

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.



discreet



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

**close** Close in relevance or relationship.

A close election.

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.

reserved Set aside for the use of a particular person or party.

A **reserved** seat.

reticent 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.



silent

**self-contained** Constituting a complete and independent unit in and of itself.

Saying or recording nothing on a particular subject.

A **silent** dog whistle.

tacitum (of a person) reserved or uncommunicative in speech; saying little.

After such gatherings she would be **taciturn** and morose.

**tightlipped** Inclined to secrecy or reticence about divulging information.

**uncommunicative** Not inclined to talk or give information or express opinions.

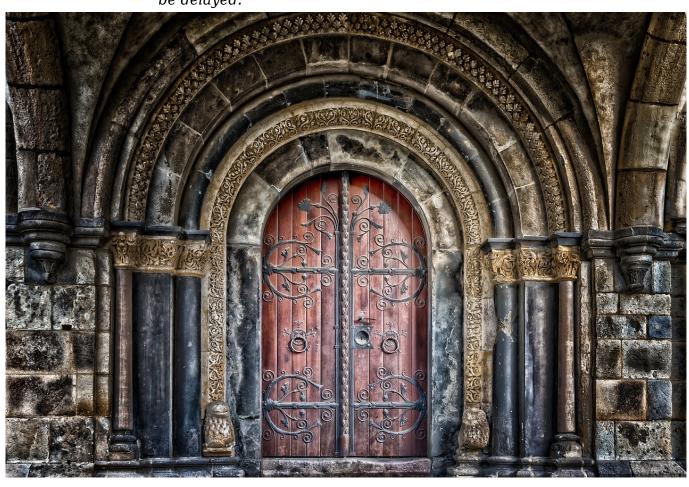
The **uncommunicative** Emily disappeared.

(of something required) not ready or made available when wanted or

needed.

**unforthcoming** With money **unforthcoming** from the company the project has had to

be delayed.



# Usage Examples of "Secretive" as an adjective

• A secretive smile.



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







## Associations of "Secretive" (30 Words)

Difficult to penetrate; incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding or

knowledge.

**abstruse**The professor s lectures were so **abstruse** that students tended to avoid

them.

Requiring secret or mysterious knowledge.

**Arcane** procedures for electing people.

Not straightforward or candid; giving a false appearance of frankness-

**artful** David Cannadine.

An **artful** photograph of a striking woman.

**clandestine** Conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods.

She deserved better than these **clandestine** meetings.

**concealed** Hidden on any grounds for any motive.

Concealed or hidden damage.

A feather covering the base of a main flight or tail feather of a bird.

**Covert** funding for the rebels.

crafty Marked by skill in deception.

They are looking for **crafty** people to join the group to make ornaments.

Ingenious.

cunning Plants have evolved cunning defences.

elusive Difficult to describe.

That **elusive** thing the soul.

**esoteric** Confined to and understandable by only an enlightened inner circle.

**Esoteric** philosophical debates.

**esoterica** Esoteric or highly specialized subjects or publications.

A professor of such **esoterica** as angelology and comparative shamanism.

**furtive** Suggestive of guilty nervousness.

He stole a **furtive** glance at her.

The person who plays the position of guard on a basketball team.

There would be men **quard**ing the horses.

**guile** The quality of being crafty.

He used all his **guile** and guts to free himself from the muddle he was in.

hidden Kept out of sight; concealed.

A **hidden** cave.

incognito Without revealing one's identity.

In order to observe you have to be **incognito**.



Working or spreading in a hidden and usually injurious way.

Sexual harassment is a serious and **insidious** problem.

**invisible** Invisible exports and imports.

An **invisible** hinge.

Make obscure or unclear.

obscure

An obscure flaw.

Difficult to penetrate; incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding or

**recondite** knowledge.

Some **recondite** problem in historiography.

**secret** Of information given in confidence or in secret.

A **secret** marriage.

Showing in an insinuating way that one has some secret knowledge that

sly may be harmful or embarrassing.

A **sly** sip of water.

sneak Someone who prowls or sneaks about usually with unlawful intentions.

Stead of **sneak**ing around spying on the neighbor's house.

Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being

**stealthy** observed.

**Stealthy** footsteps.

subtle (of a mixture or effect) delicately complex and understated.

A **subtle** difference.

**surreptitious** Kept secret, especially because it would not be approved of.

A **surreptitious** glance at his watch.

Not to be trusted.

Applying eyeliner can be a **tricky** business.

**undercover** Conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods.

An **undercover** police operation.

unopened Not opened.

**Unopened** mail.

wily Skilled at gaining an advantage, especially deceitfully.

A **wily** old attorney.



