

**ambiguous**[æm'bigjvəs] *a*

## 1. двусмысленный

ambiguous words [allusions] - двусмысленные слова [намёки]

## 2. неясный, нечёткий; неопределённый; допускающий двойное толкование; неоднозначный

ambiguous answer - неопределённый/невразумительный ответ

ambiguous terms - неопределённые/нечёткие условия

ambiguous statement - заявление, допускающее двойное толкование

ambiguous style - неясный стиль

undeniably ambiguous - безусловно допускающий разное толкование

eyes of an ambiguous colour - глаза неопределённого/меняющегося цвета

3. *лингв.* неоднозначный; омонимичный

the sentence is two ways ambiguous - (это) предложение двузачно

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**am·big·u·ous** *AW BrE* [æm'bigjuəs] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [æm'bigjuəs] <sup>ˈ</sup> *adjective*

## 1. that can be understood in more than one way; having different meanings

• an **ambiguous word/term/statement**

• Her account was deliberately ambiguous.

## 2. not clearly stated or defined

• His role has always been ambiguous.

**Opp:** ↑unambiguousDerived Word ↑ambiguouslyWord Origin:[**ambiguous ambiguously**] early 16th cent. (in the sense 'indistinct, obscure'): from Latin *ambiguus* 'doubtful' (from *ambigere* 'waver, go around', from *ambi-* 'both ways' + *agere* 'to drive') + ↑-ous.Example Bank:

• I suspected that he was being deliberately ambiguous.

• The paragraph is rendered ambiguous by the writer's careless use of pronouns.

• 'We' is a notoriously ambiguous word: does it mean 'you and I' or 'he/she and I', 'everyone' or just 'some people'?

• It is for the jury to decide what an ambiguous statement was intended to mean.

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**am·big·u·ous** *AC* /æm'bigjuəs/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *adjective*[**Word Family:** *noun:* ↑ambiguity; *adverb:* ↑ambiguously ≠ ↑unambiguously; *adjective:* ↑ambiguous ≠ ↑unambiguous][**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** *ambiguus*, from *ambigere* 'to wander around', from *ambi-* (**AMBI-**) + *agere* 'to drive']

something that is ambiguous is unclear, confusing, or not certain, especially because it can be understood in more than one way

**OPP unambiguous:**

• The language in the Minister's statement is highly ambiguous.

• His role in the affair is ambiguous.

**—ambiguously** *adverb:*• The legislation had been ambiguously worded.

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**REGISTER**In everyday English, people also use the phrase **you can take something two ways** instead of saying it is **ambiguous**:• *What she says is ambiguous.* → You can take what she says two ways.**ambiguous**

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