insidious

definition

• intending to entrap or beguile
• stealthily treacherous or deceitful
• acting in an inconspicuous or seemingly harmless way but actually with grave effect
insidious

pronunciation:
in-sid-ee-uhhs
insidious

synonyms
• surreptitious
• disingenuous
• duplicitous
• treacherous
• intriguing
• perfidious
• dangerous
insidious

related forms:
• adverb
  insidiously
• noun
  insidiousness
insidious

Sodium’s **insidious** presence in unexpected products can make it difficult to maintain a low sodium diet.
The **insidious** destruction caused by termites can sometimes be visible only after the damage is so severe that the structure collapses.
Moral corruption can begin with a single, unethical action that insidiously takes root and grows.
The chef insidiously devised a plan that would wreak havoc on the party without drawing suspicion to his actions.
Stealth bombers insidiously slip behind enemy lines without alerting anyone until it’s too late to defend against them.
The insidiousness of a situation can be shocking.
The insidiousness of a bad habit can creep up on you.