

UN- TRUTHFUL WORDS

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Four is the definitive “truthful word” because it has four letters. “Unfour” is also truthful as it doesn’t have four letters, but is untruthful as it’s not a real word. Following an excursion into the un- section of the dictionary I found heaps of truthful and untruthful words, as well as some both truthful and untruthful--like unfour but real words. Here’s a sampling, mostly of linguistic interest. All these words are in Web-3 except those marked * [in Random House Unabr.’66] or ** [in Macquarie Dict.’01]. (Most * are fairly common words--Web-3 isn’t unabridged after all!) In addition, many coinages of truthful logological unwords are possible--unword, unpalindromic, unpanagrammatic, unalphabetic, untautonymic, etc---as well as untruthfuls like unanagrammable [“Be an amalgam run.”], unlipogrammatic [acgilmnoprtu], unodd, untall, etc.

TRUTHFUL

unabbreviated	unalphabetical *	unbalanced
unbiblical	unbold *	uncapitalised
undotted *	un-french	unhyphenated
unindented **	unitalicized *	unsymmetrical
unpatented	[Thank God some words still belong to everyone.]	

UNTRUTHFUL

uneccentric * (Letters 2-7 are.)	uneven (letter number)	unending.
unmeaning	unpatterned */**	unsymbolic
unalterable [“inalterable”]	undefinable [“Can’t be defined.”]	unthinkable [See!]
unround [a round word phonetically (lips rounded in pronunciation) + all letters rounded (cf. unbent)]		
unselfish [It’s exactly like itself. An oxymoron in fact.]		

BOTH truthful and untruthful

unannotated	[Would be truthful if I hadn’t put this damn note here.]
unavoidable	[Some may avoid this word entirely--but they can’t prove it without disproving it.]
unbearable	[Most people can tolerate this word--unless said of themselves!]
unbent	[Each letter contains a bend (compare unround) but the word is straight by definition.]
unclassified	[Not top secret, but classified as an adjective.]
uncoined	[Not coined just now but was in the past.]
underwater	[Not unless you’re willing to wrinkle your Word Ways!] (What’s a derwater anyhow?)
undisguised	[This upfront word <i>is</i> disguised as a nonce verb anagram of the phrase “I undid guess.”]
uninflected	[There’s no such word as uninfect. But is it an inflection of infect? I ask, ignorant.]
unlisted	[Listed in most dictionaries but not in some pocket dictionaries nor in phone books, etc.]
unscrambled	[Correct letter order but it’s a scrambled scam blunder.]
unspoken	[Not spoken here, but easily falsifiable--if you say so.]

NEITHER truthful nor untruthful

untruthful	[True if it’s false, false if it’s true.]
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