

Need another word that means the same as “private”? Find 49 synonyms and 30 related words for “private” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Private” are: secret, intimate, individual, personal, one's own, particular, special, exclusive, privately owned, confidential, top secret, classified, unofficial, off the record, closet, reserved, introverted, self-contained, reticent, discreet, uncommunicative, unforthcoming, secretive, retiring, ungregarious, unsocial, unsociable, withdrawn, solitary, insular, reclusive, hermitic, secluded, quiet, undisturbed, concealed, hidden, remote, isolated, out of the way, sequestered, uninterrupted, independent, non-state-controlled, commercial, private-enterprise, buck private, common soldier, private soldier

Private as a Noun

Definitions of "Private" as a noun

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

- *The lowest rank in the army, below lance corporal or private first class.*
- *An enlisted man of the lowest rank in the Army or Marines.*



Synonyms of "Private" as a noun (3 Words)

- buck private** A framework for holding wood that is being sawed.
common soldier A piece of open land for recreational use in an urban area.
private soldier An enlisted man of the lowest rank in the Army or Marines.



Usage Examples of "Private" as a noun

- *Our prisoner was just a private and knew nothing of value.*



Private as an Adjective

Definitions of "Private" as an adjective

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

- *Confined to particular persons or groups or providing privacy.*
- *(of a conversation, activity, or gathering) involving only a particular person or group, and often dealing with matters that are not to be disclosed to others.*
- *Concerning one person exclusively.*
- *(of thoughts and feelings) not to be revealed to others.*
- *(of education or medical treatment) conducted outside the state system and charging fees to those who make use of it.*
- *(especially of two people) alone and undisturbed by others.*
- *(of a place) quiet and free from people who may interrupt.*
- *Not connected with one's work or official position.*
- *(of a service or industry) provided or owned by an individual or an independent, commercial company rather than the state.*
- *Relating to or denoting a transaction between individuals and not involving commercial organizations.*
- *(of a person) choosing not to reveal their thoughts and feelings to others.*
- *Concerning things deeply private and personal.*
- *Belonging to or for the use of one particular person or group of people only.*
- *(of a person) having no official or public role or position.*
- *Not expressed.*



Synonyms of "Private" as an adjective (46 Words)

classified	(of newspaper or magazine advertisements) organized in categories according to what is being advertised. <i>A classified catalogue of books.</i>
<u>closet</u>	Secret; covert. <i>A closet smoker.</i>
<u>commercial</u>	Of or relating to commercialism. <i>Commercial oxalic acid.</i>
concealed	Kept secret; hidden. <i>A concealed weapon.</i>
<u>confidential</u>	Entrusted with private information and the confidence of another. <i>This arrangement must be kept confidential.</i>
<u>discreet</u>	Careful and prudent in one's speech or actions, especially in order to keep something confidential or to avoid embarrassment. <i>A discreet cough.</i>
<u>exclusive</u>	Not divided or shared with others. <i>An exclusive interview.</i>
hermitic	Characterized by ascetic solitude. <i>His hermitic existence.</i>
<u>hidden</u>	Designed to elude detection. <i>A hidden room or place of concealment such as a priest hole.</i>

independent	Free from external control and constraint. <i>The study is totally independent of central government.</i>
individual	Single; separate. <i>The individual needs of the children.</i>
insular	Relating to or from an island. <i>Insular attitudes toward foreigners.</i>
intimate	Concerning things deeply private and personal. <i>An intimate little Italian restaurant.</i>
introverted	Of, denoting, or typical of an introvert.
isolated	Being or feeling set or kept apart from others- Sherwood Anderson. <i>Could not remain the isolated figure he had been.</i>
non-state-controlled	Restrained or managed or kept within certain bounds.
off the record	In an unpalatable state.
one's own	Belonging to or on behalf of a specified person (especially yourself); preceded by a possessive.
out of the way	Directed outward or serving to direct something outward.
particular	Especially great or intense. <i>Has a particular preference for Chinese art.</i>
personal	Existing as a self aware entity not as an abstraction or an impersonal force. <i>Personal papers.</i>
private-enterprise	Subscribing to capitalistic competition.
privately owned	Not expressed.
quiet	(of a place, period of time, or situation) without much activity, disturbance, or excitement. <i>The car has a quiet economical engine.</i>
reclusive	Withdrawn from society; seeking solitude. <i>Lived an unsocial reclusive life.</i>
remote	Aloof and unfriendly in manner. <i>A remote relative.</i>
reserved	Kept specially for a particular person. <i>A reserved seat.</i>
reticent	Not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily. <i>She was extremely reticent about her personal affairs.</i>
retiring	Shy and fond of being on one's own. <i>A gentle retiring person who avoided conflict.</i>

secluded

Providing privacy or seclusion.
*The gardens are quiet and **secluded**.*

secret

Given in confidence or in secret.
*A **secret** drinker.*

secretive

(of a person's expression or manner) having an enigmatic or conspiratorial quality.
*A **secretive** smile.*

self-contained

Constituting a complete and independent unit in and of itself.

sequestered

(of a place) isolated and hidden away.
*A wild **sequestered** spot.*

solitary

(of a flower or other part) borne singly.
***Solitary** farmsteads.*

special

For a special service or occasion.
*A **special** kind of paint.*

top secret

Situated at the top or highest position.

uncommunicative

Unwilling to talk or impart information.
*He had always been quiet and **uncommunicative** having few friends.*

undisturbed

Not disturbed.
*He could pursue his studies **undisturbed**.*

unforthcoming

(of a person) not willing to divulge information.
*The sergeant seemed **unforthcoming** so he enquired at the gate.*

ungregarious

Not disposed to seek company.
*A lonely **ungregarious** person.*

uninterrupted

Without a break in continuity.
*A convalescent needs **uninterrupted** sleep.*

unofficial

Not having official authority or sanction.
***Unofficial** reports said that dozens of people were injured.*

unsociable

Not enjoying or making an effort to behave sociably in the company of others.
*Watching TV is a fairly **unsociable** activity.*

unsocial

Not seeking the company of others.
*The **unsocial** behaviour of young teenagers.*

withdrawn

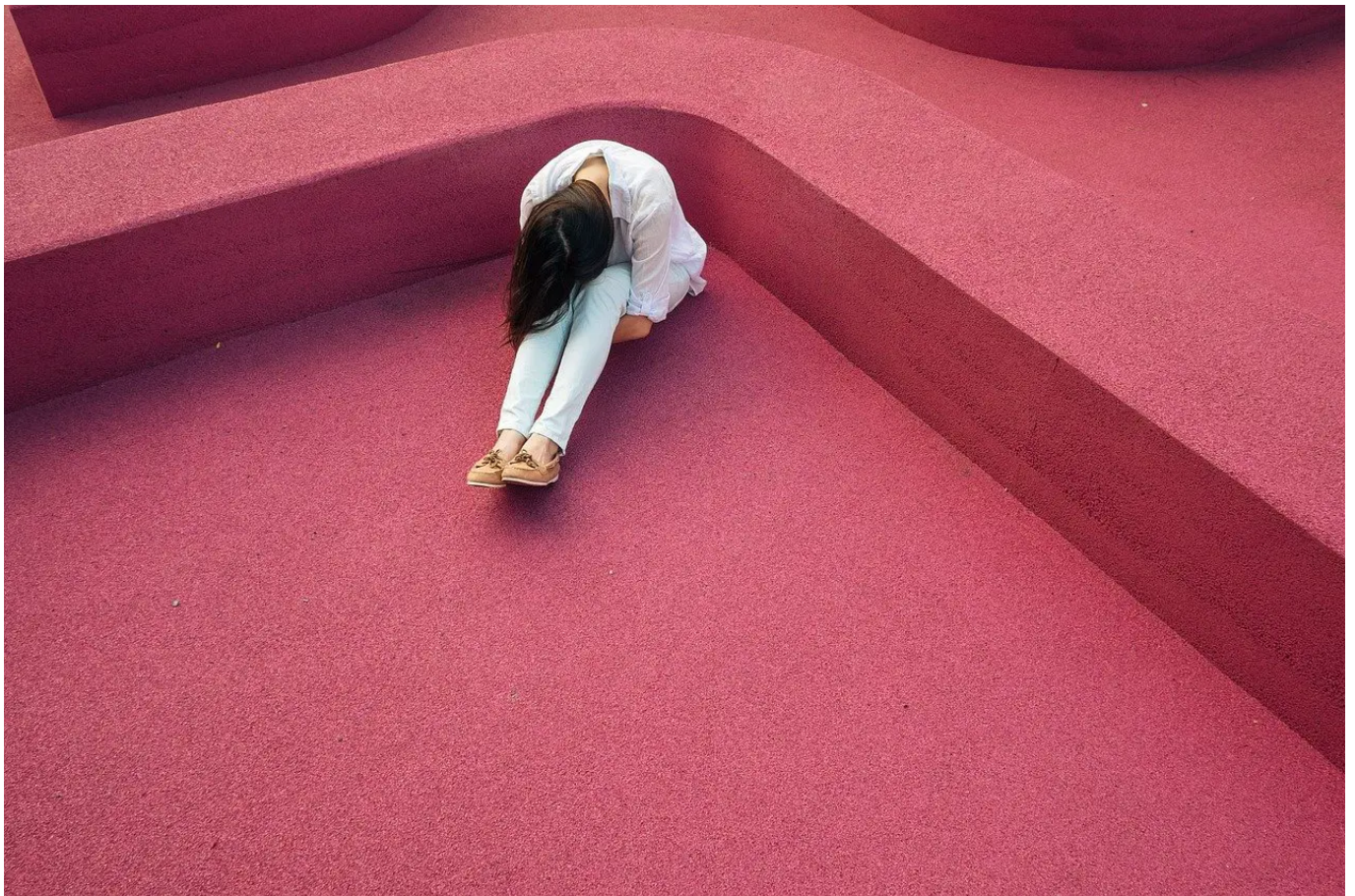
Withdrawn from society seeking solitude.
*When her husband died she became very **withdrawn**.*



Usage Examples of "Private" as an adjective

- *The former President is now a private citizen.*
- *A small private service in the chapel.*
- *We can phone from the library—we'll be private in there.*
- *This is a private conversation.*
- *All bedrooms have private facilities.*
- *Private discussions.*
- *His private plane.*
- *The ambassador visited the school in a private capacity.*
- *Public figures struggle to maintain a private life.*
- *A private club.*
- *Private lessons.*
- *She felt awkward at intruding on private grief.*
- *A private secretary.*
- *Secret (or private) thoughts.*

- *Private family matters.*
- *If I could afford it I'd go private.*
- *Each room has a private bath.*
- *Private education.*
- *This research was carried out by private industry.*
- *He was a very private man.*
- *The paintings were sold to a private collector.*
- *A private place.*
- *Can we go somewhere a little more private?*
- *Private property.*
- *It was a private sale—no estate agent's commission.*



Associations of "Private" (30 Words)

arrogate

Take or claim (something) without justification.

They **arrogate** to themselves the ability to divine the nation's true interests.

clandestine	Conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods. <i>She deserved better than these clandestine meetings.</i>
concealed	Not accessible to view. <i>He spoke with barely concealed anger.</i>
covert	Being under the protection of her husband. Covert actions by the CIA.
enclave	A place or group that is different in character from those surrounding it. <i>The engineering department is traditionally a male enclave.</i>
furnishing	Accessory wearing apparel. <i>The furnishing comprised three easy chairs and one oval table.</i>
furtive	Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed. <i>They spent a furtive day together.</i>
indoor	Relating to sports played indoors. <i>An indoor setting.</i>
indoors	Into or within a building. <i>They went indoors and explored the house.</i>
inmost	Being deepest within the self.
inner	A shot that strikes the inner. Inner regions of the organization.
innermost	Furthest in; closest to the centre. <i>The innermost chamber.</i>
inside	On the inside. <i>Overtaking on the inside.</i>
interior	Inside and toward a center. <i>The interior has been much restored.</i>
internal	Inside the body. <i>The party suffered from grave internal weaknesses.</i>
intramural	Situated or done within a community. <i>Recreational intramural games.</i>
inward	Directed or moving inward or toward a center. <i>Move the needle further inwards.</i>
inwardly	With respect to private feelings. Inwardly seething he did as he was told.
landlocked	(of a country or region) almost or entirely surrounded by land. <i>A landlocked country.</i>

lavatory	A room, building, or cubicle containing a toilet or toilets. <i>She flushed the lavatory.</i>
personal	Of or arising from personality. <i>Her personal fortune was recently estimated at 37 million.</i>
privacy	The state of being free from public attention. <i>A law to restrict newspapers freedom to invade people's privacy.</i>
privy	Sharing in the knowledge of (something secret or private). <i>A privy place.</i>
profile	Represent in profile by drawing or painting. <i>The author of this article profiles a famous painter.</i>
resume	A summary of your academic and work history. <i>He sipped at the glass of water and then resumed.</i>
secret	Of information given in confidence or in secret. <i>Secret sales of arms.</i>
stealthy	Behaving or done in a cautious and surreptitious manner, so as not to be seen or heard. <i>Stealthy footsteps.</i>
surreptitious	Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed. <i>A surreptitious glance at his watch.</i>
undercover	Involving secret work within a community or organization, especially for the purposes of police investigation or espionage. <i>An undercover investigation.</i>
underhanded	Marked by deception. <i>Underhanded practices.</i>

