

Need another word that means the same as “uncertainty”? Find 41 synonyms and 30 related words for “uncertainty” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Uncertainty” are: doubt, doubtfulness, dubiety, dubiousness, incertitude, precariousness, uncertainness, unpredictability, unreliability, riskiness, chanciness, lack of certainty, indecision, irresolution, hesitancy, wavering, vacillation, equivocation, vagueness, ambivalence, lack of conviction, disquiet, disquietude, wariness, chariness, scepticism, lack of confidence, diffidence, qualm, misgiving, apprehension, quandary, dilemma, reservation, niggle, scruple, second thought, query, question, question mark, suspicion

Uncertainty as a Noun

Definitions of "Uncertainty" as a noun

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

- *The state of being uncertain.*
- *The state of being unsure of something.*
- *Something that is uncertain or that causes one to feel uncertain.*
- *Being unsettled or in doubt or dependent on chance.*



Synonyms of "Uncertainty" as a noun (41 Words)

ambivalence

The state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone.

*Government **ambivalence** towards the arts.*

apprehension

Fearful expectation or anticipation.

*She had some **apprehensions** about the filming.*

chanciness

Branched lighting fixture; often ornate; hangs from the ceiling.

chariness

The trait of being cautious and watchful.

diffidence

Modesty or shyness resulting from a lack of self-confidence.

*I say this with some **diffidence**.*

dilemma

A situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more alternatives, especially ones that are equally undesirable.

*He wants to make money but he also disapproves of it Den s **dilemma** in a nutshell.*

disquiet	The trait of seeming ill at ease. <i>Public disquiet about animal testing.</i>
disquietude	Feelings of anxiety that make you tense and irritable. <i>Such passages reflect a sense of disquietude of alienation even.</i>
doubt	Uncertainty about the truth or factuality or existence of something. <i>Some doubt has been cast upon the authenticity of this account.</i>
doubtfulness	The state of being unsure of something.
dubiety	The state or quality of being doubtful; uncertainty. <i>His enemies made much of the dubiety of his paternity.</i>
dubiousness	Uncertainty about the truth or factuality or existence of something. <i>The dubiousness of his claim.</i>
equivocation	The use of ambiguous language to conceal the truth or to avoid committing oneself; prevarication. <i>I say this without equivocation.</i>
hesitancy	The quality or state of being hesitant. <i>His hesitancy revealed his basic indisposition.</i>
incertitude	The state of being unsure of something. <i>Some schools broke down under the stresses of policy incertitude.</i>
indecision	Doubt concerning two or more possible alternatives or courses of action. <i>Government indecision over the future of local taxation.</i>
irresolution	The trait of being irresolute; lacking firmness of purpose. <i>A moment of irresolution.</i>
lack of certainty	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
lack of confidence	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
lack of conviction	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
misgiving	A feeling of doubt or apprehension about the outcome or consequences of something. <i>I felt a sense of misgiving at the prospect of retirement.</i>
precariousness	The state of being dangerously likely to fall or collapse. <i>The precariousness of his income.</i>
qualm	A momentary faint or sick feeling. <i>Military regimes generally have no qualms about controlling the press.</i>
quandary	State of uncertainty or perplexity especially as requiring a choice between equally unfavorable options. <i>Kate was in a quandary.</i>

<u>query</u>	A question, especially one expressing doubt or requesting information. <i>If you have any queries please telephone our office.</i>
question	An instance of questioning. <i>There s no question that the company s true financial situation is different.</i>
question mark	An instance of questioning.
reservation	The act of keeping back or setting aside for some future occasion. <i>He recommended her without any reservations.</i>
riskiness	A state of danger involving risk.
scepticism	The theory that certain knowledge is impossible. <i>Cartesian scepticism.</i>
scruple	A unit of weight equal to 20 grains, used by apothecaries. <i>In the choice of a second wife one scruple of prudence is worth a pound of passion.</i>
second thought	1/60 of a minute; the basic unit of time adopted under the Systeme International d'Unites.
<u>suspicion</u>	Being of a suspicious nature. <i>Her activities were regarded with suspicion by the headmistress.</i>
uncertainness	Being unsettled or in doubt or dependent on chance.
unpredictability	The trait of being unpredictably irresolute. <i>The constant element of unpredictability keeps the show fresh.</i>
unreliability	The trait of not being dependable or reliable. <i>She causes havoc in the office because of her unreliability.</i>
vacillation	Indecision in speech or action. <i>The First Minister s vacillation over the affair.</i>
vagueness	Indistinctness of shape or character. <i>The scene had the swirling vagueness of a painting by Turner.</i>
wariness	Caution about possible dangers or problems. <i>They had all regarded her with wariness.</i>
wavering	The act of moving back and forth.



Usage Examples of "Uncertainty" as a noun

- *Times of uncertainty and danger.*
- *Financial uncertainties.*
- *The uncertainty of the outcome.*



Associations of "Uncertainty" (30 Words)

- agnostic** Of or pertaining to an agnostic or agnosticism.
*Our industry is moving towards a device **agnostic** model.*
- ambiguity** An expression whose meaning cannot be determined from its context.
*We can detect no **ambiguity** in this section of the Act.*
- ambiguous** Not clear or decided.
*The polling had a complex and equivocal or **ambiguous** message for potential female candidates.*
- ambiguously** In an ambiguous manner.
*The new clause is **ambiguously** worded.*
- ambivalent** Uncertain or unable to decide about what course to follow.
*An **ambivalent** attitude to Europe.*
- caprice** A sudden and unaccountable change of mood or behaviour.
*A land where men were ruled by law and not by **caprice**.*

doubt	Consider unlikely or have doubts about. <i>I doubt my ability to do the job.</i>
doubtful	Improbable. <i>He looked doubtful but gave a nod.</i>
dubious	Fraught with uncertainty or doubt. <i>What one found uncertain the other found dubious or downright false.</i>
equivocal	Open to question-Anna Jameson. <i>The officer s equivocal behavior increased the victim s uneasiness.</i>
imprecise	Not precise. <i>The witness could give only vague and imprecise descriptions.</i>
imprecision	Lack of exactness or accuracy. <i>All scientific measurements come with some degree of imprecision.</i>
inconclusive	Not conclusive; not putting an end to doubt or question. <i>Three years of inconclusive negotiations.</i>
incredulity	The state of being unwilling or unable to believe something. <i>He stared down the street in incredulity.</i>
incredulous	(of a person or their manner) unwilling or unable to believe something. <i>An incredulous gasp.</i>
indeterminate	(of a quantity) having no definite or definable value. <i>The carpet is an indeterminate dull shade.</i>
inexact	Not exact. <i>An inexact description.</i>
shady	Unscrupulous. <i>A shady part of town.</i>
skeptic	Someone who habitually doubts accepted beliefs.
skeptical	Marked by or given to doubt. <i>A skeptical approach to the nature of miracles.</i>
skepticism	The disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge.
suspicious	Not as expected. <i>Police were called when staff became suspicious.</i>
suspiciously	With suspicion. <i>What s going on I asked suspiciously.</i>
uncertain	Subject to change. <i>A gun with a rather uncertain trigger.</i>
unclear	Not easily deciphered. <i>The reason for their actions is unclear to this day.</i>

undecided (of a person) not having made a decision.
*The jury remained **undecided**.*

vagary An unexpected and inexplicable change in something (in a situation or a person's behavior, etc).
*The **vagaries** of the weather.*

vague Not clearly expressed or understood.
*A **vague** uneasiness.*

vaguely Slightly.
*He nodded **vaguely**.*

whim A sudden desire.
*He had a **whimsy** about flying to the moon.*

