

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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**The synonyms of “Secretive” are: close, closelipped, closemouthed, tightlipped, uncommunicative, secret, unforthcoming, reticent, taciturn, silent, quiet, reserved, introverted, self-contained, discreet**

## 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)

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

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

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

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

