

Need another word that means the same as "undertone"? Find 9 synonyms and 30 related words for "undertone" in this overview.

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The synonyms of "Undertone" are: undercurrent, tinge, low voice, murmur, whisper, mutter, hint, overtone, suggestion

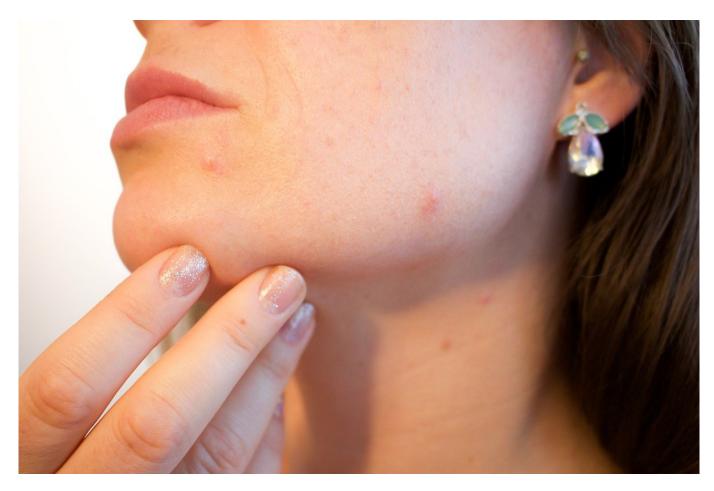
## **Undertone** as a Noun

## Definitions of "Undertone" as a noun

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, "undertone" as a noun can have the following definitions:

- A quiet or hushed tone of voice.
- An underlying quality or feeling.
- A subdued emotional quality underlying an utterance; implicit meaning.
- A subdued or muted tone of sound or colour.
- A pale or subdued color.





## Synonyms of "Undertone" as a noun (9 Words)

**hint** A slight or indirect indication or suggestion. *Handy hints on saving energy in your home.* 

**low voice** A low level or position or degree.

**murmur** A schwa that is incidental to the pronunciation of a consonant.

She had been born with a heart murmur.

A barely audible utterance, especially one expressing dissatisfaction or

**mutter** irritation.

A little **mutter** of disgust.

overtone (usually plural) an ulterior implicit meaning or quality.

**Overtone**s of despair.

**suggestion** An idea or belief accepted by a person as a result of suggestion.

The picnic was her **suggestion**.

tinge A trace of a colour.

There was a faint pink **tinge** to the sky.



An underlying feeling or influence, especially one that is contrary to the

**undercurrent** prevailing atmosphere and is not expressed openly.

Racial undercurrents.

A soft or confidential tone of voice a whispered word or phrase.

<u>whisper</u> He didn t show even a **whisper** of interest.

### Usage Examples of "Undertone" as a noun

• The sexual undertones of most advertising.

• Spoke in undertones.

• They were talking in undertones.

# Associations of "Undertone" (30 Words)

**circumlocution** An indirect way of expressing something. *His admission came after years of circumlocution*.

A thing or person having qualities noticeably different from another.

The castle is quite a **contrast** to other places where the singer has contrast

performed.

Not straight; dishonest or immoral or evasive.

crooked Crooked teeth.

Contemptuous; mocking. **cynical** 

Her **cynical** attitude.

Far down or in deeply. deep **Deep** in the woods.

deprecation The act of expressing disapproval (especially of yourself.

A mild or indirect word or expression substituted for one considered to be

too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or

euphemism embarrassing.

The jargon has given us downsizing as a **euphemism** for cuts.

Bad-tempered and irritable.

grumpy He s **grumpy** because he hasn t heard from you.

An indirect (and usually malicious) implication.

innuendo She s always making sly **innuendo**es.

Using or characterized by irony.

It was **ironic** that now everybody had plenty of money for food they ironic

couldn t obtain it because everything was rationed.



ironical Humorously sarcastic or mocking.

An **ironical** smile.

jargon Specialized technical terminology characteristic of a particular subject.

Legal **jargon**.

leery Openly distrustful and unwilling to confide.

A city leery of gang violence.

A person who dislikes humankind and avoids human society.

**misanthrope** Scrooge wasn t the mean spirited **misanthrope** most of us believe him to

be.

Believing the worst of human nature and motives; having a sneering

**misanthropic** disbelief in e.g. selflessness of others.

A misanthropic drunken loner.

misanthropy

Hatred of mankind.

The streak of **misanthropy** in his nature.

Seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true.

**paradoxical** By glorifying the acts of violence they achieve the **paradoxical** effect of

making them trivial.

paradoxically

In a seemingly absurd or self-contradictory way.

The strength of capitalism is **paradoxically** also its weakness.

**sarcastic** Expressing or expressive of ridicule that wounds.

I think they re being **sarcastic**.

**sardonic** Disdainfully or ironically humorous; scornful and mocking.

Starkey attempted a **sardonic** smile.

**satiric** Exposing human folly to ridicule.

A persistent campaign of mockery by the **satiric**al fortnightly magazine.

Exposing human folly to ridicule.

satirical

A New York based satirical magazine.

**skeptic** Someone who habitually doubts accepted beliefs.

The dishelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge.

**skepticism** The disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge.

The action of smiling or speaking in a contemptuous or mocking manner. *It will take a concerted effort from many to lay off the* **sneering** *and try* 

understanding.

sneering

subtle (of a mixture or effect) delicately complex and understated.

The German plan was simple yet **subtle**.

surprisingly

In an amazing manner; to everyone's surprise.

The finale ends **surprisingly**.



**twist** Do the twist.

The car negotiated the **twist**s and turns of the mountain road.

**undercurrent** A subdued emotional quality underlying an utterance; implicit meaning.

Racial undercurrents.

wry Humorously sarcastic or mocking.

Wry comments.