

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. <i>Handy hints on saving energy in your home.</i>
low voice	A low level or position or degree.
<u>murmur</u>	A schwa that is incidental to the pronunciation of a consonant. <i>She had been born with a heart murmur.</i>
<u>mutter</u>	A barely audible utterance, especially one expressing dissatisfaction or irritation. <i>A little mutter of disgust.</i>
overtone	(usually plural) an ulterior implicit meaning or quality. <i>Overtones of despair.</i>
suggestion	An idea or belief accepted by a person as a result of suggestion. <i>The picnic was her suggestion.</i>
tinge	A trace of a colour. <i>There was a faint pink tinge to the sky.</i>

undercurrent An underlying feeling or influence, especially one that is contrary to the prevailing atmosphere and is not expressed openly.
*Racial **undercurrents**.*

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

contrast A thing or person having qualities noticeably different from another.
*The castle is quite a **contrast** to other places where the singer has performed.*

crooked Not straight; dishonest or immoral or evasive.
***Crooked** teeth.*

cynical Contemptuous; mocking.
*Her **cynical** attitude.*

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

deprecation The act of expressing disapproval (especially of yourself).

euphemism A mild or indirect word or expression substituted for one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing.
*The jargon has given us downsizing as a **euphemism** for cuts.*

grumpy Bad-tempered and irritable.
*He's **grumpy** because he hasn't heard from you.*

innuendo An indirect (and usually malicious) implication.
*She's always making sly **innuendoes**.*

ironic Using or characterized by irony.
*It was **ironic** that now everybody had plenty of money for food they couldn't obtain it because everything was rationed.*

ironical	Humorously sarcastic or mocking. <i>An ironical smile.</i>
jargon	Specialized technical terminology characteristic of a particular subject. <i>Legal jargon.</i>
leery	Openly distrustful and unwilling to confide. <i>A city leery of gang violence.</i>
misanthrope	A person who dislikes humankind and avoids human society. <i>Scrooge wasn't the mean spirited misanthrope most of us believe him to be.</i>
misanthropic	Believing the worst of human nature and motives; having a sneering disbelief in e.g. selflessness of others. <i>A misanthropic drunken loner.</i>
misanthropy	Hatred of mankind. <i>The streak of misanthropy in his nature.</i>
paradoxical	Seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true. <i>By glorifying the acts of violence they achieve the paradoxical effect of making them trivial.</i>
paradoxically	In a seemingly absurd or self-contradictory way. <i>The strength of capitalism is paradoxically also its weakness.</i>
sarcastic	Expressing or expressive of ridicule that wounds. <i>I think they're being sarcastic.</i>
sardonic	Disdainfully or ironically humorous; scornful and mocking. <i>Starkey attempted a sardonic smile.</i>
satiric	Exposing human folly to ridicule. <i>A persistent campaign of mockery by the satirical fortnightly magazine.</i>
satirical	Exposing human folly to ridicule. <i>A New York based satirical magazine.</i>
skeptic	Someone who habitually doubts accepted beliefs.
skepticism	The disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge.
sneering	The action of smiling or speaking in a contemptuous or mocking manner. <i>It will take a concerted effort from many to lay off the sneering and try understanding.</i>
subtle	(of a mixture or effect) delicately complex and understated. <i>The German plan was simple yet subtle.</i>
surprisingly	In an amazing manner; to everyone's surprise. <i>The finale ends surprisingly.</i>

twist

Do the twist.

*The car negotiated the **twists** 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.*