

Need another word that means the same as “borderline”? Find 25 synonyms for “borderline” in this overview.

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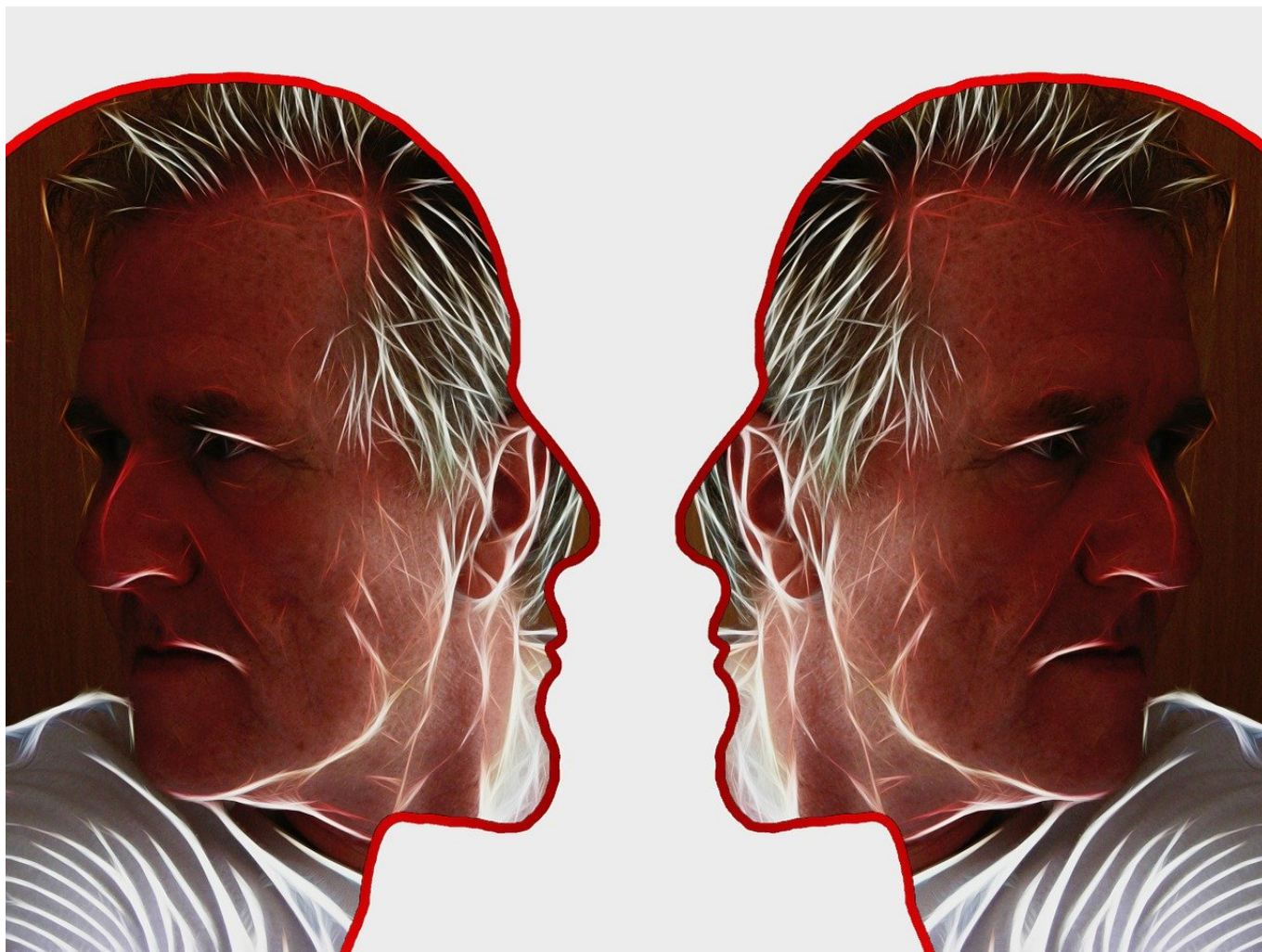
**The synonyms of “Borderline” are: border, boundary line, delimitation, mete, dividing line, divide, division, demarcation line, line of demarcation, line, cut-off point, marginal, indefinite, uncertain, unsure, unsettled, undecided, up in the air, doubtful, open to doubt, problematic, indeterminate, unclassifiable, ambivalent, equivocal**

## Borderline as a Noun

### Definitions of "Borderline" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “borderline” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A division between two distinct or opposite things.*
- *A boundary separating two countries or areas.*
- *A line that indicates a boundary.*



## Synonyms of "Borderline" as a noun (11 Words)

### border

A district near the border between two areas.

*Panama's western **border** with Costa Rica.*

### **boundary line**

A line determining the limits of an area.

### **cut-off point**

A distinct part that can be specified separately in a group of things that could be enumerated on a list.

### **delimitation**

The action of fixing the boundary or limits of something.

*The government is yet to pass legislation on **delimitation** of constituencies in the province.*

### **demarcation line**

A particular kind of product or merchandise.

**divide**

A ridge or line of high ground forming the division between two valleys or river systems.

*There was still a profound cultural **divide** between the parties.*

**dividing line**

A serious disagreement between two groups of people (typically producing tension or hostility).

**division**

Biology a group of organisms forming a subdivision of a larger category.

*Deep cultural **divisions**.*

**line**

An arrangement of soldiers or ships in a column or line formation a line of battle.

*Each stanza has eight **lines**.*

**line of demarcation** A mark that is long relative to its width.

**mete** A line that indicates a boundary.



**Usage Examples of "Borderline" as a noun**

- *The **borderline** between ritual and custom.*





## Borderline as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Borderline" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "borderline" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Of questionable or minimal quality.*
- *Only just acceptable in quality or as belonging to a category.*



### Synonyms of "Borderline" as an adjective (14 Words)

**ambivalent**

Uncertain or unable to decide about what course to follow.  
*An **ambivalent** attitude to Europe.*

**doubtful**

Not established as genuine or acceptable.  
*It is **doubtful** whether these schemes have any lasting effect.*

**equivocal**

Open to two or more interpretations; or of uncertain nature or significance; or (often) intended to mislead.  
*The polling had a complex and **equivocal** or ambiguous message for potential female candidates.*

<b>indefinite</b>	(of a word, inflection, or phrase) not determining the person, thing, time, etc. referred to. <i>Must you be so <b>indefinite</b>.</i>
<b>indeterminate</b>	(of a condition) from which a diagnosis of the underlying cause cannot be made. <i>A zillion is a large <b>indeterminate</b> number.</i>
<u>marginal</u>	Close to the limit of profitability, especially through difficulty of exploitation. <i><b>Marginal</b> notes.</i>
<b>open to doubt</b>	Affording unobstructed entrance and exit; not shut or closed.
<b>problematic</b>	Constituting or presenting a problem. <i>The situation was <b>problematic</b> for teachers.</i>
<u>uncertain</u>	Lacking or indicating lack of confidence or assurance. <i>An <b>uncertain</b> recollection of events.</i>
<b>unclassifiable</b>	Not possible to classify. <i>The rock contains some <b>unclassifiable</b> arthropods.</i>
<u>undecided</u>	(of a person) not having made a decision. <i>The jury remained <b>undecided</b>.</i>
<b>unsettled</b>	Not settled or established. <i><b>Unsettled</b> weather with rain and hail and sunshine coming one right after the other.</i>
<u>unsure</u>	(of a fact) not fixed or certain. <i>She was feeling nervous <b>unsure</b> of herself.</i>
<b>up in the air</b>	Out of bed.

## Usage Examples of "Borderline" as an adjective

- *Borderline grades.*
- *References may be requested in borderline cases.*