

Need another word that means the same as “obscurity”? Find 29 synonyms and 30 related words for “obscurity” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Obscurity” are: obscureness, abstruseness, reconditeness, insignificance, inconspicuousness, unimportance, anonymity, lack of fame, lack of honour, lack of recognition, lack of renown, limbo, twilight, oblivion, incomprehensibility, impenetrability, unintelligibility, complexity, intricacy, opacity, opaqueness, unclearness, enigma, puzzle, mystery, difficulty, problem, complication, ambiguity**

## Obscurity as a Noun

### Definitions of "Obscurity" as a noun

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

- *The quality of being difficult to understand.*
- *The state of being indistinct or indefinite for lack of adequate illumination.*
- *The state of being unknown, inconspicuous, or unimportant.*
- *The quality of being unclear or abstruse and hard to understand.*
- *A thing that is unclear or difficult to understand.*
- *An obscure and unimportant standing; not well known.*



## Synonyms of "Obscurity" as a noun (29 Words)

<b>abstruseness</b>	Wisdom that is recondite and abstruse and profound.
<b><u>ambiguity</u></b>	Unclearness by virtue of having more than one meaning. <i>We can detect no <b>ambiguity</b> in this section of the Act.</i>
<b>anonymity</b>	Lack of outstanding, individual, or unusual features; impersonality. <i>The official spoke on condition of <b>anonymity</b>.</i>
<b>complexity</b>	A factor involved in a complicated process or situation. <i>He enjoyed the <b>complexity</b> of modern computers.</i>
<b><u>complication</u></b>	A situation or condition that is complex or confused. <i>Her coming was a serious <b>complication</b>.</i>
<b>difficulty</b>	The state or condition of being difficult. <i>They agreed about the <b>difficulty</b> of the climb.</i>
<b><u>enigma</u></b>	A difficult problem. <i>Madeleine was still an <b>enigma</b> to him.</i>
<b>impenetrability</b>	The quality of being impenetrable (by people or light or missiles etc).
<b>incomprehensibility</b>	The quality of being incomprehensible.
<b>inconspicuousness</b>	The quality of being not easily seen.
<b>insignificance</b>	The quality of having little or no significance. <i>He is aware of his own <b>insignificance</b> within the bigger picture.</i>
<b>intricacy</b>	Marked by elaborately complex detail. <i>The <b>intricacy</b> of the procedure.</i>
<b>lack of fame</b>	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
<b>lack of honour</b>	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
<b>lack of recognition</b>	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
<b>lack of renown</b>	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
<b><u>limbo</u></b>	(in some Christian beliefs) the supposed abode of the souls of unbaptized infants, and of the just who died before Christ's coming. <i>The legal battle could leave the club in <b>limbo</b> until next year.</i>
<b><u>mystery</u></b>	The practices, skills, or lore peculiar to a particular trade or activity and regarded as baffling to those without specialized knowledge. <i>What happened after he left home that day remains a <b>mystery</b>.</i>
<b><u>oblivion</u></b>	The state of being forgotten, especially by the public. <i>Only our armed forces stood between us and <b>oblivion</b>.</i>
<b>obscurity</b>	The state of being humble and unimportant.

<b>opacity</b>	The quality of lacking transparency or translucence. <i>The difficulty and <b>opacity</b> in Barthes texts.</i>
<b>opaqueness</b>	Incomprehensibility resulting from obscurity of meaning.
<b>problem</b>	A question raised for consideration or solution. <i>Urban <b>problems</b> such as traffic congestion and smog.</i>
<u><b>puzzle</b></u>	A jigsaw puzzle. <i>The meaning of the poem has always been a <b>puzzle</b>.</i>
<b>reconditeness</b>	The quality of being unclear or abstruse and hard to understand. <i>The anthropologist was impressed by the <b>reconditeness</b> of the native proverbs.</i>
<u><b>twilight</b></u>	The period of the evening when twilight is visible between daylight and darkness. <i>A <b>twilight</b> world of secrecy.</i>
<b>unclearness</b>	Incomprehensibility as a result of not being clear.
<u><b>unimportance</b></u>	The state or fact of lacking in importance or significance. <i>The relative <b>unimportance</b> of wider kin ties in British culture.</i>
<b>unintelligibility</b>	Incomprehensibility as a consequence of being unintelligible.



## Usage Examples of "Obscurity" as a noun

- *He is too good a player to slide into obscurity.*
- *He worked in obscurity for many years.*
- *The obscurities in his poems and plays.*
- *Poems of impenetrable obscurity.*





## Associations of "Obscurity" (30 Words)

<b>blunder</b>	An embarrassing mistake. <i>He knew he d <b>blundered</b>.</i>
<b>carelessness</b>	Failure to act with the prudence that a reasonable person would exercise under the same circumstances. <i>Most road accidents are caused by <b>carelessness</b> on the part of motorists.</i>
<b>completely</b>	Totally; utterly. <i>The fire <b>completely</b> destroyed the building.</i>
<b>defect</b>	A mark or flaw that spoils the appearance of something (especially on a person's body). <i>Visual <b>defects</b>.</i>
<b><u>error</u></b>	A mistake. <i>She was quick to point out my <b>errors</b>.</i>
<b>fallibility</b>	The likelihood of making errors. <i>Technology is not a cure for human <b>fallibility</b>.</i>
<b>fallible</b>	Capable of making mistakes or being wrong. <i>I m only a <b>fallible</b> human.</i>

<b><u>fault</u></b>	Of a rock formation be broken by a fault or faults. <i>He served too many double <b>faults</b>.</i>
<b><u>flawed</u></b>	Having or characterized by a fundamental weakness or imperfection. <i>A <b>flawed</b> diamond.</i>
<b><u>forget</u></b>	Forget to do something. <i>I m sorry Cassie I <b>forget</b> myself.</i>
<b>gratuitous</b>	Done without good reason; uncalled for. <i>Solicitors provide a form of <b>gratuitous</b> legal advice.</i>
<b>inattention</b>	Lack of attention. <i>His <b>inattention</b> to duty.</i>
<b>incompetence</b>	Inability of a part or organ to function properly. <i>Allegations of professional <b>incompetence</b>.</i>
<b><u>inconspicuous</u></b>	Not clearly visible or attracting attention. <i>He pushed the string through an <b>inconspicuous</b> hole.</i>
<b><u>invisible</u></b>	Invisible exports and imports. <i>This <b>invisible</b> gas is present to some extent in every home.</i>
<b>lapse</b>	The termination of a right or privilege through disuse or failure to follow appropriate procedures. <i>If your diet has <b>lapsed</b> it s time you revived it.</i>
<b>leave</b>	Go and leave behind either intentionally or by neglect or forgetfulness. <i>This <b>leaves</b> no room for improvement.</i>
<b>memory</b>	An electronic memory device. <i>He can do it from <b>memory</b>.</i>
<b><u>misconception</u></b>	An incorrect conception. <i>Public <b>misconceptions</b> about antibiotic use.</i>
<b>misplace</b>	Put (an object) in the wrong place and so lose it temporarily. <i>Crewe came back into the game when Strachan <b>misplaced</b> a pass in the midfield.</i>
<b><u>miss</u></b>	Leave undone or leave out. <i>There is something <b>missing</b> in my jewelry box.</i>
<b>mistake</b>	To make a mistake or be incorrect. <i>He wasn t going to admit his <b>mistake</b>.</i>
<b><u>neglect</u></b>	The state of something that has been unused and neglected. <i>She was accused of child <b>neglect</b>.</i>
<b><u>negligence</u></b>	Failure to take proper care over something. <i>His injury was due to the <b>negligence</b> of his employers.</i>



overlook

(of a place) be open to view and so lack privacy.  
*The chateau **overlooks** fields of corn and olive trees.*

**remember**

Recapture the past; indulge in memories.  
*After the shelling many people lost the ability to **remember**.*

**slip**

A fielder at slip.  
*Tommy bolted off like a greyhound released from the **slips**.*

undeserved

Not warranted, merited, or earned.  
*An **undeserved** term of imprisonment.*

**unmerited**

Not deserved or merited.  
*An **unmerited** insult.*

vanish

Gradually cease to exist.  
*Moirra **vanished** without trace.*

