

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

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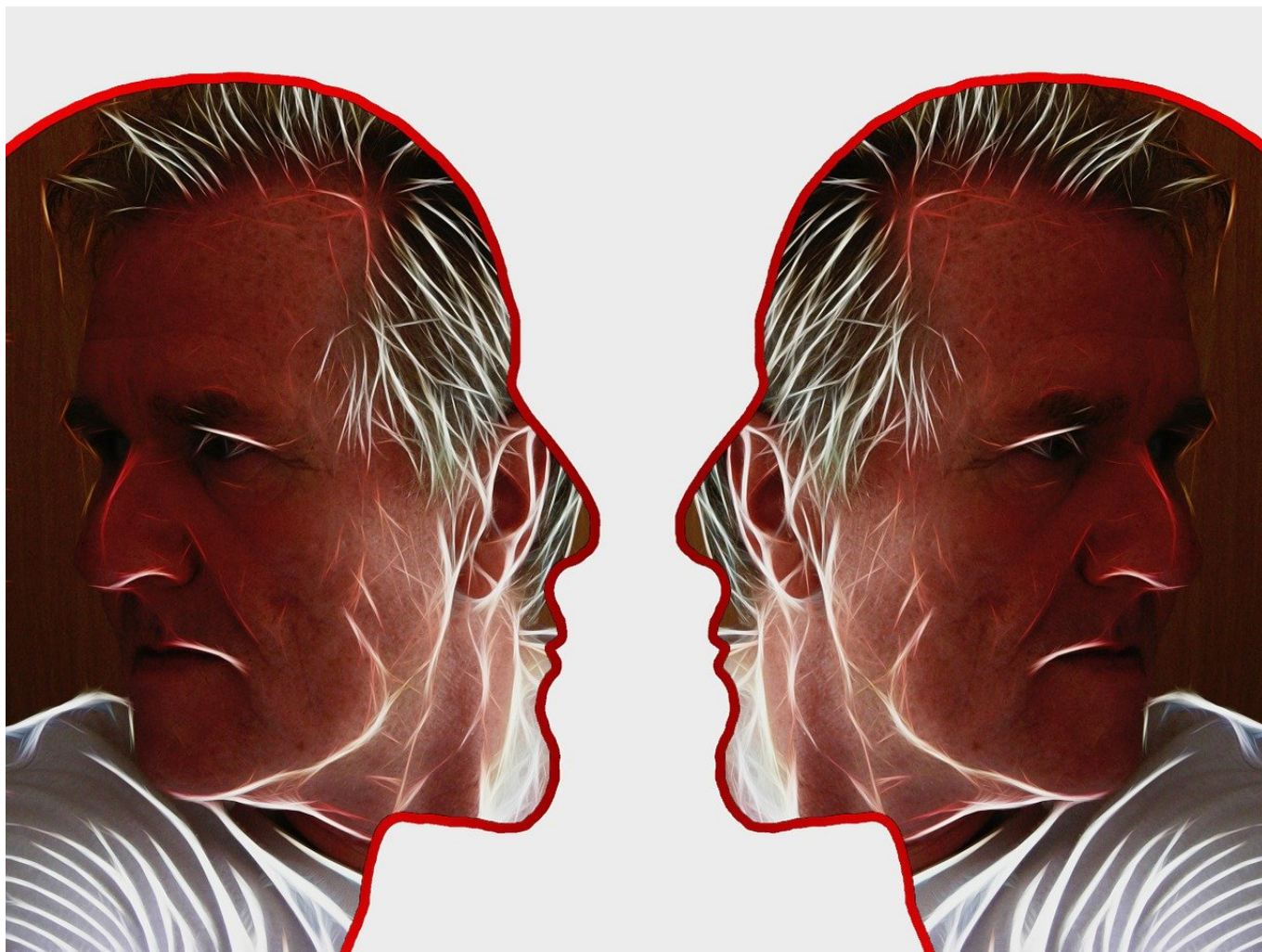
The synonyms of “Borderline” are: border, boundary line, delimitation, mete, dividing line, divide, division, demarcation line, line of demarcation, line, cut-off point, marginal, indefinite, uncertain, unsure, unsettled, undecided, up in the air, doubtful, open to doubt, problematic, indeterminate,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

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.*