



Linguaspectrum Typescript

Charles Dickens' The Artful Dodger

Dodger was the name Dickens used for a character in *Oliver Twist*.

Dodger comes from the verb **dodge**.

Dodge means to cheat or avoid.

The Artful Dodger is very **Dodgy**.

Dodgy is the adjective

Dodgy people are **deceitful**, **tricky** and **crafty**.

We also use **dodgy** to mean **risky**.

*That's a **dodgy** place to park. You'll get a ticket.*

Dodgy says that something is of **dubious quality**.

*The apple's nice, but the mushrooms look a bit **dodgy**.*

Dodgy says that something is **unofficial** or **illegal**.

*These notes look a bit **dodgy** to me.*

Comparatives and superlatives

Joe's **dodgier** than Bob.

Joe's the **dodgiest** bloke I know.

Joe's a real-life Artful **Dodger**.

With thanks to Charles Dickens, 1812 to 1870.

Other Word Meanings

Artful – adjective – full of cunning. Very clever, but deceitful.

Bloke – noun – a synonym for man.

Notes – noun – paper money.

Park – verb – to place a motor vehicle somewhere for some time.

Real-life – adjective – something from fiction that manifests in the real world.

Ticket – noun – a fine issued by the police or other authorised body.

Synonyms of **dodgy** are:

- unofficial
- Illegal – adjective – not legal
- criminal – adjective – a synonym of illegal
- crooked – adjective – a synonym for criminal
- bent – adjective – slang synonymm for criminal
- iffy – adjective – informal – meaning not to be trusted
- risky
- dubious
- suspicious