sb **into doing sth**

to **feel** cheated/fooled/deceived/betrayed/tricked/conned

to fool/deceive **yourself**

to cheat/trick/con **your way** into sth

Example Bank:

- The public should not be deceived into buying inferior goods.
- Unless my eyes deceive me, that's the woman he introduced as his wife.
- the hallmarks of a detective mystery where appearances deceive

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de **ceive** /dɪ'siːv/ *BrE* ^{AmE} *verb* [transitive]

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑deceit, ↑deceiver, ↑deception; **adjective**: ↑deceitful, ↑deceptive; **verb**: ↑deceive; **adverb**: ↑deceptively]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: deceivre, from Latin decipere]

1. to make someone believe something that is not true ⇒ **deception**:
" He had been deceived by a young man claiming to be the son of a millionaire.

deceive somebody into doing something
" He tried to deceive the public into thinking the war could still be won.

deceive somebody about something
" I wouldn't deceive you about anything as important as this.

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In everyday English, people usually say **trick** rather than **deceive**:

- She thought they were trying to **trick** her.

2. **deceive yourself** to refuse to believe that something is true because the truth is unpleasant:
" I thought she loved me, but I was deceiving myself.

deceive yourself that
" He didn't deceive himself that he and Ruth could remain friends.

3. to give someone a wrong belief or opinion about something:
" Don't be deceived by the new cover – this is a rehash of old hits.

—**deceiver** *noun* [countable]

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THESAURUS

- **deceive** *especially written* to make someone who trusts you believe something that is not true: This was a deliberate attempt to deceive the public.
- **trick** to make someone believe something that is not true, in order to get something from them or make them do something: A man posing as an insurance agent had tricked her out of thousands of dollars.
- **fool** to make someone believe something that is not true by using a clever but simple trick: His hairpiece doesn't fool anyone.
- **mislead** to make people believe something that is not true, by deliberately not giving them all the facts, or by saying something that is only partly true: The company was accused of misleading customers about the nutritional value of the product.
- **dupe** *informal* to trick or deceive someone, especially so that they become involved in someone else's dishonest activity without realizing it: The spies duped government and military officials alike.
- **con** *informal* to trick someone, especially by telling them something that is not true: I'm pretty good at judging people; I didn't think he was trying to con me.

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