



Insidious

**Definition of insidious (*adjective*)
in English:**

Proceeding in a gradual way but with very harmful effects.

Etymology:

The study of the origin (beginning) of words

Insidious (in-sid-ee-us) has origins in:

mid 16th century: from Latin *insidiosus* 'cunning',
from *insidiae* 'an ambush or trick', from *insidere* 'lie in
wait for'



Stealthy

Artful

Subtle

Surreptitious



These words are
synonyms for
insidious...

1. His manner was disturbingly **insidious**.
2. The **insidious** onset of the disease took many years to claim its victims.
3. The **insidious** group of villains grouped around their leader, chanting softly. They were like a cult worshipping their God.



In
sentences...



Use the word **insidious** as many times as possible throughout the week and you could receive house points every time!

This can be verbally, in your written work or even when you hear an adult around the school using it.

