

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

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**The synonyms of “Furtive” are: backstair, backstairs, sneak, sneaky, stealthy, surreptitious, secretive, secret**

## Furtive as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Furtive" as an adjective

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

- *Secret and sly or sordid- A.L.Guerard.*
- *Secret and sly or sordid.*
- *Suggestive of guilty nervousness.*
- *Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed.*
- *Attempting to avoid notice or attention, typically because of guilt or a belief that discovery would lead to trouble; secretive.*

### Synonyms of "Furtive" as an adjective (8 Words)

<b>backstair</b>	Secret and sly or sordid- A.L.Guerard. <b><i>Backstairs</i></b> gossip.
<b>backstairs</b>	Secret and sly or sordid- A.L.Guerard. <b><i>Backstairs</i></b> intimacies.
<b>secret</b>	Of information given in confidence or in secret. <i>Their <b>secret</b> signal was a wink.</i>

<b>secretive</b>	(of a person's expression or manner) having an enigmatic or conspiratorial quality. <i>She was very <b>secretive</b> about her past.</i>
<b>sneak</b>	Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed. <i>A <b>sneak</b> thief.</i>
<b>sneaky</b>	(of a feeling) persistent but reluctantly held; sneaking. <i><b>Sneaky</b> underhand tactics.</i>
<b>stealthy</b>	Behaving or done in a cautious and surreptitious manner, so as not to be seen or heard. <i><b>Stealthy</b> footsteps.</i>
<b>surreptitious</b>	Conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods. <i>Low wages were supplemented by <b>surreptitious</b> payments from tradesmen.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Furtive" as an adjective

- *Furtive behavior.*
- *A furtive manner.*
- *He stole a furtive glance at her.*
- *They spent a furtive day together.*
- *The look in his eyes became furtive.*

## Associations of "Furtive" (30 Words)

<b>clandestine</b>	Kept secret or done secretly, especially because illicit. <i>She deserved better than these <b>clandestine</b> meetings.</i>
<b>concealed</b>	Not accessible to view. <i>He spoke with barely <b>concealed</b> anger.</i>
<b>covert</b>	Not openly acknowledged or displayed. <i><b>Covert</b> funding for the rebels.</i>
<b>cower</b>	Crouch down in fear. <i>Children <b>cowered</b> in terror as the shoot out erupted.</i>
<b>creep</b>	(of a plant) grow along the ground or other surface by means of extending stems or branches. <i>Metals and ceramics can also exhibit <b>creep</b>.</i>
<b>disguised</b>	Concealed or obscured; made unrecognizable. <i>A <b>disguised</b> reporter.</i>

<b>esoteric</b>	Intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest. <i><b>Esoteric</b> philosophical debates.</i>
<b>esoterica</b>	Secrets known only to an initiated minority. <i>A professor of such <b>esoterica</b> as angelology and comparative shamanism.</i>
<b><u>hidden</u></b>	Not accessible to view. <i>A <b>hidden</b> room or place of concealment such as a priest hole.</i>
<b>hide</b>	Conceal oneself. <i>He used to <b>hide</b> out in a cave.</i>
<b>incognito</b>	Without revealing one's identity. <i>She is locked in her <b>incognito</b>.</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>The gradual <b>infiltration</b> of Boyce's music into the national consciousness.</i>
<b><u>insidious</u></b>	Beguiling but harmful. <i>Sexual harassment is a serious and <b>insidious</b> problem.</i>
<b><u>invisible</u></b>	Invisible exports and imports. <i><b>Invisible</b> exports.</i>
<b>lurk</b>	(of an unpleasant quality) be present in a latent or barely discernible state, although still presenting a threat. <i>Danger <b>lurks</b> beneath the surface.</i>
<b>purloin</b>	Make off with belongings of others. <i>He must have managed to <b>purloin</b> a copy of the key.</i>
<b><u>secrecy</u></b>	The trait of keeping things secret. <i>The bidding is conducted in <b>secrecy</b>.</i>
<b>secret</b>	Of information given in confidence or in secret. <i>The <b>secret</b> compartment in the desk.</i>
<b><u>secretive</u></b>	(of a person or an organization) inclined to conceal feelings and intentions or not to disclose information. <i><b>Secretive</b> deals.</i>
<b><u>sly</u></b>	Marked by skill in deception. <i>A <b>sly</b> sip of water.</i>
<b><u>sneak</u></b>	Someone who prowls or sneaks about usually with unlawful intentions. <i>A <b>sneak</b> thief.</i>
<b>sneaker</b>	A soft shoe worn for sports or casual occasions; a trainer.
<b>snitch</b>	Steal. <i>Someone <b>snitched</b> my wallet.</i>

- stealthy** Behaving or done in a cautious and surreptitious manner, so as not to be seen or heard.  
***Stealthy*** footsteps.
- surreptitious** Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed.  
***A surreptitious*** glance at his watch.
- ulterior** Existing beyond what is obvious or admitted; intentionally hidden.  
***Without any purpose immediate or ulterior.***
- undercover** Involving secret work within a community or organization, especially for the purposes of police investigation or espionage.  
***He worked undercover*** in Northern Ireland.
- underground** An underground railway especially the one in London.  
***Underground*** resistance.
- underhanded** With hand brought forward and up from below shoulder level.  
***Underhanded*** practices.
- unopened** Not yet opened or unsealed.  
***Unopened*** mail.