

devious[ˈdiːvjəs] *a*

1. не прямой, окольный
devious paths - окольные пути
2. 1) заблуждающийся, заблудший
2) хитрый, неискренний
devious person - неискренний человек
to be devious - лавировать; изворачиваться, хитрить
3. отдалённый, уединённый
devious coasts - далёкие берега

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de·vi·ous *BrE* [ˈdiːviəs] *NAmE* [ˈdiːviəs] *adjective*

1. behaving in a dishonest or indirect way, or tricking people, in order to get sth

Syn: ↑deceitful, **Syn:** ↑underhand

- a devious politician
- He got rich by devious means.

2. ~ route/path a route or path that is not straight but has many changes in direction; not direct

- a devious route from the airport

Derived Words ↑deviously ▪ ↑deviousness**Word Origin:**

[**devious deviously deviousness**] late 16th cent.: from Latin *deivus* (from *de-* 'away from' + *via* 'way') + *-ous*. The original sense was 'remote'; the later sense 'departing from the direct route' gave rise to the figurative sense 'deviating from the straight way' and hence 'skilled in underhand tactics'.

Example Bank:

- He's as devious as a politician needs to be.
- They got rich by devious means.
- You have a devious mind, Mr Angel. Ever thought of a career in the police?

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de·vi·ous /ˈdiːviəs/ *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** *deivus*, from *via* 'way']

1. using dishonest tricks and deceiving people in order to get what you want ⇒ **deceitful**:

a devious politician

2. **formal** not going in the most direct way to get to a place **SYN circuitous**:

a devious route

—**deviously** *adverb*—**deviousness** *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** /ˈdiːviəs/ 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** /ʌnˈskruːpjələs, ʌnˈskruːpjələs/ 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** /ˈfrɔːdjələnt, ˈfrɔːdjələnt/ *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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