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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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(adjective) su-rep-TISH-us

Done in a way to avoid being noticed, underhand, not straightforward.

Beatrice was married now, with a family of her own, and because times were hard her sister helped her with **surreptitious** gifts of money; and with clothes, toys, and treats for the children.

Winifred Beechey, *The Reluctant Samaritan*.

A **surreptitious** study of the timetables revealed that there was a bus at 2 p.m. which got to Darrowby at five o'clock, and another leaving Darrowby at six which arrived in Scarborough at nine.

Hames Herriot, *Vets Might Fly*.

At that time, seven years after the fall of the Berlin wall, shocking revelations about the regime were still emerging in the media: the **surreptitious**, deadly irradiation of dissidents; the imprisonment of children as punishment to their parents; the lunatic plans to invade West Berlin.

Anna Funder, *The Guardian*, 5 May 2007. *Guardian*

“The whole edifice of medical training is based on subterfuge,” he wrote in the online magazine *Slate* while a second-year surgical resident 10 years ago, going on to deconstruct the **surreptitious** manipulations that conspire to camouflage medicine’s inexperienced trainees.

Abigail Zuger, *The New York Times*, 15 May 2007, *New York Times* discussing Atul Gawande's *Better: A Surgeon's Notes on Performance*