

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.*

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

