

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reticent, discreet, uncommunicative, unforthcoming, secretive, retiring, ungregarious, unsocial, unsociable, withdrawn, solitary, insular, reclusive, hermitic, secluded, quiet, undisturbed, concealed, hidden, remote, isolated, out of the way, sequestered, uninterrupted,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)

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

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



<b><u>secluded</u></b>	Providing privacy or seclusion. <i>The gardens are quiet and <b>secluded</b>.</i>
<b>secret</b>	Given in confidence or in secret. <i>A <b>secret</b> drinker.</i>
<b><u>secretive</u></b>	(of a person's expression or manner) having an enigmatic or conspiratorial quality. <i>A <b>secretive</b> smile.</i>
<b>self-contained</b>	Constituting a complete and independent unit in and of itself.
<b>sequestered</b>	(of a place) isolated and hidden away. <i>A wild <b>sequestered</b> spot.</i>
<b><u>solitary</u></b>	(of a flower or other part) borne singly. <i><b>Solitary</b> farmsteads.</i>
<b>special</b>	For a special service or occasion. <i>A <b>special</b> kind of paint.</i>
<b>top secret</b>	Situated at the top or highest position.
<b>uncommunicative</b>	Unwilling to talk or impart information. <i>He had always been quiet and <b>uncommunicative</b> having few friends.</i>
<b><u>undisturbed</u></b>	Not disturbed. <i>He could pursue his studies <b>undisturbed</b>.</i>
<b>unforthcoming</b>	(of a person) not willing to divulge information. <i>The sergeant seemed <b>unforthcoming</b> so he enquired at the gate.</i>
<b>ungregarious</b>	Not disposed to seek company. <i>A lonely <b>ungregarious</b> person.</i>
<b>uninterrupted</b>	Without a break in continuity. <i>A convalescent needs <b>uninterrupted</b> sleep.</i>
<b><u>unofficial</u></b>	Not having official authority or sanction. <i><b>Unofficial</b> reports said that dozens of people were injured.</i>
<b>unsociable</b>	Not enjoying or making an effort to behave sociably in the company of others. <i>Watching TV is a fairly <b>unsociable</b> activity.</i>
<b>unsocial</b>	Not seeking the company of others. <i>The <b>unsocial</b> behaviour of young teenagers.</i>
<b><u>withdrawn</u></b>	Withdrawn from society seeking solitude. <i>When her husband died she became very <b>withdrawn</b>.</i>





## 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.*

<b>clandestine</b>	Conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods. <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>	Being under the protection of her husband. <b>Covert</b> actions by the CIA.
<b>enclave</b>	A place or group that is different in character from those surrounding it. <i>The engineering department is traditionally a male <b>enclave</b>.</i>
<b>furnishing</b>	Accessory wearing apparel. <i>The <b>furnishing</b> comprised three easy chairs and one oval table.</i>
<b>furtive</b>	Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed. <i>They spent a <b>furtive</b> day together.</i>
<b>indoor</b>	Relating to sports played indoors. <i>An <b>indoor</b> setting.</i>
<b>indoors</b>	Into or within a building. <i>They went <b>indoors</b> and explored the house.</i>
<b>inmost</b>	Being deepest within the self.
<b>inner</b>	A shot that strikes the inner. <b>Inner</b> regions of the organization.
<b>innermost</b>	Furthest in; closest to the centre. <i>The <b>innermost</b> chamber.</i>
<b>inside</b>	On the inside. <i>Overtaking on the <b>inside</b>.</i>
<b>interior</b>	Inside and toward a center. <i>The <b>interior</b> has been much restored.</i>
<b>internal</b>	Inside the body. <i>The party suffered from grave <b>internal</b> weaknesses.</i>
<b>intramural</b>	Situated or done within a community. <i>Recreational <b>intramural</b> games.</i>
<b>inward</b>	Directed or moving inward or toward a center. <i>Move the needle further <b>inwards</b>.</i>
<b>inwardly</b>	With respect to private feelings. <b>Inwardly</b> seething he did as he was told.
<b>landlocked</b>	(of a country or region) almost or entirely surrounded by land. <i>A <b>landlocked</b> country.</i>



<b>lavatory</b>	A room, building, or cubicle containing a toilet or toilets. <i>She flushed the <b>lavatory</b>.</i>
<b>personal</b>	Of or arising from personality. <i>Her <b>personal</b> fortune was recently estimated at 37 million.</i>
<b>privacy</b>	The state of being free from public attention. <i>A law to restrict newspapers freedom to invade people s <b>privacy</b>.</i>
<b>privy</b>	Sharing in the knowledge of (something secret or private). <i>A <b>privy</b> place.</i>
<b>profile</b>	Represent in profile by drawing or painting. <i>The author of this article <b>profiles</b> a famous painter.</i>
<b>resume</b>	A summary of your academic and work history. <i>He sipped at the glass of water and then <b>resumed</b>.</i>
<b>secret</b>	Of information given in confidence or in secret. <i><b>Secret</b> sales of arms.</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>	Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed. <i>A <b>surreptitious</b> glance at his watch.</i>
<b>undercover</b>	Involving secret work within a community or organization, especially for the purposes of police investigation or espionage. <i>An <b>undercover</b> investigation.</i>
<b>underhanded</b>	Marked by deception. <i><b>Underhanded</b> practices.</i>

