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*adj.*

Kept or done in secret, often to conceal an illicit or improper purpose. See Synonyms at [secret](#).

[Latin *clandestĭnus* : \**clamde*, \**clande*, secretly (from *clam*, secretly; see *kel*-<sup>1</sup> in the Appendix of Indo-European roots + *de*, deictic enclitic particle as in Old Latin *quamde*, variant of Latin *quam*, how, as) + *stĭnus* in *intestĭnus*, internal, inward; see [INTESTINE](#).]

**clan·des tine·ly** *adv.*

**clan·des tine·ness**, **clan·des·tin i·ty** *n.*

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