

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.

### **subterranean**

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

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

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



**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.*

