

**skeptical**  
 ['skeptɪk(ə)] = *sceptical*

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**skep·tical** [skeptical skeptically] (NAme) (BrE **scep·tical**) BrE ['skeptɪkl]

NAme ['skeptɪkl] **adjective** ~ (about/of sth)

having doubts that a claim or statement is true or that sth will happen

- I am skeptical about his chances of winning.
- The public remain skeptical of these claims.
- She looked highly skeptical.

Derived Word ↑skeptically

See also: ↑sceptical ▪ ↑sceptically

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I. **skeptical** BrE <sup>m</sup> AmE <sup>m</sup> *British English*, **skeptical** *American English* /'skeptɪkəl/

*adjective*

tending to disagree with what other people tell you **SYN doubtful**

**sceptical about/of**

- I'm extremely sceptical about what I read in the press.
- Environmental groups are sceptical of the government's claims.

**highly/deeply sceptical**

- He is highly sceptical of the reforms.
- 'You can trust me,' he said. Jane looked sceptical.

—**skeptically** /-kli/ *adverb*

II. **skeptical** /'skeptɪkəl/ BrE <sup>m</sup> AmE <sup>m</sup> *adjective*

the American spelling of ↑sceptical

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