A secondary (2°) alkyl radical is an alkyl radical in which the carbon atom bearing the unpaired electron is bonded to two carbon atoms.

eg:

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\begin{align*}
\text{CH}_3 \\
\text{H} & \quad \text{C}^\bullet \\
\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3
\end{align*}
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See also primary alkyl radical and tertiary alkyl radical.

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