

obscure1. [əb'skjʊə] *n* **поэт.**

1. темнота; ночь; мрак
2. неясность, смутность очертаний

2. [əb'skjʊə] *a*

1. тёмный, слабо освещённый; мрачный
obscure corner - тёмный угол
2. 1) неясный, смутный, неотчётливый
obscure sound - неясный звук
obscure shape - смутные очертания
to have an obscure view of smth. - неясно представлять себе что-л
- 2) смутный, неосознанный
obscure feelings - смутные чувства
the obscure beginnings of a great movement - первые признаки зарождающегося великого движения
- 3) нечёткий, приглушённый
obscure pulse - слабый пульс, плохо прощупывающийся пульс
3. непонятный, невразумительный, неразборчивый
obscure meaning - скрытое значение /смысл/
obscure explanation - невразумительное объяснение
obscure motivations - непонятные/неясные/ мотивы
the part he played in the matter remains obscure - его роль в этом деле остаётся неясной
4. незаметный, малоизвестный, ничем не прославившийся; скромный
obscure job - незаметная должность
an obscure book of a forgotten author - малоизвестная книга забытого писателя
he settled in an obscure country village - он поселился в глухой деревушке
many deeds of bravery remain obscure - многие подвиги остаются неизвестными
this obscure family of ours - наша простая /ничем не известная/ семья
5. матовый, без блеска, темноватый
obscure brown - приглушённый коричневый цвет

3. [əb'skjʊə] *v*

1. затемнять, затенять
windows obscured by curtains - окна, затемнённые занавесками
the moon was obscured by clouds - тучи закрыли луну
2. делать неясным, запутывать
to obscure the meaning of the word - сделать неясным значение слова
his testimony obscured the issue - его показание запутало дело
his reasoning was obscured by emotion - его мысли путались от переживаний
3. затмевать
his fame was obscured by that of his great son - слава его великого сына затмила его собственную
4. загораживать (*вид*); мешать (*обзору*)
to obscure the light - загораживать свет
5. **воен.** задымлять
6. **лингв.** редуцировать (*гласный*)

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ob-scure [obscure obscures obscured obscuring] **adjective, verb BrE**[əb'skjʊə(r)] ^{us} **NAmE** [əb'skjʊr] ^{us}**adjective**

1. not well known

Syn: ↑unknown

- an obscure German poet
- We went to see one of Shakespeare's more obscure plays.
- He was born around 1650 but his origins remain obscure.

2. difficult to understand

- I found her lecture very obscure.
- **For some obscure reason**, he failed to turn up.
- The meaning of his comment was obscure to everyone but himself.

Word Origin:late Middle English: from Old French **obscur**, from Latin **obscurus** 'dark', from an Indo-European root meaning 'cover'.Example Bank:

- The origins of the tradition have become obscure.

Derived Word ↑obscurely**verb ~ sth**

to make it difficult to see, hear or understand sth

- The view was obscured by fog.
- We mustn't let these minor details obscure the main issue.

- A shadow fell across her face, obscuring her expression.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	obscure
	BrE /əbˈskjʊə(r)/
	NAme /əbˈskjʊr/
he / she / it	obscures
	BrE /əbˈskjʊəz/
	NAme /əbˈskjʊrɪz/
past simple, past participle	obscured
	BrE /əbˈskjʊəd/
	NAme /əbˈskjʊrd/
-ing form	obscuring
	BrE /əbˈskjʊərɪŋ/
	NAme /əbˈskjʊrɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- All trace of his working-class background was deliberately obscured.
- Solo passages in this register are very easily obscured by other instruments.
- The emphasis on social integration often served to obscure the real differences within the community.
- The house was obscured from view by a high hedge.
- The moon was obscured behind a wall of cloud.
- The right-hand side of the face is obscured in deep shadow.
- These figures obscure the fact that a lot of older people live in great poverty.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **obscure**¹ /əbˈskjʊə \$ -ˈskjʊr/ BrE ^u AmE ^e *adjective*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin obscurus]

1. not well known and usually not very important:

- an obscure poet
- The details of his life remain obscure.

2. difficult to understand:

- obscure legal phrases
- For some obscure reason, the group is very popular.

—**obscurely** *adverb*

II. **obscure**² BrE ^u AmE ^e *verb* [transitive]

1. to make something difficult to know or understand:

- Recent successes have obscured the fact that the company is still in trouble.

2. to prevent something from being seen or heard clearly:

- The view was obscured by mist.

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- **hide** to make something difficult to see or find, or to not show your true feelings: He hid the gun in his pocket. | She tried to hide her anger. | The actress put up a hand to hide her face from the cameras.
- **conceal** *formal* to hide something, especially by carefully putting it somewhere. Also used when talking about hiding your feelings, especially in negative sentences: Several kilos of drugs were concealed in the back of the truck. | He could not conceal his feelings any longer. | The girl quickly concealed the photograph she had been gazing at.
- **cover up** to put something over another thing that you do not want people to see, in order to hide it completely: People cover up cracks with wallpaper or tiles. | I used some make-up to cover up the spots. | She was wearing a thin shawl to cover up the bruises on her arm.
- **disguise** to make someone or something seem like a different person or thing, so that other people cannot recognize them: She managed to get into the camp by disguising herself as a soldier. | The men had disguised the vessel as fishing boat.
- **camouflage** to hide something by covering it with materials that make it look like the things around it: We camouflaged the plane by covering it with leaves. | The troops used charcoal to camouflage their faces. | Soldiers had camouflaged the trucks with branches and dirt.
- **obscure** *literary* to make it difficult to see something clearly: The view was obscured by mist. | His body was found, partially obscured by bushes, at the bottom of a shallow canyon.
- **mask** to make something less noticeable, for example a taste, a smell, a sound, or a feeling: The lemon helps to mask the taste of the fish. | Helen had turned on the radio to mask the noise of the traffic. | He did little to mask his contempt.

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