

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)

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

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

## Usage Examples of "Arcane" as an adjective

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

## Associations of "Arcane" (30 Words)

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

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

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