

Need another word that means the same as "ambiguity"? Find 3 synonyms and 30 related words for "ambiguity" in this overview.

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The synonyms of "Ambiguity" are: equivocalness, ambivalence, equivocation

Ambiguity as a Noun

Definitions of "Ambiguity" as a noun

According to the <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "ambiguity" as a noun can have the following definitions:

- An expression whose meaning cannot be determined from its context.
- Unclearness by virtue of having more than one meaning.
- The quality of being open to more than one interpretation; inexactness.





Synonyms of "Ambiguity" as a noun (3 Words)

Mixed feelings or emotions. <u>ambivalence</u>

The law s **ambivalence** about the importance of a victim s identity.

equivocalness Unclearness by virtue of having more than one meaning.

Falsification by means of vague or ambiguous language. equivocation

I say this without **equivocation**.





Usage Examples of "Ambiguity" as a noun

- $\bullet \ \textit{We can detect no ambiguity in this section of the Act.}\\$
- Ambiguities in such questions are potentially very dangerous.





Associations of "Ambiguity" (30 Words)

Having no intrinsic or objective meaning; not organized in conventional

ambiguous patterns.

Ambiguous inkblots.

ambiguously So as to be open to doubt or uncertainty.

This letter is worded **ambiguously**.

uncertain or unable to decide about what course to follow.

An ambivalent attitude to Europe.

blurred Indistinct or hazy in outline.

The **blurred** aims of the group.

circumlocution An indirect way of expressing something.

He used a number of poetic **circumlocution**s.



Using many words where fewer would do, especially in a deliberate

attempt to be vague or evasive; long-winded.

circumlocutory

Had a preference for circumlocutious or circumlocutory rather than

forthright expression.

contradiction (logic) a statement that is necessarily false.

The second sentence appears to be in flat **contradiction** of the first.

doubtful Improbable.

Of **doubtful** legality.

Open to two or more interpretations; or of uncertain nature or

equivocal significance; or (often) intended to mislead.

Popularity is an **equivocal** crown.

Use ambiguous language so as to conceal the truth or avoid committing

<u>equivocate</u> oneself.

The government have **equivocate**d too often in the past.

An inoffensive or indirect expression that is substituted for one that is

euphemism considered offensive or too harsh.

The jargon has given us downsizing as a **euphemism** for cuts.

Directed towards avoidance or escape.

evasive An evasive statement.

illegibility The quality of writing (print or handwriting) that cannot be deciphered.

Not precise.

imprecise

The witness could give only vague and imprecise descriptions.

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imprecision The quality of lacking precision.

All scientific measurements come with some degree of **imprecision**.

The quality of being inconsistent and lacking a harmonious uniformity

among things or parts.

inconsistency
The inconsistency between his expressed attitudes and his actual

behaviour.

indefinite Vague or not clearly defined or stated.

An **indefinite** number of generations.

(of a shoot) not having all the axes terminating in a flower bud and so

indeterminate potentially of indefinite length.

0 0 is an **indeterminate** form.

indistinct Not clearly defined or easy to perceive or understand.

His speech was slurred and **indistinct**.

Not exact.

inexact An inexact description.



An allusive or oblique remark or hint, typically a suggestive or

<u>innuendo</u> disparaging one.

A constant torrent of **innuendo** gossip lies and half truths.

nebulous Of or relating to or resembling a nebula.

Nebulous concepts like quality of life.

Refusing to bind oneself to a particular course of action or view or the

noncommittal like.

Her boyfriend was **noncommittal** about their future together.

uncertain Not certain to occur; not inevitable.

The issue is **uncertain**.

Being unsettled or in doubt or dependent on chance.

Times of uncertainty and danger.

unclear Not easily deciphered.

The reason for their actions is **unclear** to this day.

undecided (of a person) not having made a decision.

Undecided voters.

Not differentiated.

undifferentiated By six weeks the sexual glands are as yet **undifferentiated** between

male and female.

Lacking clarity or distinctness.

Wague

He had been very **vague** about his activities.

In a vague way.

vaguely

He looked vaguely familiar.



