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de·ceive [dih-seev]

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verb (used with object), de-ceived, de-ceive-ing.

1. to mislead by a false appearance or statement; delude: *They deceived the enemy by disguising the destroyer as a freighter.*
2. to be unfaithful to (one's spouse or lover).
3. *Archaic.* to while away (time).

verb (used without object), de-ceived, de-ceive-ing.

4. to mislead or falsely persuade others; practice [deceit](#): *an engaging manner that easily deceives.*

Origin:

1250–1300; Middle English *deceiven* < Old French *deceivre* < Latin *dēcipere*, literally, to ensnare, equivalent to *dē-* *de-* + *-cipere*, combining form of *capere* to take

Related forms

de-ceive-a-ble-ness, de-ceive-a-bil-i-ty, noun

de-ceive-a-bly, adverb

de-ceive-er, noun

de-ceive-ing-ly, adverb

in-ter-de-ceive, verb, in-ter-de-ceived, in-ter-de-ceive-ing.

Synonyms

1. cozen, dupe, fool, gull, hoodwink, trick, defraud, outwit, entrap, ensnare, betray. See [cheat](#).

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— *vb*

1. to mislead by deliberate misrepresentation or lies
2. to delude (oneself)
3. to be unfaithful to (one's sexual partner)
4. *archaic* to disappoint: *his hopes were deceived*
[C13: from Old French *deceivre*, from Latin *dēcipere* to ensnare, cheat, from *capere* to take]

de'ceivable

— *adj*

de'ceivably

— *adv*

de'ceivableness

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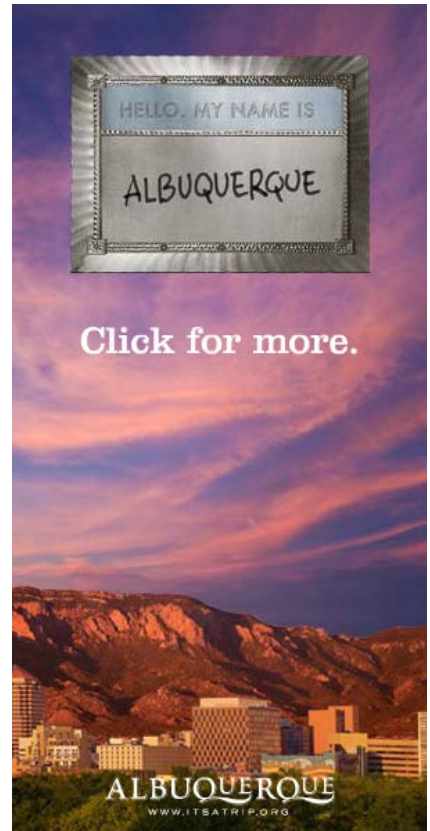
Example sentences

Illegal products **deceive** the consumer and displace legitimate sales.

In timing a short event, your eyes may **deceive** your ears.

There is no intention to **deceive**.

That looks like a deliberate attempt to **deceive**.



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*"Let no man **deceive** himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."*

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c.1300, from O.Fr. deceveir, from L. decipere "to ensnare, take in," from de- "from" or pejorative + capere "to take" (see [capable](#)).

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