

Need another word that means the same as “indecisive”? Find 19 synonyms and 30 related words for “indecisive” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Indecisive” are: inconclusive, open, indeterminate, undecided, unsettled, borderline, indefinite, unclear, ambiguous, contradictory, ambivalent, conflicting, confusing, double-edged, paradoxical, irresolute, hesitant, tentative, weak**

## Indecisive as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Indecisive" as an adjective

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

- *Characterized by lack of decision and firmness.*
- *(of a person) not able to make decisions quickly and effectively.*
- *Not clearly defined.*
- *Not providing a clear and definite result.*
- *Not definitely settling something.*



## Synonyms of "Indecisive" as an adjective (19 Words)

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| <b>ambiguous</b>            | Having no intrinsic or objective meaning; not organized in conventional patterns.<br><i>Ambiguous</i> phrases.            |
| <b><u>ambivalent</u></b>    | Uncertain or unable to decide about what course to follow.<br>An <i>ambivalent</i> attitude to Europe.                    |
| <b><u>borderline</u></b>    | Only just acceptable in quality or as belonging to a category.<br>References may be requested in <i>borderline</i> cases. |
| <b>conflicting</b>          | On bad terms.<br><i>Conflicting</i> opinions.   |
| <b>confusing</b>            | Bewildering or perplexing.<br>Being hospitalized can be <i>confusing</i> and distressing for a small child.               |
| <b><u>contradictory</u></b> | In disagreement.<br>The two studies came to <i>contradictory</i> conclusions.   |
| <b>double-edged</b>         | Capable of being interpreted in two usually contradictory ways.   |

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| <b>hesitant</b>           | Lacking decisiveness of character; unable to act or decide quickly or firmly.<br><i>Her slow <b>hesitant</b> way of speaking.</i>  |
| <b>inconclusive</b>       | Not conclusive; not putting an end to doubt or question.<br><i>An <b>inconclusive</b> reply.</i>   |
| <b>indefinite</b>         | Vague or not clearly defined or stated.<br><i>Were <b>indefinite</b> about their plans.</i>  |
| <b>indeterminate</b>      | (of a shoot) not having all the axes terminating in a flower bud and so potentially of indefinite length.<br><i>An <b>indeterminate</b> stem.</i>  |
| <b>irresolute</b>         | Uncertain how to act or proceed.<br><i>The committee was timid and mediocre and <b>irresolute</b>.</i>   |
| <b>open</b>               | Of textures full of small openings or gaps.<br><i>An <b>open</b> wound.</i>  |
| <b><u>paradoxical</u></b> | Seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true.<br><i>It is <b>paradoxical</b> that standing is more tiring than walking.</i>   |
| <b><u>tentative</u></b>   | Unsettled in mind or opinion.<br><i>A <b>tentative</b> conclusion.</i>   |
| <b><u>unclear</u></b>     | Poorly stated or described.<br><i>Their future remains <b>unclear</b>.</i>   |
| <b><u>undecided</u></b>   | Not brought to a conclusion; subject to further thought.<br><i>Our position on this bill is still <b>undecided</b>.</i>  |
| <b>unsettled</b>          | Worried and uneasy.<br><i>A spell of <b>unsettled</b> weather.</i>   |
| <b><u>weak</u></b>        | Relating to or denoting the weakest of the known kinds of force between particles which acts only at distances less than about 10 cm is very much weaker than the electromagnetic and the strong interactions and conserves neither strangeness parity nor isospin.<br><i>A <b>weak</b> stress on the second syllable.</i> |



## Usage Examples of "Indecisive" as an adjective

- *An indecisive manager brought the enterprise to a standstill.*
- *A long and indecisive war.*
- *He was too indecisive to carry out his political programme.*
- *An indecisive battle.*
- *Indecisive boundaries running through mountains.*



## Associations of "Indecisive" (30 Words)

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| <b>ambiguous</b>             | Open to two or more interpretations; or of uncertain nature or significance; or (often) intended to mislead.<br><i>The election result was <b>ambiguous</b>.</i> |
| <b>ambiguously</b>           | In an ambiguous manner.<br><i>The new clause is <b>ambiguously</b> worded.</i>   |
| <b><u>ambivalent</u></b>     | Uncertain or unable to decide about what course to follow.<br><i>An <b>ambivalent</b> attitude to Europe.</i>  |
| <b>boggle</b>                | Startle with amazement or fear.<br><i>This <b>boggles</b> the mind.</i>  |
| <b><u>circumstantial</u></b> | Fully detailed and specific about particulars.<br><i>A <b>circumstantial</b> report about the debate.</i>  |
| <b>dawdle</b>                | Waste time.<br><i>Ruth <b>dawdled</b> back through the wood.</i>   |
| <b>disinclination</b>        | A reluctance or lack of enthusiasm.<br><i>Lucy felt a strong <b>disinclination</b> to talk about her engagement.</i>   |
| <b>doubtful</b>              | Open to doubt or suspicion.<br><i>It is <b>doubtful</b> whether these schemes have any lasting effect.</i>   |
| <b>equivocal</b>             | Open to question-Anna Jameson.<br><i>His conscience reproached him with the <b>equivocal</b> character of the union into which he had forced his son.</i>        |
| <b>hesitant</b>              | Lacking decisiveness of character; unable to act or decide quickly or firmly.<br><i>Her slow <b>hesitant</b> way of speaking.</i>                                |
| <b>hesitate</b>              | Be reluctant to do something.<br><i>One <b>hesitates</b> over publicizing these things.</i>  |
| <b>hesitating</b>            | Tentative, unsure, or slow in acting or speaking.<br><i>Her <b>hesitating</b> gait.</i>  |
| <b>hesitatingly</b>          | With hesitation; in a hesitant manner.   |
| <b>hesitation</b>            | The act of pausing uncertainly.<br><i>She answered without <b>hesitation</b>.</i>  |
| <b>inconclusive</b>          | Not leading to a firm conclusion or result; not ending doubt or dispute.<br><i>The <b>inconclusive</b> committee vote.</i>                                       |
| <b>indecision</b>            | The inability to make a decision quickly.<br><i>A gesture of <b>indecision</b>.</i>  |

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| <b>indeterminate</b>     | Not leading to a definite ending or result.<br><i>0 0 is an <b>indeterminate</b> form.</i>  |
| <b>irresolute</b>        | Uncertain how to act or proceed.<br><i>She stood <b>irresolute</b> outside his door.</i>  |
| <b>irresolution</b>      | Hesitancy; uncertainty.<br><i>A moment of <b>irresolution</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>reluctance</u></b> | The property of a magnetic circuit of opposing the passage of magnetic flux lines, equal to the ratio of the magnetomotive force to the magnetic flux.<br><i>A <b>reluctance</b> to commit himself.</i> |
| <b>reluctant</b>         | Disinclined to become involved.<br><i>A <b>reluctant</b> smile.</i>   |
| <b><u>tentative</u></b>  | Done without confidence; hesitant.<br><i>Drew a few <b>tentative</b> conclusions.</i>   |
| <b><u>timid</u></b>      | People who are fearful and cautious.<br><i>Problems that call for bold not <b>timid</b> responses.</i>  |
| <b>unattached</b>        | Able to swim about; not attached.<br><i>Local people <b>unattached</b> to any organization.</i>   |
| <b><u>uncertain</u></b>  | (of a person) not completely confident or sure of something.<br><i>Everything is <b>uncertain</b> about the army.</i>   |
| <b>uncommitted</b>       | (of resources) not pledged or set aside for future use.<br><i><b>Uncommitted</b> voters.</i>  |
| <b><u>undecided</u></b>  | Not brought to a conclusion; subject to further thought.<br><i>The jury remained <b>undecided</b>.</i>  |
| <b>unresolved</b>        | Characterized by musical dissonance harmonically unresolved.<br><i>A number of issues remain <b>unresolved</b>.</i>   |
| <b>unsettled</b>         | Subject to change.<br><i>An <b>unsettled</b> state of mind.</i>   |
| <b>vacillating</b>       | Wavering between different opinions or actions; irresolute.<br><i>He was accused of <b>vacillating</b> leadership.</i>  |

