

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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**The synonyms of “Unclear” are: indecipherable, undecipherable, unreadable, ill-defined, uncertain, undecided, unsure, unsettled, indefinite, indeterminate, unknown, unestablished, unconfirmed, unresolved, unascertained, pending, outstanding, in the balance, up in the air, speculative, debatable, open to question, in doubt, doubtful, unpredictable, unforeseeable, incalculable, chaotic, muddled, jumbled, untidy, disordered, disorderly, disarranged, out of order, disorganized, upset, topsy-turvy**

## 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.*

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

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

