

**vague**1. [veɪɡ] *n*

неопределённость

in the vague - а) в неопределённом положении; б) в общем

2. [veɪɡ] *a*

1. неопределённый, туманный, нечёткий, неясный; смутный

vague answer - неопределённый ответ

vague hope - смутная надежда

vague idea - неясная /туманная/ мысль

vague term - неточный термин

vague resemblance - отдалённое/неуловимое/ сходство

to speak in vague language - высказываться неопределённо; нечётко формулировать свои мысли

to be vague about smth. /on a point/ - а) высказываться неопределённо /уклончиво/; б) не быть уверенным в чём-л., иметь смутное представление о чём-л.

not the vaguest idea - ни малейшего представления

2. рассеянный, невыразительный, отсутствующий (о взгляде)

3. нечёткий, неясно очерченный

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**vague** [vəˈɡeɪ] *BrE* [veɪɡ] *AmE* [veɪɡ] *adjective* (vague, 

vaguest)

1. not clear in a person's mind

• to have a **vague impression/memory/recollection** of sth• They had only a **vague idea** where the place was.

2. ~ (about sth) not having or giving enough information or details about sth

• She's a little vague about her plans for next year.

• The politicians made vague promises about tax cuts.

• He was accused of being deliberately vague

• We had only a vague description of the attacker.

• He outlined the policy in vague terms.

3. (of a person's behaviour) suggesting a lack of clear thought or attention

**Syn:** †absent-minded

• His vague manner concealed a brilliant mind.

4. not having a clear shape

**Syn:** †indistinct

• In the darkness they could see the vague outline of a church.

**Derived Word** †vagueness**Word Origin:**mid 16th cent.: from French, or from Latin *vagus* 'wandering, uncertain'.**Example Bank:**

- Her directions were hopelessly vague
- I am vague about what happened during the rest of the night.
- I was suitably vague as to exactly how I had acquired the money.
- It was a vague enough concept for the liberals to unite around.
- It was a vague enough suggestion for everyone to be happy with it.
- She seems to be getting rather vague as she grows older.
- Since the officers knew little themselves their reassurances were necessarily vague
- The identity of the city in the novel is deliberately left vague
- The law is notoriously vague on this point.
- The statement was vague in its wording.
- You're being deliberately vague
- an inherently vague and subjective concept
- I have a vague recollection of meeting him when I was a child.
- She's a little vague about her plans for next year.

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**vague** *S3* /veɪɡ/ *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*[Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: Latin *vagus* 'wandering, vague']

1. unclear because someone does not give enough detailed information or does not say exactly what they mean:

The governor gave only a vague outline of his tax plan.

**vague about**

Julia was vague about where she had been and what she had been doing.

2. **have a vague idea/feeling/recollection etc (that)** to think that something might be true or that you remember something, although you cannot be sure:

Larry had the vague feeling he'd done something embarrassing the night before.

3. not having a clear shape or form **SYN indistinct**

The vague shape of a figure loomed through the mist.

—vagueness *noun* [uncountable]

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## COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

### ■ adjectives

- **a vague idea/notion** The students only had a vague idea of what they were supposed to do.
- **a vague sense/feeling** She had a vague feeling that she had let something important slip away.
- **a vague recollection/memory** I have only a vague recollection of what the house looked like.
- **a vague impression** Everything happens so quickly, though, that all you are left with is a vague impression.
- **a vague suspicion** A vague suspicion began to tug at Benny's mind.
- **a vague unease/dread** I felt a vague unease.

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