

ostensible[ɒˈstɛnsəb(ə)] *a*

1. служащий предлогом; мнимый; показной

ostensible reason [motive] - мнимая причина [-ый повод]

ostensible purpose - официальная цель / причина /

her ostensible purpose was to borrow sugar, but she really wanted to see him - она пришла якобы за сахаром, на самом деле - увидеть его

2. очевидный; явный

the ostensible truth of his theories - несомненная правда его теорий

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

os·ten·sible *BrE* [ɒˈstɛnsəbəl] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ɑːˈstɛnsəbəl] ^ˈ *adjective only before noun*

(formal)

seeming or stated to be real or true, when this is perhaps not the case

Syn: ↑apparent

• The ostensible reason for his absence was illness.

Derived Word ↑ostensiblyWord Origin:[**ostensible ostensibly**] mid 18th cent.: from French, from medieval Latin *ostensibilis* from Latin *ostens-* ‘stretched out to view’, from the verb *ostendere*, from *ob-* ‘in view of’ + *tendere* ‘to stretch’.**ostensible**

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ostensible /ɒˈstɛnsəbəl, ɒˈstɛnsɪbəl \$ ɑː-/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective*[**Date:** 1700-1800; **Language:** French; **Origin:** Latin *ostendere* ‘to show’]

seeming to be the reason for or the purpose of something, but usually hiding the real reason or purpose

ostensible reason/purpose/aim

* The ostensible reason for his resignation was ill health.

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