

**undertone**['ʌndətəʊn] *n*

1. полутон  
they talked in undertones - они разговаривали вполголоса
2. оттенок
3. подтекст, скрытый смысл  
malicious undertones - злобные намёки
4. *ком.* основное настроение (*рынка*)
5. *физ.* унтертон

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**under-tone** ['ʌndətəʊn] *BrE* ['ʌndətəʊn] *AmE* ['ʌndərtəʊn]**noun** ~ (of sth)

a feeling, quality or meaning that is not expressed directly but is still noticeable from what sb says or does

**Syn:** ↑undercurrent

- His soft words contained an undertone of warning.
- The play does not have the political undertones of the novel

**compare** ↑overtone| **idioms** ↑in an undertone ▪ ↑in undertones**Example Bank:**

- His voice carried bitter undertones.
- The article was full of racist undertones.
- The couple at the next table were speaking in undertones.
- There are hints of political undertones throughout the movie.

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**un-der-tone** /'ʌndətəʊn \$ -dərtəʊn/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

1. a feeling or quality that is not directly expressed but can still be recognized ⇔ **overtone**

**undertone of**

- There was an undertone of sadness in her letter.
- Opponents claim the policy has racist undertones.

2. *literary* if you speak in an undertone, you speak quietly

**in an undertone**

- 'Don't be too upset if he doesn't come,' said Drew in an undertone.

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