

Need another word that means the same as “vague”? Find 36 synonyms and 30 related words for “vague” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Vague” are: obscure, dim, faint, shadowy, wispy, undefined, indistinct, indefinite, indeterminate, unclear, uncertain, undecided, unsure, unsettled, unknown, unestablished, unconfirmed, unresolved, unascertained, pending, outstanding, in the balance, up in the air, speculative, imprecise, inexact, rough, approximate, inexplicit, loose, ill-defined, generalized, ambiguous, equivocal, hazy, woolly**

## Vague as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Vague" as an adjective

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

- *Not precisely limited, determined, or distinguished.*
- *Lacking clarity or distinctness.*
- *Not clearly expressed or understood.*
- *Not clearly understood or expressed-Anatole Broyard- P.A.So.*
- *Of uncertain, indefinite, or unclear character or meaning.*
- *Thinking or communicating in an unfocused or imprecise way.*



## Synonyms of "Vague" as an adjective (36 Words)

<b>ambiguous</b>	Not clear or decided. <i><b>Ambiguous</b> inkblots.</i>
<b>approximate</b>	Close to the actual, but not completely accurate or exact. <i>The <b>approximate</b> time of death.</i>
<b>dim</b>	Made dim or less bright. <i>A <b>dim</b> figure in the distance.</i>
<b>equivocal</b>	Uncertain as a sign or indication. <i>The evidence from bacteriologic analysis was <b>equivocal</b>.</i>
<b>faint</b>	Weak and likely to lose consciousness. <i>The <b>faint</b> murmur of voices.</i>
<b>generalized</b>	Used or applied generally; not specific or specialized. <i>The hedgehog is a primitive and <b>generalized</b> mammal.</i>
<b>hazy</b>	Indistinct or hazy in outline. <i>The picture we have of him is extremely <b>hazy</b>.</i>

<b>ill-defined</b>	Poorly stated or described.
<b>imprecise</b>	Lacking exactness and accuracy of expression or detail. <i>The terms he used were <b>imprecise</b> and emotional.</i>
<b>in the balance</b>	Currently fashionable.
<b>indefinite</b>	Not clearly expressed or defined; vague. <i>Plans are <b>indefinite</b>.</i>
<b>indeterminate</b>	Not leading to a definite ending or result. <i>A zillion is a large <b>indeterminate</b> number.</i>
<b>indistinct</b>	Not clear or sharply defined. <i>His speech was slurred and <b>indistinct</b>.</i>
<b>inexact</b>	Not quite accurate or correct. <i>An <b>inexact</b> description.</i>
<b>implicit</b>	Implied though not directly expressed; inherent in the nature of something. <i><b>Implicit</b> declarations.</i>
<b>loose</b>	Not close, compact, or solid in structure or formation. <i>There is too much <b>loose</b> talk about the situation.</i>
<b>obscure</b>	Remote and separate physically or socially. <i>Those who do not appreciate Kafka's work say his style is <b>obscure</b>.</i>
<b>outstanding</b>	Clearly noticeable. <i>Did <b>outstanding</b> work in human relations.</i>
<b>pending</b>	Awaiting decision or settlement. <i>Nine cases were still <b>pending</b>.</i>
<b>rough</b>	Ready and able to resort to force or violence- Herman Melville. <i>Pushchairs should be capable of withstanding <b>rough</b> treatment.</i>
<b>shadowy</b>	Of uncertain identity or nature. <i>The <b>shadowy</b> world of covert operations.</i>
<b>speculative</b>	Not financially safe or secure. <i><b>Speculative</b> knowledge.</i>
<b>unascertained</b>	Not confirmed or ascertained; unknown.
<b>uncertain</b>	Not established beyond doubt; still undecided or unknown. <i>Moving with <b>uncertain</b> or unsure steps.</i>
<b>unclear</b>	Not easy to see, hear, or understand. <i>The reason for their actions is <b>unclear</b> to this day.</i>
<b>unconfirmed</b>	Not confirmed as to truth or validity. <i>An <b>unconfirmed</b> report of shots being fired.</i>

<b><u>undecided</u></b>	Not yet having made a commitment. <i>Our position on this bill is still <b>undecided</b>.</i>
<b><u>undefined</u></b>	Not precisely limited, determined, or distinguished. <i><b>Undefined</b> areas of jurisdiction.</i>
<b>unestablished</b>	Not established. <i>An <b>unestablished</b> professor of anatomy.</i>
<b>unknown</b>	Being or having an unknown or unnamed source. <i>An <b>unknown</b> source.</i>
<b>unresolved</b>	Characterized by musical dissonance harmonically unresolved. <i>Many problems remain <b>unresolved</b>.</i>
<b>unsettled</b>	Not yet settled. <i>An <b>unsettled</b> state of mind.</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>	Out of bed.
<b>wispy</b>	Thin and weak- Edmund Wilson. <i>The sky was blue with a few <b>wispy</b> clouds.</i>
<b>woolly</b>	Having a fluffy character or appearance. <i><b>Woolly</b> thinking.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Vague" as an adjective

- *Many patients suffer vague symptoms.*
- *A vague uneasiness.*
- *He had been very vague about his activities.*
- *Vague...forms of speech...have so long passed for mysteries of science.*
- *Vague feelings of sadness.*
- *Their descriptions of human behavior become vague, dull, and unclear.*
- *Saw a vague outline of a building through the fog.*





## Associations of "Vague" (30 Words)

**ambiguity**

The quality of being open to more than one interpretation; inexactness.  
*We can detect no **ambiguity** in this section of the Act.*

**ambiguous**

Having more than one possible meaning.  
*An **ambiguous** situation with no frame of reference.*

**ambiguously**

So as to be open to more than one interpretation.  
*This letter is worded **ambiguously**.*

**ambivalent**

Uncertain or unable to decide about what course to follow.  
*Was **ambivalent** about having children.*

**blur**

Make unclear indistinct or blurred.  
*The pale **blur** of her face.*

**blurred**

Indistinct or hazy in outline.  
*A landscape of **blurred** outlines.*

<b><u>blurry</u></b>	Unable to perceive clear or sharp images. <i>Video projectors provided extremely <b>blurry</b> images.</i>
<b>equivocal</b>	Open to question. <i>The officer s <b>equivocal</b> behavior increased the victim s uneasiness.</i>
<b><u>equivocate</u></b>	Be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information. <i>The government have <b>equivocated</b> too often in the past.</i>
<b><u>evasive</u></b>	Deliberately vague or ambiguous. <i>They decided to take <b>evasive</b> action.</i>
<b><u>faint</u></b>	Weak and likely to lose consciousness. <i>Suddenly felt <b>faint</b> from the pain.</i>
<b><u>hazy</u></b>	Indistinct or hazy in outline. <i>It was a beautiful day but quite <b>hazy</b>.</i>
<b>illegibility</b>	The quality of writing (print or handwriting) that cannot be deciphered.
<b>imprecision</b>	The quality of lacking precision. <i>All scientific measurements come with some degree of <b>imprecision</b>.</i>
<b>indefinite</b>	Not clearly expressed or defined; vague. <i>Plans are <b>indefinite</b>.</i>
<b>indeterminate</b>	Of uncertain or ambiguous nature. <i>0 0 is an <b>indeterminate</b> form.</i>
<b>indistinct</b>	Not clearly defined or easy to perceive or understand. <i><b>Indistinct</b> shapes in the gloom.</i>
<b><u>intangible</u></b>	An intangible thing. <i>The rose symbolized something <b>intangible</b> about their relationship.</i>
<b>lightproof</b>	Able to block out light completely. <i>A <b>lightproof</b> envelope.</i>
<b>nebulous</b>	Lacking definition or definite content. <i><b>Nebulous</b> concepts like quality of life.</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>obscure</u></b>	Make obscure or unclear. <i>The stars are <b>obscured</b> by the clouds.</i>
<b><u>opaque</u></b>	An opaque thing. <i>Technical jargon that was <b>opaque</b> to her.</i>
<b>opaqueness</b>	Incomprehensibility resulting from obscurity of meaning.



**subtlety** A subtle difference in meaning or opinion or attitude.  
*The textural **subtlety** of Degas.*

**uncertain** Not established or confirmed.  
*Moving with **uncertain** or unsure steps.*

**unclear** Having or feeling doubt or confusion.  
*The law itself was **unclear** on that point.*

**undifferentiated** Not differentiated.  
*By six weeks the sexual glands are as yet **undifferentiated** between male and female.*

**vaguely** In a way that is unfocused or lacks attention; absent-mindedly.  
*He looked **vaguely** familiar.*

**wispy** (of hair, threads, smoke, etc.) fine; feathery.  
*The sky was blue with a few **wispy** clouds.*

