

## Word of the Day – **Clandestine**

### Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **clandestine**. **Clandestine** means something that is done in a secretive manner or a subversive or a deceiving manner. It is also associated with being private and surreptitious. If you break the word **clandestine** down you can get it in two ways. The first word is "clam" and the second is "intestine". So "clam" means is like a shell that is closed very tightly and it's almost secretive so you can't see inside. And the second part of the word of **clandestine**, you can think of as "intestine" which is an internal organ. So in this case it's something sealed and internal. So it's something that you can't see because it's closed so tightly. And usually in the US when we use the word **clandestine** we associate it with the CIA or the Central Intelligence Agency. And we also associate it with **clandestine** operations or activities. So I can use it in this case,

**"The CIA or the Central Intelligence Agency carries out clandestine operations which are supposed to be executed in a way to go unnoticed." Or I can use it in this phrase.**

**"Politicians took a clandestine trip to North Korea in hopes of forging better relations and if they failed no one would know they had spent the taxpayers' money on it."**

So I hope you can use the word **clandestine** to describe activities. Maybe something you've learned in history or politics. Thank you for listening to word of the day. You can find the script at [Practicus.co.kr](http://Practicus.co.kr). Thank you and have a good day.