

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

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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.

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| divide | A ridge or line of high ground forming the division between two valleys or river systems. <i>There was still a profound cultural divide between the parties.</i> |
| 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. <i>Deep cultural divisions.</i> |
| line | An arrangement of soldiers or ships in a column or line formation a line of battle. <i>Each stanza has eight lines.</i> |
| 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)

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| ambivalent | Uncertain or unable to decide about what course to follow. <i>An ambivalent attitude to Europe.</i> |
| doubtful | Not established as genuine or acceptable. <i>It is doubtful whether these schemes have any lasting effect.</i> |
| equivocal | Open to two or more interpretations; or of uncertain nature or significance; or (often) intended to mislead. <i>The polling had a complex and equivocal or ambiguous message for potential female candidates.</i> |

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

Usage Examples of "Borderline" as an adjective

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