

Need another word that means the same as “equivocate”? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for “equivocate” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Equivocate” are: beat around the bush, palter, prevaricate, tergiversate, be evasive, be non-committal, be vague, be ambiguous, dodge the issue, evade the issue, beat about the bush, hedge, hedge one's bets, fudge the issue

Equivocate as a Verb

Definitions of "Equivocate" as a verb

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

- *Use ambiguous language so as to conceal the truth or avoid committing oneself.*
- *Be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information.*

Synonyms of "Equivocate" as a verb (14 Words)

be ambiguous	Be identical or equivalent to.
be evasive	Happen, occur, take place.
be non-committal	Be identical to; be someone or something.
be vague	Occupy a certain position or area.
beat about the bush	Move rhythmically.
beat around the bush	Glare or strike with great intensity.
dodge the issue	Avoid or try to avoid fulfilling, answering, or performing (duties, questions, or issues).

evade the issue	Practice evasion.
fudge the issue	Make out and issue.
hedge	Surround with a hedge. <i>The animals were hedged in.</i>
hedge one's bets	Hinder or restrict with or as if with a hedge.
palter	Be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information. <i>This great work should not be paltered with.</i>
prevaricate	Speak or act in an evasive way. <i>He seemed to prevaricate when journalists asked pointed questions.</i>
tergiversate	Abandon one's beliefs or allegiances. <i>The more she tergiversated the greater grew the ardency of the reporters for an interview.</i>

Usage Examples of "Equivocate" as a verb

- *The government have equivocated too often in the past.*

Associations of "Equivocate" (30 Words)

<u>ambiguity</u>	An expression whose meaning cannot be determined from its context. <i>We can detect no ambiguity in this section of the Act.</i>
ambiguous	Open to more than one interpretation; not having one obvious meaning. <i>Ambiguous phrases.</i>
ambiguously	So as to be open to doubt or uncertainty. <i>This letter is worded ambiguously.</i>
<u>ambivalent</u>	Having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone. <i>An ambivalent attitude to Europe.</i>
babble	Talk rapidly and continuously in a foolish, excited, or incomprehensible way. <i>Her soft voice stopped his babble.</i>
doubtful	Unsettled in mind or opinion. <i>The fire was of doubtful origin.</i>
equivocal	Uncertain as a sign or indication. <i>The results of the investigation were equivocal.</i>

equivocation	Falsification by means of vague or ambiguous language. <i>I say this without equivocation.</i>
evasion	An indirect answer; a prevaricating excuse. <i>His evasion of all his creditors.</i>
<u>evasive</u>	Tending to avoid commitment or self-revelation, especially by responding only indirectly. <i>She was evasive about her phone number.</i>
gibber	Unintelligible talking. <i>They shrieked and gibbered as flames surrounded them.</i>
imprecision	Lack of exactness or accuracy. <i>All scientific measurements come with some degree of imprecision.</i>
<u>incoherent</u>	Of waves having no stable definite or stable phase relation. <i>He was incoherent with sentiment.</i>
inconclusive	Not leading to a firm conclusion or result; not ending doubt or dispute. <i>An inconclusive reply.</i>
indeterminate	Having a capacity for continuing to grow at the apex. <i>The carpet is an indeterminate dull shade.</i>
<u>mumble</u>	A soft indistinct utterance. <i>He mumbled something she didn't catch.</i>
<u>murmur</u>	Make a low continuous sound. <i>Now they do not simply murmur against him they quarrel noisily with him.</i>
<u>mutter</u>	A complaint uttered in a low and indistinct tone. <i>A little mutter of disgust.</i>
nebulous	Lacking definite form or limits. <i>Nebulous distinction between pride and conceit.</i>
noncommittal	Refusing to bind oneself to a particular course of action or view or the like. <i>Her boyfriend was noncommittal about their future together.</i>
palter	Trifle with. <i>If you palter or double in your answers I will have thee hung alive in an iron chain.</i>
prevaricate	Be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information. <i>He seemed to prevaricate when journalists asked pointed questions.</i>
prevarication	Intentionally vague or ambiguous.

<u>slur</u>	Mark notes with a slur. <i>I can play it if I don't slur the notes.</i>
smudge	Make a smudge on soil by smudging. <i>The low smudge of hills on the horizon.</i>
<u>uncertain</u>	Not certain to occur; not inevitable. <i>I was uncertain how to proceed.</i>
<u>unclear</u>	Not obvious or definite; ambiguous. <i>The motive for this killing is unclear.</i>
undifferentiated	Not different or differentiated. <i>By six weeks the sexual glands are as yet undifferentiated between male and female.</i>
<u>vague</u>	Thinking or communicating in an unfocused or imprecise way. <i>Their descriptions of human behavior become vague dull and unclear.</i>
vaguely	In a vague way. <i>He nodded vaguely.</i>