

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.*

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| 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.*

