

Need another word that means the same as “subterranean”? Find 7 synonyms and 30 related words for “subterranean” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Subterranean” are: subterraneous, ulterior, hellish, lower, nether, buried, sunken**

## **Subterranean as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Subterranean" as an adjective**

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

- *Lying beyond what is openly revealed or avowed (especially being kept in the background or deliberately concealed).*
- *Being or operating under the surface of the earth.*
- *Lying beyond what is openly revealed or avowed (especially being kept in the background or deliberately concealed)- Bertrand Russell.*
- *Secret; concealed.*
- *Existing, occurring, or done under the earth's surface.*



## Synonyms of "Subterranean" as an adjective (7 Words)

### buried

Placed or hidden underground.  
***Buried** treasure.*

### hellish

Of or like hell.  
*An unearthly **hellish** landscape.*

### lower

(of an animal or plant) showing relatively primitive or simple characteristics.  
*Land of a **lower** quality.*

### **nether**

Located below or beneath something else.  
***Nether** regions.*

### **subterraneous**

Lying beyond what is openly revealed or avowed (especially being kept in the background or deliberately concealed).  
***Subterraneous** catacombs.*

### **sunken**

Having a sunken area.  
*Hunger gave their faces a **sunken** look.*



**ulterior**

Beyond or outside an area of immediate interest; remote.  
*Could there be an **ulterior** motive behind his request.*



**Usage Examples of "Subterranean" as an adjective**

- *The subterranean world of the behind-the-scenes television power brokers.*
- *Subterranean passages.*
- *Subterranean motives for murder.*
- *The terrors and hazards of subterranean exploration.*



## Associations of "Subterranean" (30 Words)

- aquifer**      Underground bed or layer yielding ground water for wells and springs etc.
- below**      See below.  
*He jumped from the window into the moat **below**.*
- beneath**      In or to a place that is lower.  
*The smile revealed the evil **beneath**.*
- burrow**      A hole or tunnel dug by a small animal, especially a rabbit, as a dwelling.  
*Moles **burrowing** away underground.*
- cache**      Provide hardware with a cache memory.  
*There was a good supply of meat in the **caches**.*
- cave**      Hollow out as if making a cave or opening.  
*They say they **cave** for the adventure challenge and physical exercise.*
- cavern**      Hollow out as if making a cavern.  
*A dark **cavern** of a shop.*

<b>clandestine</b>	Kept secret or done secretly, especially because illicit. <i><b>Clandestine</b> intelligence operations.</i>
<b>concealed</b>	Not accessible to view. <i>A <b>concealed</b> compartment in his briefcase.</i>
<b>covert</b>	(of a wife) being under the protection of her husband. <i><b>Covert</b> funding for the rebels.</i>
<b>crypt</b>	An underground room or vault beneath a church, used as a chapel or burial place.
<b>darkness</b>	An unilluminated area. <i>He moved off into the <b>darkness</b>.</i>
<b>den</b>	A wild mammal's hidden home or lair. <i>The cubs <b>den</b>ned in the late autumn.</i>
<b>disguised</b>	Having its true character concealed with the intent of misleading. <i>Are all of your novels <b>disguised</b> autobiography.</i>
<b>dripstone</b>	Rock deposited by precipitation from dripping water, such as that which forms stalactites and stalagmites.
<b>excavate</b>	Find by digging in the ground. <i><b>Excavate</b> a cavity.</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>hidden</b>	Kept out of sight; concealed. <i>Her <b>hidden</b> feelings.</i>
<b>invisible</b>	Invisible exports and imports. <i>An <b>invisible</b> hinge.</i>
<b>lair</b>	The habitation of wild animals. <i>A group of adventurers stormed into his mountain <b>lair</b> and killed him.</i>
<b>latency</b>	The state of being not yet evident or active. <i>The <b>latency</b> of tumours in mice.</i>
<b>posterior</b>	Further back in position; of or nearer the rear or hind end. <i>The <b>posterior</b> part of the gut.</i>
<b>secrecy</b>	The action of keeping something secret or the state of being kept secret. <i>The bidding is conducted in <b>secrecy</b>.</i>
<b>stalactite</b>	A cylinder of calcium carbonate hanging from the roof of a limestone cave.
<b>stealthy</b>	Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed. <i><b>Stealthy</b> footsteps.</i>



- surreptitious** Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed.  
*Low wages were supplemented by **surreptitious** payments from tradesmen.*
- ulterior** Beyond or outside an area of immediate interest; remote- G.B.Shaw.  
*Without any purpose immediate or **ulterior**.*
- undercover** Involving secret work within a community or organization, especially for the purposes of police investigation or espionage.  
*He worked **undercover** in Northern Ireland.*
- underground** An underground railway especially the one in London.  
*Sections of electricity line had been **undergrounded**.*
- underneath** The part or side of something facing towards the ground; the underside.  
*A wart on the **underneath** of his foot.*

