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fac·ti·tious  (făk-tîsh əs)

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adj.

1. Produced artificially rather than by a natural process.
2. Lacking authenticity or genuineness; sham: *speculators responsible for the factitious value of some stocks.*

[From Latin *facticius*, from *factus*, past participle of *facere*, to make; see **dhē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

fac·ti tious·ly *adv.*

fac·ti tious·ness *n.*

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