

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

behind	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 behind.</i>
<u>below</u>	Below deck. <i>Our nutritionist is pictured below right.</i>
<u>beneath</u>	Extending or directly underneath something. <i>A house built on stilts to allow air to circulate beneath.</i>
<u>cache</u>	Store data in a cache memory. <i>Typical cache sizes range from 64K to 256K.</i>
<u>cave</u>	Hollow out as if making a cave or opening. <i>He caved because his position had become untenable.</i>
<u>cavern</u>	Hollow out as if making a cavern. <i>His eyes were dark caverns.</i>
clandestine	Kept secret or done secretly, especially because illicit. <i>She deserved better than these clandestine meetings.</i>
concealed	Hidden on any grounds for any motive. <i>A concealed weapon.</i>
<u>covert</u>	Being under the protection of her husband. <i>Covert funding for the rebels.</i>
<u>crypt</u>	An underground room or vault beneath a church, used as a chapel or burial place.
darkness	Absence of moral or spiritual values. <i>Moments of darkness were rare.</i>
den	Of a wild animal live in a den. <i>An opium den.</i>

disguised	Concealed or obscured; made unrecognizable. <i>The disguised form of aggression available to the powerless against the powerful.</i>
<u>furtive</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 furtive day together.</i>
<u>hidden</u>	Difficult to find. <i>Hidden valleys.</i>
hide	Use (someone or something) to protect oneself from criticism or punishment, especially in a way considered cowardly. <i>Herbert could hardly hide his dislike.</i>
<u>invisible</u>	Invisible exports and imports. <i>Invisible mending.</i>
lair	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 lair.</i>
latency	The time that elapses between a stimulus and the response to it. <i>Poor performance due to network latency.</i>
posterior	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 posterior to.</i>
<u>secrecy</u>	The trait of keeping things secret. <i>The bidding is conducted in secrecy.</i>
<u>secretive</u>	Inclined to secrecy or reticence about divulging information. <i>A secretive smile.</i>
<u>sly</u>	Marked by skill in deception. <i>Sly as a fox.</i>
<u>stealthy</u>	Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed. <i>Stealthy footsteps.</i>
<u>subterranean</u>	Existing, occurring, or done under the earth's surface. <i>The terrors and hazards of subterranean exploration.</i>
surreptitious	Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed. <i>Low wages were supplemented by surreptitious payments from tradesmen.</i>
<u>under</u>	Under water. <i>An under 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**.*