

Need another word that means the same as “undercover”? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for “undercover” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Undercover” are: clandestine, hugger-mugger, hush-hush, secret, surreptitious, underground, covert, private, confidential, conspiratorial, furtive, backstair, stealthy, closet**

## Undercover as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Undercover" as an adjective

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

- *Conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods.*
- *Involving secret work within a community or organization, especially for the purposes of police investigation or espionage.*



## Synonyms of "Undercover" as an adjective (14 Words)

<b>backstair</b>	Secret and sly or sordid. <i><b>Backstairs</b> intimacies.</i>
<b>clandestine</b>	Conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods. <i><b>Clandestine</b> intelligence operations.</i>
<u><b>closet</b></u>	Secret; covert. A <i><b>closet</b></i> smoker.
<u><b>confidential</b></u>	The level of official classification for documents next above restricted and below secret; available only to persons authorized to see documents so classified. <i><b>Confidential</b> information.</i>
<b>conspiratorial</b>	Relating to or characteristic of conspiracy or conspirators. <i>He gave me a sly <b>conspiratorial</b> wink.</i>
<u><b>covert</b></u>	(of a wife) being under the protection of her husband. <i><b>Covert</b> actions by the CIA.</i>

<u><b>furtive</b></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>
<b>hugger-mugger</b>	In utter disorder.
<b>hush-hush</b>	Conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods.
<u><b>private</b></u>	Concerning things deeply private and personal. <i><b>Private</b> discussions.</i>
<b>secret</b>	Given in confidence or in secret. <i><b>Secret</b> ingredients.</i>
<u><b>stealthy</b></u>	Behaving or done in a cautious and surreptitious manner, so as not to be seen or heard. <i><b>Stealthy</b> footsteps.</i>
<b>surreptitious</b>	Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed. <i><b>Surreptitious</b> mobilization of troops.</i>
<u><b>underground</b></u>	Under the level of the ground. <i>An <b>underground</b> car park.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Undercover" as an adjective

- *He worked undercover in Northern Ireland.*
- *An undercover investigation.*
- *An undercover police operation.*



## Associations of "Undercover" (30 Words)

<b>clandestine</b>	Kept secret or done secretly, especially because illicit. <i><b>Clandestine</b> intelligence operations.</i>
<b>concealed</b>	Kept secret; hidden. <i>A <b>concealed</b> weapon.</i>
<b>concealment</b>	The action of hiding something or preventing it from being known. <i>The deliberate <b>concealment</b> of material facts.</i>
<b><u>covert</u></b>	A flock of coots. <i>The brush provided a <b>covert</b> for game.</i>

<u>crypt</u>	An underground room or vault beneath a church, used as a chapel or burial place.
<b>defector</b>	A person who abandons their duty (as on a military post). <i>Staff interviewed escapees and <b>defectors</b> to the West.</i>
<b>den</b>	Of a wild animal live in a den. <i>A <b>den</b> of iniquity.</i>
<b>disguised</b>	Having its true character concealed with the intent of misleading. <i>A <b>disguised</b> reporter.</i>
<b>esoterica</b>	Esoteric or highly specialized subjects or publications. <i>A professor of such <b>esoterica</b> as angelology and comparative shamanism.</i>
<u>espionage</u>	The systematic use of spies to get military or political secrets. <i>The camouflage and secrecy of <b>espionage</b>.</i>
<u>furtive</u>	Suggestive of guilty nervousness. <i>A <b>furtive</b> manner.</i>
<u>hidden</u>	Not accessible to view. <i>Her <b>hidden</b> feelings.</i>
<u>infiltrate</u>	Enter or gain access to (an organization, place, etc.) surreptitiously and gradually, especially in order to acquire secret information. <i>A chest radiograph revealed a patchy <b>infiltrate</b> in the left lower lobes.</i>
<b>infiltration</b>	Permeation of a liquid into something by filtration. <i>Cross border <b>infiltrations</b>.</i>
<b>investigate</b>	Investigate scientifically. <i>When you didn't turn up I thought I'd better come back to <b>investigate</b>.</i>
<b>lair</b>	A burial plot in a graveyard. <i>Their ashes now lie buried in a <b>lair</b> in the Glasgow necropolis.</i>
<b>operative</b>	Performing or capable of performing. <i>I was madly the <b>operative</b> word in love.</i>
<u>secrecy</u>	The action of keeping something secret or the state of being kept secret. <i>The bidding is conducted in <b>secrecy</b>.</i>
<b>secret</b>	Given in confidence or in secret. <i>A <b>secret</b> marriage.</i>
<u>secretive</u>	Inclined to secrecy or reticence about divulging information. <i><b>Secretive</b> deals.</i>
<b>sensitization</b>	The state of being sensitive (as to an antigen). <i>Too much silver nitrate would cause improper <b>sensitization</b> of the plates placed in it.</i>

<b><u>sly</u></b>	(of an action) surreptitious. <i>He gave a <b>sly</b> grin.</i>
<b><u>sneak</u></b>	Someone who prowls or sneaks about usually with unlawful intentions. <i>A <b>sneak</b> attack.</i>
<b><u>spy</u></b>	A secret agent hired by a state to obtain information about its enemies or by a business to obtain industrial secrets from competitors. <i>He could <b>spy</b> a figure in the distance.</i>
<b><u>stealthy</u></b>	Behaving or done in a cautious and surreptitious manner, so as not to be seen or heard. <i><b>Stealthy</b> footsteps.</i>
<b><u>subterranean</u></b>	Lying beyond what is openly revealed or avowed (especially being kept in the background or deliberately concealed). <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>A <b>surreptitious</b> glance at his watch.</i>
<b><u>ulterior</u></b>	Beyond or outside an area of immediate interest; remote- G.B.Shaw. <i>Without any purpose immediate or <b>ulterior</b>.</i>
<b><u>underground</u></b>	A member of an underground political group or movement. <i>In Paris the subway system is called the metro and in London it is called the tube or the <b>underground</b>.</i>
<b>underhanded</b>	Marked by deception. <i><b>Underhanded</b> practices.</i>