

Need another word that means the same as “secretive”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “secretive” in this overview.

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Secretive as an Adjective

Definitions of "Secretive" as an adjective

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

- *(of a person's expression or manner) having an enigmatic or conspiratorial quality.*
- *(of a person or an organization) inclined to conceal feelings and intentions or not to disclose information.*
- *Inclined to secrecy or reticence about divulging information.*
- *(of a state or activity) characterized by the concealment of intentions and information.*



Synonyms of "Secretive" as an adjective (15 Words)

close	Close in relevance or relationship. A close election.
close-lipped	Inclined to secrecy or reticence about divulging information.
close-mouthed	Inclined to secrecy or reticence about divulging information.
<u>discreet</u>	Careful and prudent in one's speech or actions, especially in order to keep something confidential or to avoid embarrassment. A discreet investor.
introverted	(of a community, company, or other group) concerned principally with its own affairs; inward-looking or parochial.
quiet	Free of noise or uproar; or making little if any sound. A quiet audience at the concert.
<u>reserved</u>	Set aside for the use of a particular person or party. A reserved seat.
<u>reticent</u>	Not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily. She was extremely reticent about her personal affairs.
secret	Of information given in confidence or in secret. A secret alcoholic.

self-contained	Constituting a complete and independent unit in and of itself.
silent	Saying or recording nothing on a particular subject. <i>A silent dog whistle.</i>
taciturn	(of a person) reserved or uncommunicative in speech; saying little. <i>After such gatherings she would be taciturn and morose.</i>
tightlipped	Inclined to secrecy or reticence about divulging information.
uncommunicative	Not inclined to talk or give information or express opinions. <i>The uncommunicative Emily disappeared.</i>
unforthcoming	(of something required) not ready or made available when wanted or needed. <i>With money unforthcoming from the company the project has had to be delayed.</i>



Usage Examples of "Secretive" as an adjective

- *A secretive smile.*

- *Secretive deals.*
- *She was very secretive about her past.*



Associations of "Secretive" (30 Words)

abstruse	Difficult to penetrate; incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding or knowledge. <i>The professor's lectures were so abstruse that students tended to avoid them.</i>
arcane	Requiring secret or mysterious knowledge. <i>Arcane procedures for electing people.</i>
artful	Not straightforward or candid; giving a false appearance of frankness-David Cannadine. <i>An artful photograph of a striking woman.</i>
clandestine	Conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods. <i>She deserved better than these clandestine meetings.</i>
concealed	Hidden on any grounds for any motive. <i>Concealed or hidden damage.</i>
covert	A feather covering the base of a main flight or tail feather of a bird. <i>Covert funding for the rebels.</i>
crafty	Marked by skill in deception. <i>They are looking for crafty people to join the group to make ornaments.</i>
cunning	Ingenious. <i>Plants have evolved cunning defences.</i>
elusive	Difficult to describe. <i>That elusive thing the soul.</i>
esoteric	Confined to and understandable by only an enlightened inner circle. <i>Esoteric philosophical debates.</i>
esoterica	Esoteric or highly specialized subjects or publications. <i>A professor of such esoterica as angelology and comparative shamanism.</i>
furtive	Suggestive of guilty nervousness. <i>He stole a furtive glance at her.</i>
guard	The person who plays the position of guard on a basketball team. <i>There would be men guarding the horses.</i>
guile	The quality of being crafty. <i>He used all his guile and guts to free himself from the muddle he was in.</i>
hidden	Kept out of sight; concealed. <i>A hidden cave.</i>
incognito	Without revealing one's identity. <i>In order to observe you have to be incognito.</i>

<u>insidious</u>	Working or spreading in a hidden and usually injurious way. <i>Sexual harassment is a serious and insidious problem.</i>
<u>invisible</u>	Invisible exports and imports. <i>An invisible hinge.</i>
<u>obscure</u>	Make obscure or unclear. <i>An obscure flaw.</i>
recondite	Difficult to penetrate; incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding or knowledge. <i>Some recondite problem in historiography.</i>
secret	Of information given in confidence or in secret. <i>A secret marriage.</i>
<u>sly</u>	Showing in an insinuating way that one has some secret knowledge that may be harmful or embarrassing. <i>A sly sip of water.</i>
<u>sneak</u>	Someone who prowls or sneaks about usually with unlawful intentions. <i>Stead of sneaking around spying on the neighbor s house.</i>
<u>stealthy</u>	Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed. <i>Stealthy footsteps.</i>
<u>subtle</u>	(of a mixture or effect) delicately complex and understated. <i>A subtle difference.</i>
surreptitious	Kept secret, especially because it would not be approved of. <i>A surreptitious glance at his watch.</i>
<u>tricky</u>	Not to be trusted. <i>Applying eyeliner can be a tricky business.</i>
<u>undercover</u>	Conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods. <i>An undercover police operation.</i>
unopened	Not opened. <i>Unopened mail.</i>
wily	Skilled at gaining an advantage, especially deceitfully. <i>A wily old attorney.</i>

