

## doubtful

### 1. ['dʌvtf(ə)] *n*

сомнительный, вызывающий подозрения человек; сомнительная вещь

### 2. ['dʌvtf(ə)] *a*

1. сомневающийся, полный сомнений; нерешительный, колеблющийся

to be doubtful of smth. - сомневаться в чём-л.

I am doubtful what I ought to do - не знаю, что мне делать /как мне быть/

I was still doubtful about speaking to him - я всё ещё колебался по поводу того, стоит ли с ним говорить

2. сомнительный, неясный; неопределённый

doubtful reply - неясный ответ

doubtful future - неопределённое будущее

doubtful case [blessing] - сомнительный случай [-ое благодеяние]

3. 1) подозрительный, вызывающий подозрения; сомнительный

doubtful character /reputation/ - сомнительная репутация

doubtful neighbourhood - нереспектабельный район

in doubtful taste - безвкусный; в дурном вкусе

to pursue a doubtful path - *образн.* идти по опасной дороге

2) двусмысленный, сомнительный

doubtful expression /phrase/ - двусмысленность

◇ doubtful State - *амер.* штат, где исход выборов не предрешён

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**doubtful** [doubtful doubtfully] *BrE* ['dʌvtfɪ] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* ['dʌvtfɪ] <sup>u</sup> **adjective**

1. (of a person) not sure; uncertain and feeling doubt

**Syn:** †dubious

• ~ (about sth) Rose was doubtful about the whole idea.

• ~ (about doing sth) He was doubtful about accepting extra work.

2. unlikely; not probable

• ~ (if...) It's doubtful if this painting is a Picasso.

• ~ (that...) With her injuries it's doubtful that she'll ever walk again.

• ~ (whether...) It's doubtful whether the car will last another year.

• ~ (for sth) He is injured and is doubtful for the game tomorrow (= unlikely to play) .

3. not usually before noun (of a thing) uncertain and likely to get worse

• At the beginning of the war things were looking very doubtful.

4. only before noun of low value; probably not genuine or of a quality that you can rely on

**Syn:** †dubious

• This wine is of doubtful quality.

**Derived Word** †doubtfully

### Example Bank:

- Even if we could go, which is highly doubtful, John wouldn't be able to come with us.
- She was rather doubtful about the wisdom of eating the seafood.
- She was rather doubtful about the wisdom of eating the two-day-old food.
- A doubtful look crossed her face.
- It is doubtful if this painting is a Picasso.
- It is doubtful that his words will change the situation much.
- It is doubtful whether the car will last another year.
- Terry is injured and is doubtful for the game tomorrow.
- With her injuries it's doubtful that she'll ever walk again.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**doubtful** /'dʌvtfəl/ *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> **adjective**

[**Word Family:** **adjective:** †doubtful, doubtless, †indubitable, †undoubted; **adverb:** †doubtfully, †indubitably, †undoubtedly; **noun:**

†doubt, †doubter; **verb:** †doubt]

1. probably not true or not likely to happen:

Prospects for a lasting peace remain doubtful.

**it is doubtful if/whether**

It was doubtful whether the patient would survive the operation.

**it is doubtful that**

It is doubtful that the missing airmen will ever be found.

2. not sure that something is true or right:

'Everything's going to be all right, you'll see.' Jenny looked doubtful.

**doubtful if/whether**

I'm still doubtful whether I should accept this job.

**doubtful about (doing) something**

At first we were doubtful about employing Charlie.

3. unlikely to be successful:

Already the whole scheme was looking increasingly doubtful.

4. probably not good **SYN dubious**:

Here the tap water is of doubtful quality.

—**doubtfully** *adverb*

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