

subterfuge

[ˈsʌbtəfjuːdʒ] *n*

- увёртка, отговорка, уловка; увиливание
skilful [ingenious] subterfuge - искусная [остроумная] отговорка /увёртка/
to resort to subterfuge - прибегнуть к уловке
- ухищрение, приём

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

sub-ter-fuge [subterfuge subterfuges] *BrE* [ˈsʌbtəfjuːdʒ] *NAmE* [ˈsʌbtərʃuːdʒ]

noun **uncountable, countable** (formal)

a secret, usually dishonest, way of behaving

- Journalists often use subterfuge to obtain material for stories.
- a political subterfuge

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from French, or from late Latin *subterfugium*, from Latin *subterfugere* ‘**escape secretly**’, from *subter-* ‘**beneath**’ + *fugere* ‘**flee**’.

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[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Late Latin; **Origin:** *subterfugium*, from Latin *subterfugere* ‘**to escape**’, from *subter-* ‘**secretly**’ + *fugere* ‘**to run away**’]

formal a secret trick or slightly dishonest way of doing something, or the use of this **by subterfuge**

Sereni was lured to Moscow by subterfuge.

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