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vaguely

vague·ly [vaguely] BrE ['veɪgli] NAmE ['veɪgli] adverb

- 1. in a way that is not detailed or exact
- a vaguely worded statement
- I can vaguely remember my first day at school.
- 2. slightly
- There was something vaguely familiar about her face.
- He was vaguely aware of footsteps behind him.
- The story is only vaguely amusing.

3. in a way that shows that you are not paying attention or thinking clearly

- He smiled vaguely, ignoring her questions.
- 'I'll be in touch,' she said vaguely.

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1. slightly OPP clearly:

- I vaguely remember a woman in a red dress standing outside the door.
- There was something vaguely familiar about him.
- I was vaguely aware of another figure by the door.

2. not clearly or exactly:

- His statement was very vaguely worded.
- 3. in a way that shows you are not thinking about what you are doing:
 - He smiled vaguely at the ceiling.

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