

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, huggler-muggler, 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)

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

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

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

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

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