

Need another word that means the same as “ulterior”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “ulterior” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Ulterior” are: later, posterior, subterranean, subterraneous, secondary, underlying, undisclosed, unexpressed, unapparent, under wraps, unrevealed, concealed, hidden, covert, secret, personal, private, selfish**

## Ulterior as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Ulterior" as an adjective

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

- *Beyond what is immediate or present; coming in the future.*
- *Beyond or outside an area of immediate interest; remote- G.B.Shaw.*
- *Lying beyond what is openly revealed or avowed (especially being kept in the background or deliberately concealed).*
- *Lying beyond what is openly revealed or avowed (especially being kept in the background or deliberately concealed)- Bertrand Russell.*
- *Beyond or outside an area of immediate interest; remote.*
- *Coming at a subsequent time or stage.*
- *Existing beyond what is obvious or admitted; intentionally hidden.*

### Synonyms of "Ulterior" as an adjective (18 Words)

**concealed**      Hidden on any grounds for any motive.  
***Concealed*** or *hidden damage*.

<b>covert</b>	Secret or hidden; not openly practiced or engaged in or shown or avowed. <i>A woman <b>covert</b>.</i>
<b>hidden</b>	Difficult to find. <i><b>Hidden</b> dangers.</i>
<b>later</b>	Coming at a subsequent time or stage. <i>A <b>later</b> symptom of the disease.</i>
<b>personal</b>	Of or arising from personality. <i>He rejected the notion of a <b>personal</b> God.</i>
<b>posterior</b>	Coming after in time or order; later. <i>A basal body situated just <b>posterior</b> to the nucleus.</i>
<b>private</b>	Concerning things deeply private and personal. <i><b>Private</b> education.</i>
<b>secondary</b>	Being of second rank or importance or value; not direct or immediate. <i>The primary and <b>secondary</b> coils of the transformer.</i>
<b>secret</b>	Given in confidence or in secret. <i>A <b>secret</b> alcoholic.</i>
<b>selfish</b>	Concerned chiefly or only with yourself and your advantage to the exclusion of others- Maria Weston Chapman. <i>I joined them for <b>selfish</b> reasons.</i>
<b>subterranean</b>	Being or operating under the surface of the earth. <i><b>Subterranean</b> motives for murder.</i>
<b>subterraneous</b>	Existing, occurring, or done under the earth's surface. <i><b>Subterraneous</b> catacombs.</i>
<b>unapparent</b>	Not visible or in evidence. <i>The fact that technical barriers are relatively <b>unapparent</b> in other countries does not mean that they do not present a potential threat.</i>
<b>under wraps</b>	Located below or beneath something else.
<b>underlying</b>	Significant as a cause or basis of something but not necessarily manifest or obvious. <i>The flu can be particularly severe for the elderly and those with <b>underlying</b> conditions.</i>
<b>undisclosed</b>	Not revealed or made known publicly. <i>The precise terms of the agreement remained <b>undisclosed</b>.</i>
<b>unexpressed</b>	(of a gene) not appearing in a phenotype. <i>He thought it best to leave his doubts <b>unexpressed</b>.</i>
<b>unrevealed</b>	Not made known. <i>Some feelings can run so deep that they are better left <b>unrevealed</b>.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Ulterior" as an adjective

- *Looked too closely for an ulterior purpose in all knowledge.*
- *Could there be an ulterior motive behind his request?*
- *A suggestion ulterior to the present discussion.*
- *Without ulterior argument.*
- *Without...any purpose, immediate or ulterior.*

## Associations of "Ulterior" (30 Words)

<b>behind</b>	A kick that sends the ball over a behind line or a touch that sends it between the inner posts scoring one point. <i>Don't leave me <b>behind</b>.</i>
<b>below</b>	Below deck. <i>Our nutritionist is pictured <b>below</b> right.</i>
<b>beneath</b>	Extending or directly underneath something. <i>A house built on stilts to allow air to circulate <b>beneath</b>.</i>
<b>cache</b>	Store data in a cache memory. <i>Typical <b>cache</b> sizes range from 64K to 256K.</i>
<b>cave</b>	Hollow out as if making a cave or opening. <i>He <b>caved</b> because his position had become untenable.</i>
<b>cavern</b>	Hollow out as if making a cavern. <i>His eyes were dark <b>caverns</b>.</i>
<b>clandestine</b>	Kept secret or done secretly, especially because illicit. <i>She deserved better than these <b>clandestine</b> meetings.</i>
<b>concealed</b>	Hidden on any grounds for any motive. <i>A <b>concealed</b> weapon.</i>
<b>covert</b>	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>	Absence of moral or spiritual values. <i>Moments of <b>darkness</b> were rare.</i>
<b>den</b>	Of a wild animal live in a den. <i>An opium <b>den</b>.</i>

<b>disguised</b>	Concealed or obscured; made unrecognizable. <i>The <b>disguised</b> form of aggression available to the powerless against the powerful.</i>
<u><a href="#">furtive</a></u>	Attempting to avoid notice or attention, typically because of guilt or a belief that discovery would lead to trouble; secretive. <i>They spent a <b>furtive</b> day together.</i>
<u><a href="#">hidden</a></u>	Difficult to find. <i><b>Hidden</b> valleys.</i>
<b>hide</b>	Use (someone or something) to protect oneself from criticism or punishment, especially in a way considered cowardly. <i>Herbert could hardly <b>hide</b> his dislike.</i>
<u><a href="#">invisible</a></u>	Invisible exports and imports. <i><b>Invisible</b> mending.</i>
<b>lair</b>	A place where a wild animal, especially a fierce or dangerous one, lives. <i>He saw that his dogs had roused a wild boar from its <b>lair</b>.</i>
<b>latency</b>	The time that elapses between a stimulus and the response to it. <i>Poor performance due to network <b>latency</b>.</i>
<b>posterior</b>	Relating to or denoting presentation of a fetus in which the rear or caudal end is nearest the cervix and emerges first at birth. <i>The mood <b>posterior</b> to.</i>
<u><a href="#">secrecy</a></u>	The trait of keeping things secret. <i>The bidding is conducted in <b>secrecy</b>.</i>
<u><a href="#">secretive</a></u>	Inclined to secrecy or reticence about divulging information. <i>A <b>secretive</b> smile.</i>
<u><a href="#">sly</a></u>	Marked by skill in deception. <i><b>Sly</b> as a fox.</i>
<u><a href="#">stealthy</a></u>	Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed. <i><b>Stealthy</b> footsteps.</i>
<u><a href="#">subterranean</a></u>	Existing, occurring, or done under the earth's surface. <i>The terrors and hazards of <b>subterranean</b> exploration.</i>
<b>surreptitious</b>	Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed. <i>Low wages were supplemented by <b>surreptitious</b> payments from tradesmen.</i>
<u><a href="#">under</a></u>	Under water. <i>An <b>under</b> secretary.</i>

- undercover** Conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods.  
*An **undercover** investigation.*
- underground** A member of an underground political group or movement.  
***Underground** caverns.*
- underneath** On the lower or downward side; on the underside of.  
*She seemed to have no emotions but in fact she was very sensitive **underneath**.*