

Need another word that means the same as “obfuscate”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “obfuscate” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Obfuscate” are: obscure, confuse, make obscure, make unclear, blur, muddle, jumble, complicate, garble, muddy, cloud, befog, bewilder, mystify, puzzle, perplex, baffle, confound, bemuse, befuddle, nonplus

Obfuscate as a Verb

Definitions of "Obfuscate" as a verb

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

- *Bewilder (someone).*
- *Make obscure, unclear, or unintelligible.*
- *Make obscure or unclear.*

Synonyms of "Obfuscate" as a verb (21 Words)

baffle	Check the emission of (sound). <i>An unexplained occurrence that baffled everyone.</i>
befog	Make less visible or unclear. <i>Her brain was befogged with lack of sleep.</i>
befuddle	Make stupid with alcohol. <i>The logic used to arrive at this conclusion befuddles me.</i>
bemuse	Puzzle, confuse, or bewilder (someone). <i>He was bemused by what was happening.</i>

<u>bewilder</u>	Be a mystery or bewildering to. <i>His reaction had bewildered her.</i>
<u>blur</u>	Make unclear indistinct or blurred. <i>In front of him the page blurred.</i>
<u>cloud</u>	Billow up in the form of a cloud. <i>Suspicion clouded her face.</i>
<u>complicate</u>	Make something more complicated. <i>Increased choice will complicate matters for the consumer.</i>
confound	Overthrow (an enemy). <i>He was forever confounding managerialism with idealism.</i>
confuse	Make (something) more complex or less easy to understand. <i>A lot of people confuse a stroke with a heart attack.</i>
garble	Reproduce (a message, sound, or transmission) in a confused and distorted way. <i>The connection was awful and kept garbling his voice.</i>
jumble	Be all mixed up or jumbled together. <i>She jumbles the words when she is supposed to write a sentence.</i>
make obscure	Give certain properties to something.
make unclear	Cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner.
muddle	Confuse (a person or their thoughts). <i>Muddle the kiwi slices with the sugar.</i>
muddy	Cause to become muddy. <i>Muddy the water.</i>
mystify	Make obscure or mysterious. <i>Lawyers who mystify the legal system so that laymen find it unintelligible.</i>
nonplus	Be a mystery or bewildering to. <i>Diane was nonplussed by such an odd question.</i>
<u>obscure</u>	Make obscure or unclear. <i>The debate has become obscured by conflicting ideological perspectives.</i>
perplex	Make (someone) feel completely baffled. <i>They were perplexing a subject plain in itself.</i>
<u>puzzle</u>	Cause (someone) to feel confused because they cannot understand something. <i>She was puzzled by the doctor's manner.</i>

Usage Examples of "Obfuscate" as a verb

- *The new rule is more likely to obfuscate people than enlighten them.*
- *The spelling changes will deform some familiar words and obfuscate their etymological origins.*

Associations of "Obfuscate" (30 Words)

addle	Make (someone) unable to think clearly; confuse. <i>Being in love must have addled your brain.</i>
ambiguous	Having more than one possible meaning. <i>An ambiguous situation with no frame of reference.</i>
baffle	Restrain or regulate (a fluid, sound, etc). <i>To baffle the noise further I pad the gunwales.</i>
befuddle	Make stupid with alcohol. <i>The logic used to arrive at this conclusion befuddles me.</i>
<u>bewilder</u>	Be a mystery or bewildering to. <i>She was bewildered by his sudden change of mood.</i>
blurred	Unclear in form or expression. <i>The camera caught only two blurred images.</i>
confound	Prove (a theory or expectation) wrong. <i>The rise in prices confounded expectations.</i>
confuse	Identify wrongly; mistake. <i>These questions confuse even the experts.</i>
confused	Mentally confused unable to think with clarity or act intelligently. <i>A confused dream about the end of the world.</i>
darken	Make dark or darker. <i>Darken a room.</i>
<u>dim</u>	Make dim or lusterless. <i>Dimmed headlights.</i>
discomfit	Make (someone) feel uneasy or embarrassed. <i>He was not noticeably discomfited by her tone.</i>
disconcert	Disturb the composure of; unsettle. <i>The abrupt change of subject disconcerted her.</i>
disorder	Bring disorder to. <i>She disordered the house to suggest that the killer had been a burglar.</i>

disorient	Cause someone to lose their sense of direction disorientate. <i>I was disoriented by the dark.</i>
embarrass	Cause to be embarrassed cause to feel self conscious. <i>The state of the rivers will embarrass the enemy.</i>
flurry	A rapid active commotion. <i>A flurry of editorials hostile to the government.</i>
<u>incoherent</u>	(of a person) unable to speak intelligibly. <i>He screamed some incoherent threat.</i>
indeterminate	(of a condition) from which a diagnosis of the underlying cause cannot be made. <i>The carpet is an indeterminate dull shade.</i>
jumble	Be all mixed up or jumbled together. <i>His words jumbled.</i>
murkiness	An atmosphere in which visibility is reduced because of a cloud of some substance.
mystify	Be a mystery or bewildering to. <i>Lawyers who mystify the legal system so that laymen find it unintelligible.</i>
<u>overshadow</u>	Be greater in significance than. <i>He was always overshadowed by his brilliant elder brother.</i>
perplex	Complicate or confuse (a matter). <i>She was perplexed by her husband s moodiness.</i>
perplexing	Lacking clarity of meaning; causing confusion or perplexity. <i>A perplexing problem.</i>
<u>puzzling</u>	Causing one to be puzzled; perplexing. <i>Only one very puzzling question remains unanswered.</i>
questioning	Marked by or given to doubt. <i>Aaron shot her a questioning glance.</i>
stupefy	Make dull or stupid or muddle with drunkenness or infatuation. <i>The offence of administering drugs to a woman with intent to stupefy her.</i>
<u>uncertain</u>	Not established beyond doubt; still undecided or unknown. <i>A gun with a rather uncertain trigger.</i>
<u>unclear</u>	Not easily deciphered. <i>The law itself was unclear on that point.</i>