

Need another word that means the same as “arcane”? Find 8 synonyms and 30 related words for “arcane” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Arcane” are: mysterious, secret, hidden, concealed, covert, clandestine, enigmatic, dark

Arcane as an Adjective

Definitions of "Arcane" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “arcane” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Understood by few; mysterious or secret.*
- *Requiring secret or mysterious knowledge.*

Synonyms of "Arcane" as an adjective (8 Words)

clandestine	Kept secret or done secretly, especially because illicit. <i>She deserved better than these clandestine meetings.</i>
concealed	Not accessible to view. <i>A concealed compartment in his briefcase.</i>
covert	(of a wife) being under the protection of her husband. <i>Covert actions by the CIA.</i>
dark	Having a dark hue. <i>Keep it dark.</i>
enigmatic	Not clear to the understanding. <i>So enigmatic that priests might have to clarify it.</i>

<u>hidden</u>	Difficult to find. Hidden valleys.
mysterious	Difficult or impossible to understand, explain, or identify. A dark mysterious windowless building.
secret	Of information given in confidence or in secret. Secret missions.

Usage Examples of "Arcane" as an adjective

- The arcane science of dowsing.
- Arcane procedures for electing people.

Associations of "Arcane" (30 Words)

abstruse	Difficult to penetrate; incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding or knowledge. An abstruse philosophical inquiry.
convoluted	Highly complex or intricate and occasionally devious. Walnuts come in hard and convoluted shells.
<u>cryptic</u>	Having a secret or hidden meaning- John Gunther. The new insurance policy is written without cryptic or mysterious terms.
<u>disappearance</u>	The process of something ceasing to exist or be in use. He regretted the disappearance of Greek from school curricula.
eerie	Strange and frightening. An eerie feeling of <i>deja vu</i> .
enigmatic	Difficult to interpret or understand; mysterious. Prophetic texts so enigmatic that their meaning has been disputed for centuries.
esoteric	Confined to and understandable by only an enlightened inner circle. A compilation of esoteric philosophical theories.
incomprehensible	Incapable of being explained or accounted for. The most incomprehensible thing about the universe is that it is comprehensible.
<u>inexplicable</u>	Incapable of being explained or accounted for. For some inexplicable reason her mind went completely blank.
inscrutable	Of an obscure nature- Rachel. Guy looked blankly inscrutable .

magic	An illusory feat considered magical by naive observers. <i>Magic signs that protect against adverse influence.</i>
mysterious	Of an obscure nature- Rachel. <i>The new insurance policy is written without cryptic or mysterious terms.</i>
<u>mystery</u>	Secrecy or obscurity. <i>How it got out is a mystery.</i>
<u>mystic</u>	Relating to or characteristic of mysticism. <i>Mystical intuition.</i>
necromancy	The supposed practice of communicating with the dead, especially in order to predict the future. <i>Alchemy necromancy and other magic practices.</i>
<u>obscure</u>	Make obscure or unclear. <i>An obscure flaw.</i>
<u>occult</u>	Cause an eclipse of (a celestial body) by intervention. <i>A secret society to study alchemy and the occult.</i>
<u>odd</u>	Not used up. <i>When you ve got an odd five minutes could I have a word.</i>
preternatural	Surpassing the ordinary or normal - George Will. <i>Autumn had arrived with preternatural speed.</i>
<u>puzzle</u>	A jigsaw puzzle. <i>Those who solve this puzzle in the shortest time are eligible for awards.</i>
<u>puzzling</u>	Causing one to be puzzled; perplexing. <i>Only one very puzzling question remains unanswered.</i>
recondite	Difficult to penetrate; incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding or knowledge. <i>The book is full of recondite information.</i>
secret	Of information given in confidence or in secret. <i>He tried to keep his drinking a secret.</i>
sibylline	Relating to or characteristic of a sibyl; prophetic and mysterious. <i>One glimpses them uttering sibylline predictions of weal and woe.</i>
strange	Not known before. <i>He s a very strange man.</i>
<u>surreal</u>	Having the qualities of surrealism bizarre. <i>A surreal mix of fact and fantasy.</i>

unaccountable	Unable to be explained. <i>He was not only the most charismatic man she d ever met but also the most complex and unaccountable.</i>
uncanny	Strange or mysterious, especially in an unsettling way. <i>An uncanny feeling that she was being watched.</i>
<u>unfathomable</u>	Incapable of being fully explored or understood. <i>Mountains of unfathomable scale.</i>
<u>weird</u>	Suggesting the operation of supernatural influences- John Galsworthy. <i>A weird coincidence.</i>