

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.

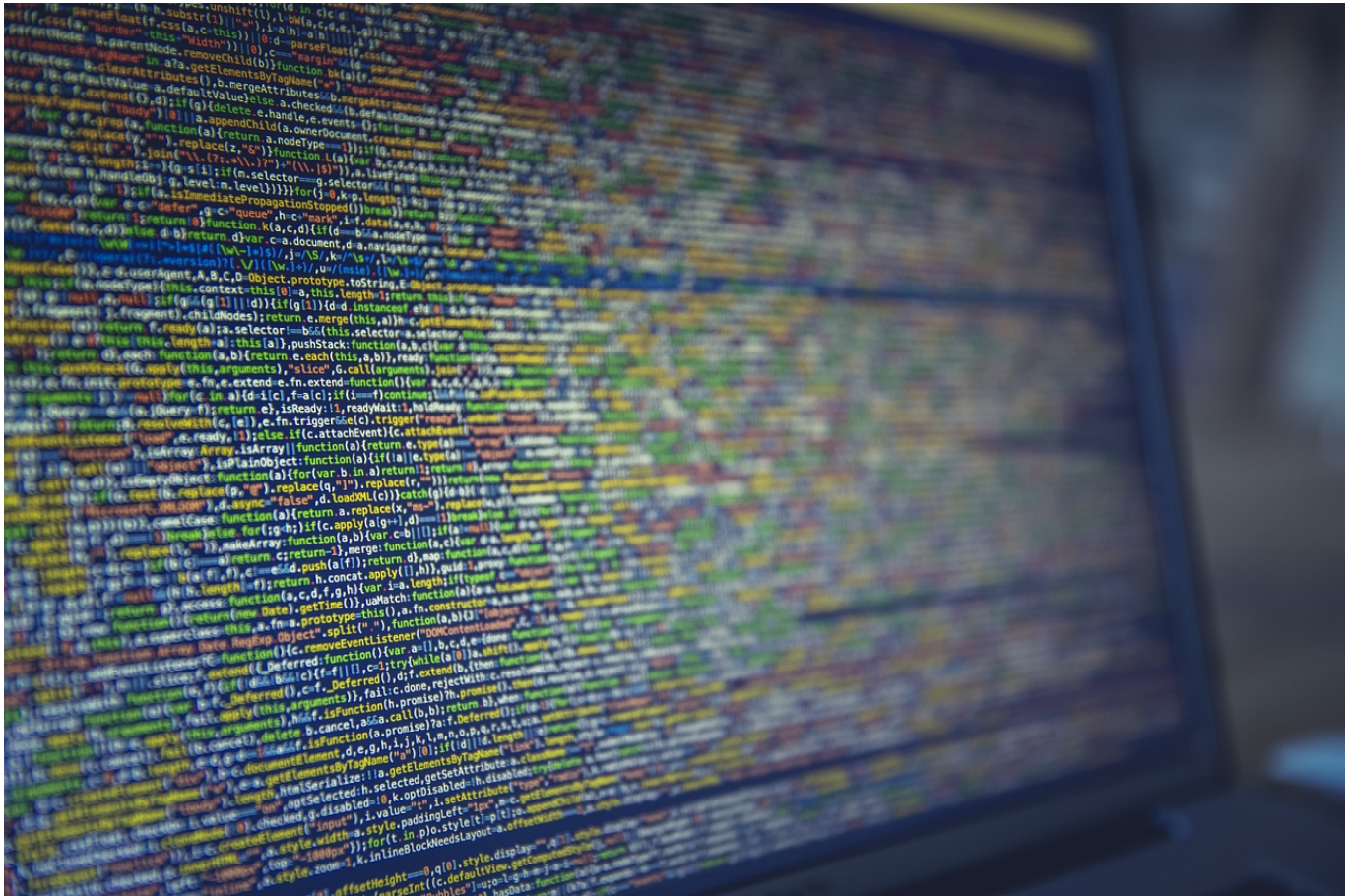
**surveillance**

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.*

<b>desertion</b>	Withdrawing support or help despite allegiance or responsibility. <i>I resented what I saw as my parents <b>desertion</b>.</i>
<b>disguised</b>	Concealed or obscured; made unrecognizable. <i>A <b>disguised</b> reporter.</i>
<u>furtive</u>	Secret and sly or sordid. <i>The look in his eyes became <b>furtive</b>.</i>
<u>hidden</u>	Not accessible to view. <i>Her <b>hidden</b> feelings.</i>
<u>infiltrate</u>	(of a liquid) permeate (something) by filtration. <i>Lignocaine was <b>infiltrated</b> into the wound.</i>
<b>infiltration</b>	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 <b>infiltration</b> of cancerous cells.</i>
<u>international</u>	A player who has taken part in an international game or contest. <i><b>International</b> waters.</i>
<b>lair</b>	A place where a wild animal, especially a fierce or dangerous one, lives. <i>Their ashes now lie buried in a <b>lair</b> in the Glasgow necropolis.</i>
<b>operative</b>	Relating to or requiring or amenable to treatment by surgery especially as opposed to medicine. <i>The <b>operatives</b> clean the machines at the end of every shift.</i>
<b>secret</b>	Given in confidence or in secret. <i>I m not trying to explain the <b>secrets</b> 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 <b>secretive</b> about her past.</i>
<u>sly</u>	Marked by skill in deception. <i>A <b>sly</b> 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><b>Spy</b> for the Russians.</i>
<b>stealth</b>	(chiefly of aircraft) designed in accordance with technology which makes detection by radar or sonar difficult. <i>The silence and <b>stealth</b> of a hungry cat.</i>
<u>stealthy</u>	Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed. <i><b>Stealthy</b> 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.*

