

ambiguity

[,æmbɪ'ɡju:ɪti] *n*

1. неясность, двусмысленность, неопределённость; неоднозначность; двойственность
to express oneself with ambiguity - выражаться неясно /двусмысленно/
there is a slight ambiguity in his words - в его словах есть некоторая неопределённость; его слова можно понять по-разному
to answer without any ambiguity - дать прямой /недвусмысленный/ ответ
the ambiguity of her self-image - двойственность её представления о самой себе
2. двусмыслица; двусмысленность; двусмысленное выражение
apparent [deliberate] ambiguity - очевидная [намеренная] двусмыслица
to use ambiguities - выражаться туманно
let's clear up the ambiguities in this paragraph - давайте уточним некоторые неясные места /выражения/ в этом абзаце
3. **лингв.** неоднозначность; омонимия (в особенности синтаксическая)
the ambiguity of a sentence - омонимичность предложения
4. **лог.** ложное доказательство из-за двусмысленности языкового выражения или значения

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am·bi·gu·ity **AW** [ambiguity ambiguities] **BrE** [,æmbɪ'ɡju:ɪti] **NAmE**

[,æmbɪ'ɡju:ɪti] **noun** (pl. **am·bi·gu·ities**)

1. **uncountable** the state of having more than one possible meaning
 - Write clear definitions in order to avoid ambiguity.
 - A lot of humour depends on ambiguity.
2. **countable** a word or statement that can be understood in more than one way
 - There were several inconsistencies and ambiguities in her speech.
3. **uncountable, countable** the state of being difficult to understand or explain because of involving many different aspects
 - You must understand the ambiguity of my position.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **ambiguite** or Latin **ambiguitas**, from **ambiguus** 'doubtful' (from **ambigere** 'waver, go around', from **ambi-** 'both ways' + **agere** 'to drive').

Example Bank:

- Incorrect choice of words leads to ambiguity for the reader.
- The document has been carefully written to avoid ambiguity.
- The poem contains a certain ambiguity.
- There is a degree of ambiguity in this statement.
- There was some ambiguity in what he said.
- There will always be some ambiguity about what actually happened.
- They had to change some of the wording in the document to resolve the ambiguity.
- the ambiguity surrounding the concept of 'reality'
- the inherent ambiguity of language

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[uncountable and countable]

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑ambiguity; **adverb**: ↑ambiguously ≠ ↑unambiguously; **adjective**: ↑ambiguous ≠ ↑unambiguous]

the state of being unclear, confusing, or not certain, or things that produce this effect

ambiguity in

- There was an element of ambiguity in the president's reply.
- legal ambiguities

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