

sly[slaɪ] *a*

- хитрый, ловкий; пронырливый
sly person - хитрый /ловкий, пронырливый человек
sly bargain - ловкая сделка
- лукавый, озорной
sly jokes - озорные шутки
sly smile - хитрая /лукавая/ улыбка
with a sly wink - хитро /лукаво/ подмигнув
- коварный
sly revenge - коварная месть
- тайный, скрытый
by sly degrees - потихоньку, исподволь
◇ sly dog - хитрец; хитрый или двуличный человек
on the sly - тайком, потихоньку, украдкой
to buy opium on the sly - нелегально покупать опиум
she received letters, on the sly, from young men - она тайком получала письма от молодых людей

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sly [sly slyer slyest] *BrE* [slaɪ] *AmE* [slaɪ] *adjective*

- (disapproving)** acting or done in a secret or dishonest way, often intending to trick people

Syn: †cunning

- a sly political move
- (humorous) You sly old devil! How long have you known?

- usually before noun** suggesting that you know sth secret that other people do not know

Syn: †knowing

- a **sly smile/grin/look/glance**, etc.

Idiom: †on the sly**Derived Words** †slyly ▪ †slyness**Word Origin:**Middle English (also in the sense 'dexterous'): from Old Norse *slægr* 'cunning', originally 'able to strike' from the verb *slá*.**Example Bank:**

- She's a sly one— never lets on what she's thinking.
- That was a sly political move.

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[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old Norse; Origin: slɔgr]

- someone who is sly cleverly deceives people in order to get what they want **SYN** cunning
- sly smile/glance/wink etc** a smile, look etc that shows you know something secret:
He leaned forward with a sly smile.
- on the sly** *informal* secretly, especially when you are doing something that you should not do:
They'd been seeing each other on the sly for months.

—slyly *adverb*—slyness *noun* [uncountable]

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- dishonest** behaving in a way that is intended to deceive people, for example by lying, cheating, or stealing: Are you accusing me of being dishonest? | The money was acquired through dishonest means. | People are no longer surprised to find that politicians are dishonest.
- corrupt** using your power in a dishonest way for your own advantage— used about people in official positions: corrupt politicians | Law and order has broken down, and most government officials are corrupt.
- devious** /'diːviəs/ good at secretly thinking of clever plans to trick people in order to get what you want: You have a very devious mind! | They use all kinds of devious methods to find out your personal details.
- underhand** *British English*, **underhanded** *American English* underhand methods involves secretly deceiving people in order to get what you want: In a series of underhand moves, Browne managed to gain control of the company.
- sneaky** doing or saying things secretly, in a way that seems wrong because it is slightly dishonest or unfair: It was pretty sneaky when the bank charged me interest on my account without telling me.
- sly** deliberately behaving in a way that hides what you are really thinking or doing, in a way that is slightly dishonest: Lucy decided not to tell him where she was going. She was often a bit sly like that. | He's a sly old fox.
- unscrupulous** /ʌn'skruːpjələs, ʌn'skruːpjələs/ using dishonest and unfair methods to get what you want, without caring if you harm other people: Some unscrupulous companies try to persuade people to borrow huge sums of money.
- fraudulent** /'frɔːdʒələnt, 'frɔːdʒələnt/ *formal* deliberately deceiving people in an illegal way in order to gain money or power: You will be prosecuted if you make a fraudulent claim on your insurance policy.

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