

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.

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

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

<b><u>cryptic</u></b>	Having a secret or hidden meaning. <i><b>Cryptic</b> plumage is thought to minimize predation.</i>
<b>cryptogram</b>	A symbol or figure with secret or occult significance.
<b><u>enigma</u></b>	A person or thing that is mysterious or difficult to understand. <i>Madeleine was still an <b>enigma</b> to him.</i>
<b>enigmatic</b>	Not clear to the understanding. <i>An <b>enigmatic</b> smile.</i>
<b>esoterica</b>	Esoteric or highly specialized subjects or publications. <i>A professor of such <b>esoterica</b> as angelology and comparative shamanism.</i>
<b>incomprehensible</b>	Not able to be understood; not intelligible. <i>A language which is <b>incomprehensible</b> to anyone outside the office.</i>
<b>inscrutable</b>	Of an obscure nature- Rachel. <i>Guy looked blankly <b>inscrutable</b>.</i>
<b><u>miracle</u></b>	Any amazing or wonderful occurrence. <i>A machine which was a <b>miracle</b> of design.</i>
<b>mysterious</b>	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 <b>mysterious</b> terms.</i>
<b><u>mythical</u></b>	Occurring in or characteristic of myths or folk tales. <i>A <b>mythical</b> age of contentment and social order.</i>
<b><u>occult</u></b>	Having an import not apparent to the senses nor obvious to the intelligence; beyond ordinary understanding. <i>The lids were <b>occulting</b> her eyes.</i>
<b>preternatural</b>	Existing outside of or not in accordance with nature. <i>Autumn had arrived with <b>preternatural</b> speed.</i>
<b>problem</b>	A source of difficulty. <i>Practitioners help families develop strategies for managing <b>problem</b> behaviour in teens.</i>
<b><u>puzzle</u></b>	A jigsaw puzzle. <i>She was trying to <b>puzzle</b> out who the speakers were.</i>
<b><u>puzzling</u></b>	Lacking clarity of meaning; causing confusion or perplexity. <i>Only one very <b>puzzling</b> question remains unanswered.</i>
<b>recondite</b>	(of a subject or knowledge) little known; abstruse. <i>Some <b>recondite</b> problem in historiography.</i>

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



