

mysterious[mɪˈstɪəriəs] *a*

таинственный непостижимый

mysterious crime - таинственное преступление

in a mysterious way - непостижимым образом

she gave me a mysterious look - она бросила на меня взгляд полный таинственности

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

mys·teri·ous *BrE* [mɪˈstɪəriəs] ^m *NAmE* [mɪˈstɪəriəs] ^m *adjective***1.** difficult to understand or explain; strange

- He died in mysterious circumstances.
- A mysterious illness is affecting all the animals.

2. (*especially of people*) strange and interesting because you do not know much about them**Syn:** ↑*enigmatic*

- A mysterious young woman is living next door.
- 3.** (*of people*) not saying much about sth, especially when other people want to know more
- He was being very mysterious about where he was going.

Derived Words ↑*mysteriously* ▪ ↑*mysteriousness*Word Origin:late 16th cent.: from French *mystérieux*, from *mystère* 'mystery'.Thesaurus:**mysterious** [**mysterious mysteriously mysteriousness**] *adj.*

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strange • • **odd** • • **uncanny** • • **curious** • • **bizarre** • |*BrE formal* **peculiar** • |*especially spoken* **funny** • • **weird** •a mysterious/strange/odd/uncanny/curious/bizarre/peculiar/funny/weird **way**mysterious/strange/odd/curious/bizarre/peculiar **behaviour**a mysterious/strange/odd/peculiar **person/man/woman**Example Bank:

- Her last years remain somewhat mysterious
- She found the people mysterious and fascinating.
- The gardens looked dark and mysterious in the twilight.
- The whole thing was very mysterious.
- This business is getting more and more mysterious.

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mys·te·ri·ous /mɪˈstɪəriəs \$ -'stɪr-/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *adjective***1.** mysterious events or situations are difficult to explain or understand:

- The police are investigating the mysterious deaths of children at the hospital.
- Benson later disappeared in mysterious circumstances.
- There's something mysterious going on.

2. a mysterious person is someone who you know very little about and who seems strange or interesting **SYN enigmatic** :

- I decided to find out more about my mysterious new neighbour.
- a mysterious stranger

3. someone who behaves in a mysterious way says very little about what they are doing **SYN secretive****mysterious about**

- Helen's being very mysterious about her plans.
- She hid her thoughts behind a mysterious smile.

—mysteriously *adverb*:

- Jackson had mysteriously disappeared.

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THESAURUS

- **mysterious** difficult to explain or understand, and often strange or slightly frightening: the mysterious disappearance of ships in the waters of the Bermuda Triangle | What's that mysterious noise?
- **puzzling** difficult to explain or understand: At first this must seem a puzzling question. | I found her attitude deeply puzzling.
- **baffling** impossible to understand, so that you feel very confused: It was a baffling case. | Like many people, I find theoretical physics baffling.
- **inexplicable** *formal* impossible to explain: For some inexplicable reason her mind went completely blank. | Some things in life are inexplicable.
- **enigmatic** *formal* mysterious and difficult to understand, but also often attractive or interesting – used especially about people, their expressions, or things they say: She gave him an enigmatic smile. | an enigmatic remark
- **cryptic** *formal* having a meaning that is difficult to understand, and is not expressed in a clear direct way – used especially about things that people say or write: I got a rather cryptic message from him. | cryptic comments
- **be a mystery** if something is a mystery, you cannot understand how or why it happens: Four years later, his death remains a complete mystery. | It's all a mystery to me.

- **be shrouded/veiled in mystery** if an event or a situation, especially one that happened a long time ago, is shrouded in mystery, it is mysterious because no one knows exactly what happened: Stone age civilization, veiled in mystery as it is, has provided the greatest challenge to historians.

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