

INGENIOUS INGENUOUS DISINGENUOUS



Ingenious

Ingenious means clever, inventive, or highly creative, especially in solving problems or designing things.

- The engineer came up with an ingenious solution to reduce energy waste.
- That puzzle is so ingenious that it took me an hour to understand it.
- She designed an ingenious device that filters water using solar power.

Ingenuous

Ingenuous means innocent, honest, straightforward, or naive, without deception.

- His ingenuous questions revealed how little he knew about the topic.
- She gave an ingenuous smile that showed her genuine excitement.
- The child's ingenuous belief in magic made everyone in the room smile.

Disingenuous

Disingenuous means not sincere or honest, often pretending to know less than you do, or pretending to be innocent to deceive someone.

It suggests subtle dishonesty, insincerity, or fake innocence.

- Her apology felt disingenuous, as she kept making the same mistake without showing any real regret.
- He gave a disingenuous answer, pretending he had no idea what happened, even though he clearly did.
- It was disingenuous of them to act surprised when they had been warned about the problem for weeks.

Quick Memory Trick

Word	Clue	Meaning
Ingenious	Genius	Clever, inventive
Ingenuous	Genuine	Honest, naive
Disingenuous	Dis + ingenuous	Dishonest, insincere

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