

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)

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

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

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

<u>ambiguity</u>	The quality of being open to more than one interpretation; inexactness. <i>We can detect no ambiguity in this section of the Act.</i>
ambiguous	Having more than one possible meaning. <i>An ambiguous situation with no frame of reference.</i>
ambiguously	So as to be open to more than one interpretation. <i>This letter is worded ambiguously.</i>
<u>ambivalent</u>	Uncertain or unable to decide about what course to follow. <i>Was ambivalent about having children.</i>
<u>blur</u>	Make unclear indistinct or blurred. <i>The pale blur of her face.</i>
blurred	Indistinct or hazy in outline. <i>A landscape of blurred outlines.</i>

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

