

Need another word that means the same as “mystery”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “mystery” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Mystery” are: enigma, secret, mystery story, whodunit, puzzle, conundrum, riddle, problem, question, question mark, secrecy, darkness, obscurity, ambiguity, uncertainty, impenetrability, vagueness, thriller, detective novel, detective story, murder story

Mystery as a Noun

Definitions of "Mystery" as a noun

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

- *A novel, play, or film dealing with a puzzling crime, especially a murder.*
- *Something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain.*
- *Secrecy or obscurity.*
- *A religious belief based on divine revelation, especially one regarded as beyond human understanding.*
- *The secret rites of Greek and Roman pagan religion, or of any ancient or tribal religion, to which only initiates are admitted.*
- *The Christian Eucharist.*
- *The practices, skills, or lore peculiar to a particular trade or activity and regarded as baffling to those without specialized knowledge.*
- *Something that baffles understanding and cannot be explained.*
- *A story about a crime (usually murder) presented as a novel or play or movie.*
- *A person or thing whose identity or nature is puzzling or unknown.*
- *An incident in the life of Jesus or of a saint as a focus of devotion in the Roman*

Catholic Church, especially each of those commemorated during recitation of successive decades of the rosary.



Synonyms of "Mystery" as a noun (21 Words)

- ambiguity** An expression whose meaning cannot be determined from its context.
*We can detect no **ambiguity** in this section of the Act.*
- conundrum** A question asked for amusement, typically one with a pun in its answer; a riddle.
*One of the most difficult **conundrums** for the experts.*
- darkness** The quality of being dark in colour.
*The office was in **darkness**.*
- detective novel** A police officer who investigates crimes.
- detective story** An investigator engaged or employed in obtaining information not easily available to the public.

<u>enigma</u>	A person or thing that is mysterious or difficult to understand. <i>Madeleine was still an enigma to him.</i>
impenetrability	Incomprehensibility by virtue of being too dense to understand.
murder story	Unlawful premeditated killing of a human being by a human being.
mystery story	A story about a crime (usually murder) presented as a novel or play or movie.
<u>obscurity</u>	The state of being unknown, inconspicuous, or unimportant. <i>He is too good a player to slide into obscurity.</i>
problem	A state of difficulty that needs to be resolved. <i>What s the problem.</i>
<u>puzzle</u>	A jigsaw puzzle. <i>The meaning of the poem has always been a puzzle.</i>
question	An instance of questioning. <i>He asked a direct question.</i>
question mark	An informal reference to a marriage proposal.
riddle	A question or statement intentionally phrased so as to require ingenuity in ascertaining its answer or meaning. <i>The riddle of her death.</i>
<u>secrecy</u>	The trait of keeping things secret. <i>The bidding is conducted in secrecy.</i>
secret	Something that is kept or meant to be kept unknown or unseen by others. <i>The secret of Cajun cooking.</i>
thriller	A very exciting contest or experience. <i>A seven goal thriller.</i>
<u>uncertainty</u>	The state of being uncertain. <i>The uncertainty of the outcome.</i>
vagueness	Lack of preciseness in thought or communication. <i>The Conservative manifesto is a model of vagueness.</i>
whodunit	A story about a crime (usually murder) presented as a novel or play or movie.



Usage Examples of "Mystery" as a noun

- *A mystery guest.*
- *The 1920s murder mystery, The Ghost Train.*
- *What happened after he left home that day remains a mystery.*
- *'He's a bit of a mystery,' said Nina.*
- *The mysteries of analytical psychology.*
- *The first Sorrowful Mystery, the Agony in the Garden.*
- *How it got out is a mystery.*
- *Much of her past is shrouded in mystery.*
- *The mysteries of outer space.*
- *The mystery of Christ.*



Associations of "Mystery" (30 Words)

abstruse	Difficult to understand; obscure. <i>The professor's lectures were so abstruse that students tended to avoid them.</i>
abysmal	Very great; limitless. <i>Waterfalls that plunge into abysmal depths.</i>
<u>arcane</u>	Requiring secret or mysterious knowledge. <i>The arcane science of dowsing.</i>
<u>conundrum</u>	A confusing and difficult problem or question. <i>One of the most difficult conundrums for the experts.</i>

cryptic	Having a secret or hidden meaning. <i>Cryptic plumage is thought to minimize predation.</i>
cryptogram	A symbol or figure with secret or occult significance.
enigma	A person or thing that is mysterious or difficult to understand. <i>Madeleine was still an enigma to him.</i>
enigmatic	Not clear to the understanding. <i>An enigmatic smile.</i>
esoterica	Esoteric or highly specialized subjects or publications. <i>A professor of such esoterica as angelology and comparative shamanism.</i>
incomprehensible	Not able to be understood; not intelligible. <i>A language which is incomprehensible to anyone outside the office.</i>
inscrutable	Of an obscure nature- Rachel. <i>Guy looked blankly inscrutable.</i>
miracle	Any amazing or wonderful occurrence. <i>A machine which was a miracle of design.</i>
mysterious	Having an import not apparent to the senses nor obvious to the intelligence; beyond ordinary understanding. <i>The new insurance policy is written without cryptic or mysterious terms.</i>
mythical	Occurring in or characteristic of myths or folk tales. <i>A mythical age of contentment and social order.</i>
occult	Having an import not apparent to the senses nor obvious to the intelligence; beyond ordinary understanding. <i>The lids were occulting her eyes.</i>
preternatural	Existing outside of or not in accordance with nature. <i>Autumn had arrived with preternatural speed.</i>
problem	A source of difficulty. <i>Practitioners help families develop strategies for managing problem behaviour in teens.</i>
puzzle	A jigsaw puzzle. <i>She was trying to puzzle out who the speakers were.</i>
puzzling	Lacking clarity of meaning; causing confusion or perplexity. <i>Only one very puzzling question remains unanswered.</i>
recondite	(of a subject or knowledge) little known; abstruse. <i>Some recondite problem in historiography.</i>

riddle	Speak in riddles. <i>They started asking riddles and telling jokes.</i>
secret	Given in confidence or in secret. <i>A secret agent.</i>
solve	Find the solution. <i>The policy could solve the town's housing crisis.</i>
superhuman	Above or beyond the human or demanding more than human power or endurance. <i>Superhuman beings.</i>
tantalize	Torment or tease (someone) with the sight or promise of something that is unobtainable. <i>Such ambitious questions have long tantalized the world's best thinkers.</i>
unaccountable	Not to be accounted for or explained. <i>He was not only the most charismatic man she'd ever met but also the most complex and unaccountable.</i>
<u>unfathomable</u>	Incapable of being fully explored or understood. <i>Her grey eyes were dark with some unfathomable emotion.</i>
unresolved	Characterized by musical dissonance harmonically unresolved. <i>Many problems remain unresolved.</i>
<u>unsolved</u>	Not solved. <i>An unsolved mystery.</i>
whodunit	A story about a crime (usually murder) presented as a novel or play or movie.

