

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)

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

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

<b>twist</b>	Do the twist. <i>The car negotiated the <b>twists</b> and turns of the mountain road.</i>
<b>undercurrent</b>	A subdued emotional quality underlying an utterance; implicit meaning. <i>Racial <b>undercurrents</b>.</i>
<b>wry</b>	Humorously sarcastic or mocking. <i><b>Wry</b> comments.</i>