

elusive[iˈluːsɪv] *a*

1. неуловимый, ускользающий, уклончивый
elusive reply - уклончивый ответ
elusive data - *информ.* труднонаходимые данные
an elusive bachelor - холостяк, которого никак не удаётся «заарканить» /склонить к женитьбе/
2. слабый (о памяти); смутный (о воспоминании)
3. трудный для запоминания или понимания (о слове, понятии)
an elusive concept that means many things to many people - расплывчатая концепция, которую каждый понимает по-своему

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

elusive *BrE* [iˈluːsɪv] *v* *NAmE* [iˈluːsɪv] *v* *adjective*

difficult to find, define, or achieve

- Eric, as elusive as ever, was nowhere to be found.
- the elusive concept of 'literature'
- A solution to the problem of toxic waste is **proving elusive** .

Derived Words ↑**elusively** ▪ ↑**elusiveness**Word Origin:[**elusive elusively elusiveness**] early 18th cent.: from Latin **elus-** 'eluded' (from the verb **eludere**) + ↑**-ive**.Example Bank:

- Further movie roles have proved somewhat elusive for the young actor.
- He was searching for the ever elusive 'perfect job'.
- Sleep was strangely elusive.
- The murderer remained frustratingly elusive.
- Truth is a notoriously elusive quality.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

elusive /iˈluːsɪv/ *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*

1. an elusive person or animal is difficult to find or not often seen:
" She managed to get an interview with that elusive man.
2. an elusive result is difficult to achieve:
" She enjoys a firm reputation in this country but wider international success has been elusive.
3. an elusive idea or quality is difficult to describe or understand:
" For me, the poem has an elusive quality.

—**elusively** *adverb*—**elusiveness** *noun* [uncountable]**elusive**

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