

Need another word that means the same as “uncertain”? Find 45 synonyms and 30 related words for “uncertain” in this overview.

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## Uncertain as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Uncertain" as an adjective

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

- *Not established beyond doubt; still undecided or unknown.*
- *Subject to change.*
- *Lacking or indicating lack of confidence or assurance.*
- *(of a person) not completely confident or sure of something.*
- *Not consistent or dependable.*
- *Ambiguous (especially in the negative).*
- *Not established or confirmed.*
- *Not able to be relied on; not known or definite.*
- *Not certain to occur; not inevitable.*



## Synonyms of "Uncertain" as an adjective (45 Words)

<b><u>ambivalent</u></b>	Having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone. <i>Was <b>ambivalent</b> about having children.</i>
<b>changeable</b>	Subject to change. <i>The weather will be <b>changeable</b> with rain at times.</i>
<b><u>debatable</u></b>	Open to doubt or debate. <i>It is <b>debatable</b> whether the country is coming out of recession.</i>
<b>diffident</b>	Showing modest reserve. <i>She was <b>diffident</b> when offering a comment on the professor's lecture.</i>
<b>doubtful</b>	Improbable. <i>The candidate's <b>doubtful</b> past.</i>
<b><u>dubious</u></b>	Not to be relied upon; suspect. <i><b>Dubious</b> about agreeing to go.</i>
<b><u>erratic</u></b>	Liable to sudden unpredictable change. <i><b>Erratic</b> winds are the bane of a sailor.</i>
<b>faltering</b>	Unsteady in speech or action. <i>He is now all set to take his first <b>faltering</b> steps.</i>
<b>fitful</b>	Occurring in spells and often abruptly. <i><b>Fitful</b> or interrupted sleep.</i>
<b>fluctuating</b>	Rising and falling irregularly in number or amount. <i><b>Fluctuating</b> prices.</i>
<b>halting</b>	Fragmentary or halting from emotional strain. <i>She speaks <b>halting</b> English with a heavy accent.</i>
<b><u>hazy</u></b>	Indistinct or hazy in outline. <i>It was a beautiful day but quite <b>hazy</b>.</i>
<b>hesitant</b>	Lacking decisiveness of character; unable to act or decide quickly or firmly. <i>Clients are <b>hesitant</b> about buying.</i>
<b>hesitating</b>	Lacking decisiveness of character; unable to act or decide quickly or firmly. <i>His <b>hesitating</b> delivery.</i>
<b>in doubt</b>	Directed or bound inward.
<b>in limbo</b>	Currently fashionable.
<b>in the balance</b>	Directed or bound inward.
<b>in two minds</b>	Currently fashionable.

<b>incertain</b>	Lacking or indicating lack of confidence or assurance.
<b><u>indecisive</u></b>	Not definitely settling something. <i>An <b>indecisive</b> manager brought the enterprise to a standstill.</i>
<b><u>irregular</u></b>	(of troops) not belonging to regular or established army units. <i>His strong <b>irregular</b> features.</i>
<b>irresolute</b>	Uncertain how to act or proceed. <i>She stood <b>irresolute</b> outside his door.</i>
<b>open to question</b>	Affording free passage or access.
<b>oscillating</b>	Having periodic vibrations.
<b>pending</b>	About to happen; imminent. <i>Nine cases were still <b>pending</b>.</i>
<b><u>tentative</u></b>	Done without confidence; hesitant. <i>A <b>tentative</b> conclusion.</i>
<b><u>torn</u></b>	Disrupted by the pull of contrary forces. <i><b>Torn</b> between love and hate.</i>
<b><u>unclear</u></b>	Not clear to the mind. <i>The motive for this killing is <b>unclear</b>.</i>
<b><u>unconfident</u></b>	Not confident; hesitant. <i>The airmen were young but not <b>unconfident</b>.</i>
<b><u>undecided</u></b>	Characterized by indecision. <i>The jury remained <b>undecided</b>.</i>
<b>undetermined</b>	Not yet having been ascertained or determined. <i>Of <b>undetermined</b> species.</i>
<b>unknown</b>	Being or having an unknown or unnamed source. <i>An <b>unknown</b> amount.</i>
<b><u>unpredictable</u></b>	Unknown in advance. <i>The <b>unpredictable</b> weather of the Scottish islands.</i>
<b>unreliable</b>	Not able to be relied upon. <i>He s lazy and <b>unreliable</b>.</i>
<b>unresolved</b>	Characterized by musical dissonance harmonically unresolved. <i>Many problems remain <b>unresolved</b>.</i>
<b>unsealed</b>	Not established or confirmed. <i><b>Unsealed</b> envelopes.</i>
<b>unsettled</b>	Liable to change; unpredictable. <i><b>Unsettled</b> weather with rain and hail and sunshine coming one right after the other.</i>

<b><u>unstable</u></b>	Highly or violently reactive. <i>An <b>unstable</b> world economy.</i>
<b><u>unsure</u></b>	(of a fact) not fixed or certain. <i><b>Unsure</b> of himself and his future.</i>
<b>up in the air</b>	Open.
<b>vacillating</b>	Wavering between different opinions or actions; irresolute. <i>He was accused of <b>vacillating</b> leadership.</i>
<b><u>vague</u></b>	Not clearly expressed or understood. <i>A <b>vague</b> uneasiness.</i>
<b>variable</b>	(of a species) liable to deviate from the typical colour or form, or to occur in different colours or forms. <i>Rainfall in the tropics is notoriously <b>variable</b>.</i>
<b><u>varying</u></b>	Differing in size, amount, degree, or nature. <i>The <b>varying</b> angles of roof slope.</i>
<b>wavering</b>	Moving in a quivering way; flickering. <i>The move brought back <b>wavering</b> voters.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Uncertain" as an adjective

- *Changes of great if uncertain consequences.*
- *I was uncertain how to proceed.*
- *Uncertain of his convictions.*
- *An uncertain smile.*
- *Without further evidence his story must remain uncertain.*
- *Moving with uncertain (or unsure) steps.*
- *She spoke in no uncertain terms.*
- *A manuscript of uncertain origin.*
- *Touched the ornaments with uncertain fingers.*
- *An uncertain future.*
- *A gun with a rather uncertain trigger.*
- *An uncertain recollection of events.*
- *The issue is uncertain.*
- *Everything is uncertain about the army.*
- *The weather is uncertain.*
- *Plans are still uncertain.*



## Associations of "Uncertain" (30 Words)

<b>ambiguous</b>	Not clear or decided. <i>The election result was <b>ambiguous</b>.</i>
<b>ambiguously</b>	So as to be open to more than one interpretation. <i>This letter is worded <b>ambiguously</b>.</i>
<b><u>ambivalent</u></b>	Having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone. <i>Some loved her some hated her few were <b>ambivalent</b> about her.</i>
<b>blurred</b>	Indistinct or hazy in outline. <i><b>Blurred</b> vision.</i>
<b>doubtful</b>	Open to doubt or suspicion. <i>The candidate s <b>doubtful</b> past.</i>
<b><u>dubious</u></b>	Fraught with uncertainty or doubt. <i>I was rather <b>dubious</b> about the whole idea.</i>



<b>equivocal</b>	Open to question-Anna Jameson. <i>The evidence from bacteriologic analysis was <b>equivocal</b>.</i>
<b>equivocally</b>	In an ambiguous manner.
<b><u>equivocate</u></b>	Use ambiguous language so as to conceal the truth or avoid committing oneself. <i>The government have <b>equivocated</b> too often in the past.</i>
<b><u>evasive</u></b>	Tending to avoid commitment or self-revelation, especially by responding only indirectly. <i>His answers were brief constrained and <b>evasive</b>.</i>
<b>floating</b>	Borne up by or suspended in a liquid. <i><b>Floating</b> exchange rates.</i>
<b>illegibility</b>	The quality of writing (print or handwriting) that cannot be deciphered.
<b>imprecision</b>	Lack of exactness or accuracy. <i>All scientific measurements come with some degree of <b>imprecision</b>.</i>
<b>inconclusive</b>	Not conclusive; not putting an end to doubt or question. <i><b>Inconclusive</b> evidence.</i>
<b><u>indecisive</u></b>	Not clearly defined. <i>He was too <b>indecisive</b> to carry out his political programme.</i>
<b>indeterminate</b>	Not exactly known, established, or defined. <i>The influence of environment is <b>indeterminate</b>.</i>
<b><u>insecure</u></b>	(of a job or situation) liable to change for the worse; not permanent or settled. <i>Badly paid and <b>insecure</b> jobs.</i>
<b>irresolute</b>	Uncertain how to act or proceed. <i>She stood <b>irresolute</b> outside his door.</i>
<b>nebulous</b>	(of a concept) vague or ill-defined. <i><b>Nebulous</b> distinction between pride and conceit.</i>
<b>noncommittal</b>	Refusing to bind oneself to a particular course of action or view or the like. <i>Her boyfriend was <b>noncommittal</b> about their future together.</i>
<b><u>suspicious</u></b>	Having or showing a cautious distrust of someone or something. <i>She gave him a <b>suspicious</b> look.</i>
<b>unattached</b>	Not married or having an established partner; single. <i>She began to wonder if he was <b>unattached</b>.</i>
<b><u>uncertainty</u></b>	The state of being unsure of something. <i>The <b>uncertainty</b> of the outcome.</i>

- unclear** Not clear to the mind.  
*The reason for their actions is **unclear** to this day.*
- undecided** Not brought to a conclusion; subject to further thought.  
*The match was still **undecided**.*
- undifferentiated** Not different or differentiated.  
*By six weeks the sexual glands are as yet **undifferentiated** between male and female.*
- unresolved** Characterized by musical dissonance harmonically unresolved.  
*Many problems remain **unresolved**.*
- unsettled** Still in doubt.  
*An **unsettled** issue.*
- vague** Of uncertain, indefinite, or unclear character or meaning.  
*He had been very **vague** about his activities.*
- vaguely** In a way that is unfocused or lacks attention; absent-mindedly.  
*He **vaguely** remembered talking to her once.*

