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occult verb

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oc·cult 1 \ə-ˈkəlt\

occulted; occulting; occults

Definition of occult (Entry 1 of 3)

transitive verb

: to shut off from view or exposure : COVER, ECLIPSE

// the light of a star that was about to be occulted ... by Uranus itself

— Jonathan Eberhart

occult adjective

oc·cult 1 \ə-ˈkəlt\

Definition of occult (Entry 2 of 3)

1 : not revealed : SECRET

// deep subterranean occult jealousy

— J. C. Powys

2 : not easily apprehended or understood : ABSTRUSE, MYSTERIOUS

// occult matters like nuclear physics, radiation effects and the designing of rockets

— Robert Bendiner

3 : hidden from view : CONCEALED

// occult underground passages

4 : of or relating to the occult

// ... the occult arts—astrology, palmistry, card reading ...

— Amy Fine Collins

// occult practices

5 : not manifest or detectable by clinical methods alone

// occult carcinoma

also : not present in macroscopic amounts

// occult blood in a stool

occult noun

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Definition of occult (Entry 3 of 3)

: matters regarded as involving the action or influence of supernatural or supernormal powers or some secret knowledge of them —used with the

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Synonyms & Antonyms for occult

Synonyms: Verb

belie, blanket, blot out, cloak, conceal, cover, curtain, disguise, enshroud, hide, mask, obscure, paper over, screen, shroud, suppress, veil

Synonyms: Adjective

arcane, cryptic, deep, enigmatic (also enigmatical), impenetrable, inscrutable, mysterious, mystic, uncanny

Antonyms: Verb

bare, disclose, display, divulge, expose, reveal, show, uncloak, uncover, unmask, unveil

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Examples of occult in a Sentence

// occulted their house from prying eyes by planting large trees around it
// the actor's private life had long been occulted by a contrived public persona

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// During a full transit, which would last a few minutes, an Earth-size planet would occult the entire white dwarf.
— Avi Loeb, Scientific American, "Living near a White Dwarf," 30 Oct. 2020

// In July, 2017, the object occulted a star, and telescopes observed its tiny shadow passing across the star.
— Eric Berger, Ars Technica, "The soon-to-be-famous object at the Solar System's edge needs a name," 7 Nov. 2017

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First Known Use of occult

Verb
15th century, in the meaning defined above

Adjective
circa 1513, in the meaning defined at sense 1

Noun
1888, in the meaning defined above

History and Etymology for occult

Verb
in part back-formation from OCCULTATION, in part continuing Middle English occulten "to keep secret, conceal," borrowed from Latin occultāre "to prevent from being seen, conceal, keep secret," frequentative derivative of occultare "to hide from view, conceal" — more at OCCULT entry 2

Adjective
borrowed from Middle French & Latin; Middle French, borrowed from Latin occultus "hidden from sight, secret, esoteric," from past participle of occultare "to hide from view, conceal," from oc-, assimilated variant of ob-: ob- + -culere, from a verb base \*cel- "hide," going back to Indo-European \*kel- "cover, conceal" — more at CONCEAL

Noun
noun derivative of OCCULT entry 2

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The first known use of occult was in the 15th century

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— compare GROSS sense 1b

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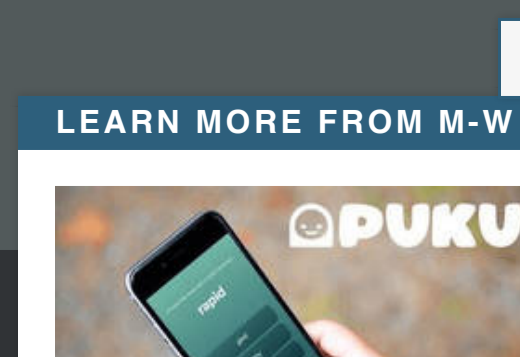
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