

Need another word that means the same as “unclear”? Find 38 synonyms and 30 related words for “unclear” in this overview.

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Unclear as an Adjective

Definitions of "Unclear" as an adjective

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

- *Not easily deciphered.*
- *Not easy to see, hear, or understand.*
- *Poorly stated or described.*
- *Having or feeling doubt or confusion.*
- *Not clear to the mind.*
- *Not obvious or definite; ambiguous.*



Synonyms of "Unclear" as an adjective (38 Words)

chaotic

Completely unordered and unpredictable and confusing.
*The political situation was **chaotic**.*

debatable

Open to argument or debate.
*It is **debatable** whether the country is coming out of recession.*

disarranged

Having the arrangement disturbed; not in order.
*Her **disarranged** hair.*

disordered

Thrown into a state of disarray or confusion.
*A patient who is mentally **disordered**.*

disorderly

Completely unordered and unpredictable and confusing.
*A **disorderly** pile of books.*

disorganized

Unable to plan one's activities efficiently.
*A **disorganized** enterprise.*

doubtful

Unsettled in mind or opinion.
*The candidate's **doubtful** past.*

ill-defined	Poorly stated or described.
in doubt	Currently fashionable.
in the balance	Holding office.
incalculable	(of a person or their character) unpredictable. <i>An archive of incalculable value.</i>
indecipherable	Not able to be read or understood. <i>Indecipherable handwriting.</i>
indefinite	(of a word, inflection, or phrase) not determining the person, thing, time, etc. referred to. <i>He would not answer so indefinite a proposal.</i>
indeterminate	Not capable of being determined. <i>The equivocal or indeterminate objects painted by surrealists.</i>
jumbled	In utter disorder.
muddled	Not arranged in order; untidy. <i>The muddled display of pictures has been taken down.</i>
open to question	Affording free passage or view.
out of order	Outer or outlying.
outstanding	Distinguished from others in excellence. <i>Julian's outstanding debts.</i>
pending	Awaiting decision or settlement. <i>Nine cases were still pending.</i>
speculative	Engaged in, expressing, or based on conjecture rather than knowledge. <i>The bonuses cannot be put at risk due to some speculative investment.</i>
topsy-turvy	In utter disorder.
unascertained	Not confirmed or ascertained; unknown.
<u>uncertain</u>	Subject to change. <i>An uncertain smile.</i>
unconfirmed	Not confirmed as to truth or validity. <i>An unconfirmed letter of credit.</i>
<u>undecided</u>	Not yet having made a commitment. <i>Undecided voters.</i>
undecipherable	Not easily deciphered. <i>His almost undecipherable brogue.</i>
unestablished	Not established. <i>A reputation as yet unestablished.</i>

unforeseeable	Incapable of being anticipated. <i>Too many unforeseeable political consequences could arise from such a decision.</i>
unknown	Being or having an unknown or unnamed source. <i>An unknown source.</i>
<u>unpredictable</u>	Not able to be predicted; changeable. <i>An unpredictable or indeterminable future.</i>
unreadable	Too dull or difficult to be worth reading. <i>A heavy unreadable novel.</i>
unresolved	Characterized by musical dissonance harmonically unresolved. <i>A number of issues remain unresolved.</i>
unsettled	Still in doubt. <i>An unsettled state of mind.</i>
<u>unsure</u>	Lacking or indicating lack of confidence or assurance. <i>The date is unsure.</i>
untidy	Not inclined to keep one's possessions or appearance neat and in order. <i>The place was dreadfully untidy.</i>
up in the air	In readiness.
upset	Mildly physically distressed. <i>Too upset to say anything.</i>



Usage Examples of "Unclear" as an adjective

- *The law itself was unclear on that point.*
- *Their future remains unclear.*
- *The motive for this killing is unclear.*
- *Users are still unclear about what middleware does.*
- *The reason for their actions is unclear to this day.*



Associations of "Unclear" (30 Words)

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.

***Ambiguous** phrases.*

ambiguously

In an ambiguous manner.

*This letter is worded **ambiguously**.*

ambivalent

Having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone.

*Was **ambivalent** about having children.*

blur

Make unclear indistinct or blurred.

*The haze **blurs** the hills.*

blurred

Indistinct or hazy in outline.

*A landscape of **blurred** outlines.*

blurry

Unable to perceive clear or sharp images.
*Video projectors provided extremely **blurry** images.*

dim

Made dim or less bright.
***Dimmed** headlights.*

equivocal

Uncertain as a sign or indication.
*Popularity is an **equivocal** crown.*

equivocate

Be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information.
*The government have **equivocated** too often in the past.*

evasive

Directed towards avoidance or escape.
*An **evasive** statement.*

faint

A sudden loss of consciousness.
*She sent him a **faint** answering smile.*

hazy

Indistinct or hazy in outline.
*The picture we have of him is extremely **hazy**.*

illegibility

The quality of writing (print or handwriting) that cannot be deciphered.

imprecision

The quality of lacking precision.
*All scientific measurements come with some degree of **imprecision**.*

indefinite

(of a word, inflection, or phrase) not determining the person, thing, time, etc. referred to.
*In Greek the dual contrasts with the **indefinite** plural.*

indeterminate

Having a capacity for continuing to grow at the apex.
*0 0 is an **indeterminate** form.*

indistinct

Not clear or sharply defined.
*An **indistinct** memory.*

lightproof

Able to block out light completely.
*A **lightproof** envelope.*

nebulous

Lacking definite form or limits.
***Nebulous** concepts like quality of life.*

noncommittal

Refusing to bind oneself to a particular course of action or view or the like.
*Her boyfriend was **noncommittal** about their future together.*

obscure

Make obscure or unclear.
*An **obscure** family.*

opaque

A substance for producing opaque areas on negatives.
***Opaque** windows of the jail.*

puzzling

Not clear to the understanding.

*Only one very **puzzling** question remains unanswered.*

subtlety

The quality of being difficult to detect or analyze.

*You had to admire the **subtlety** of the distinctions he drew.*

uncertain

Not established or confirmed.

*I was **uncertain** how to proceed.*

Not differentiated.

undifferentiated *By six weeks the sexual glands are as yet **undifferentiated** between male and female.*

vague

Not clearly expressed or understood.

*Their descriptions of human behavior become **vague** dull and unclear.*

vaguely

In a way that is unfocused or lacks attention; absent-mindedly.

*He nodded **vaguely**.*

wispy

Lacking clarity or distinctness.

*A few **wispy** memories of childhood.*

