

Need another word that means the same as “espionage”? Find 7 synonyms and 30 related words for “espionage” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Espionage” are: spying, cloak-and-dagger activities, surveillance, reconnaissance, intelligence, infiltration, cyberespionage

Espionage as a Noun

Definitions of "Espionage" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “espionage” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *The systematic use of spies to get military or political secrets.*
- *The practice of spying or of using spies, typically by governments to obtain political and military information.*



Synonyms of "Espionage" as a noun (7 Words)

cloak-and-dagger activities

A short knife with a pointed blade used for piercing or stabbing.

cyberespionage

The use of computer networks to gain illicit access to confidential information, typically that held by a government or other organization.

*Improving cybersecurity across government agencies is crucial given the increase in **cyberespionage**.*

infiltration

The action of entering or gaining access to an organization or place surreptitiously, especially in order to acquire secret information or cause damage.

*The gradual **infiltration** of Boyce's music into the national consciousness.*

intelligence

Information about recent and important events.

*Extraterrestrial **intelligences**.*

reconnaissance

Military observation of a region to locate an enemy or ascertain strategic features.

*After a **reconnaissance** British forces took the island.*

spying

A secret agent hired by a state to obtain information about its enemies or by a business to obtain industrial secrets from competitors.

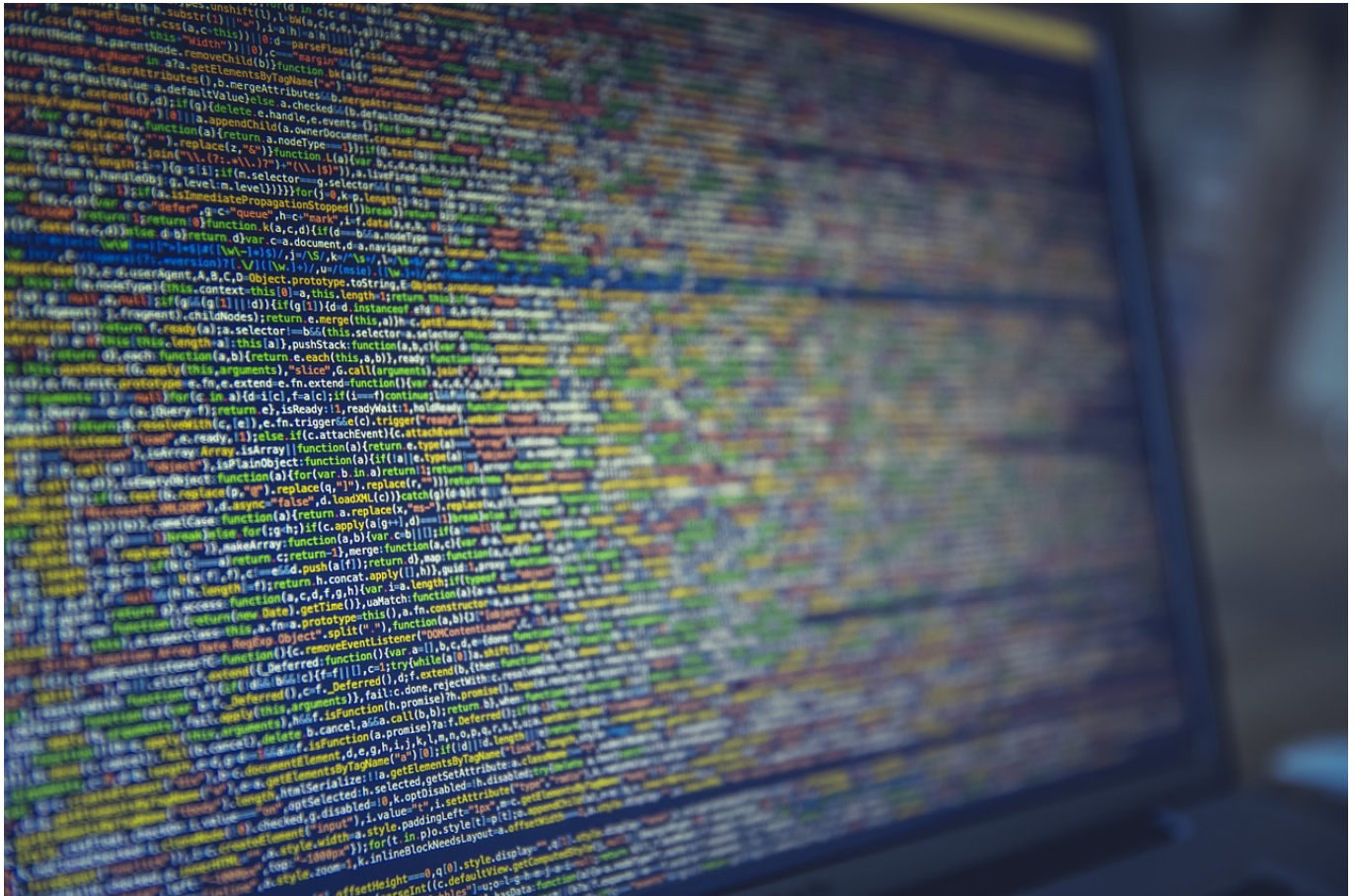
surveillance

Close observation, especially of a suspected spy or criminal.
*He found himself put under **surveillance** by British military intelligence.*



Usage Examples of "Espionage" as a noun

- *The camouflage and secrecy of espionage.*



Associations of "Espionage" (30 Words)

- betray** Reveal unintentionally.
*A double agent who **betrayed** some 400 British and French agents to the Germans.*
- betrayed** One who reveals confidential information in return for money.
- betraying** Kept secret or done secretly, especially because illicit.
***Clandestine** intelligence operations.*
- betrayingly** The activity of keeping something secret.
*He darted forwards from the **concealment** of the bushes.*
- betrayment** Spying on the spies.
- betrayments** A thicket in which game can hide.
***Covert** funding for the rebels.*
- betrayor** A person who abandons their duty (as on a military post).
*Staff interviewed escapees and **defectors** to the West.*

desertion	Withdrawing support or help despite allegiance or responsibility. <i>I resented what I saw as my parents desertion.</i>
disguised	Concealed or obscured; made unrecognizable. <i>A disguised reporter.</i>
<u>furtive</u>	Secret and sly or sordid. <i>The look in his eyes became furtive.</i>
<u>hidden</u>	Not accessible to view. <i>Her hidden feelings.</i>
<u>infiltrate</u>	(of a liquid) permeate (something) by filtration. <i>Lignocaine was infiltrated into the wound.</i>
infiltration	A process in which individuals (or small groups) penetrate an area (especially the military penetration of enemy positions without detection). <i>Swelling of the lymph nodes due to infiltration of cancerous cells.</i>
<u>international</u>	A player who has taken part in an international game or contest. <i>International waters.</i>
lair	A place where a wild animal, especially a fierce or dangerous one, lives. <i>Their ashes now lie buried in a lair in the Glasgow necropolis.</i>
operative	Relating to or requiring or amenable to treatment by surgery especially as opposed to medicine. <i>The operatives clean the machines at the end of every shift.</i>
secret	Given in confidence or in secret. <i>I m not trying to explain the secrets of the universe in this book.</i>
<u>secretive</u>	(of a state or activity) characterized by the concealment of intentions and information. <i>She was very secretive about her past.</i>
<u>sly</u>	Marked by skill in deception. <i>A sly sip of water.</i>
<u>spy</u>	A person employed by a government or other organization to secretly obtain information on an enemy or competitor. <i>Spy for the Russians.</i>
stealth	(chiefly of aircraft) designed in accordance with technology which makes detection by radar or sonar difficult. <i>The silence and stealth of a hungry cat.</i>
<u>stealthy</u>	Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed. <i>Stealthy footsteps.</i>

subterranean

Secret; concealed.

*The terrors and hazards of **subterranean** exploration.*

surreptitious

Kept secret, especially because it would not be approved of.

*Low wages were supplemented by **surreptitious** payments from tradesmen.*

traitor

Someone who betrays his country by committing treason.

*He was a **traitor** to his own class.*

turncoat

A disloyal person who betrays or deserts his cause or religion or political party or friend etc.

*They denounced him as a **turncoat**.*

ulterior

Beyond or outside an area of immediate interest; remote- G.B.Shaw.

*Without any purpose immediate or **ulterior**.*

undercover

Conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods.

*An **undercover** police operation.*

underground

A member of an underground political group or movement.

***Underground** caverns.*

