

# equivocate: verb

definition:

- to use ambiguous or unclear expressions, usually to avoid commitment or in order to mislead; prevaricate or hedge



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pronunciation:

ih-kwiv-uh-keyt



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related forms:

- noun

  - equivocator

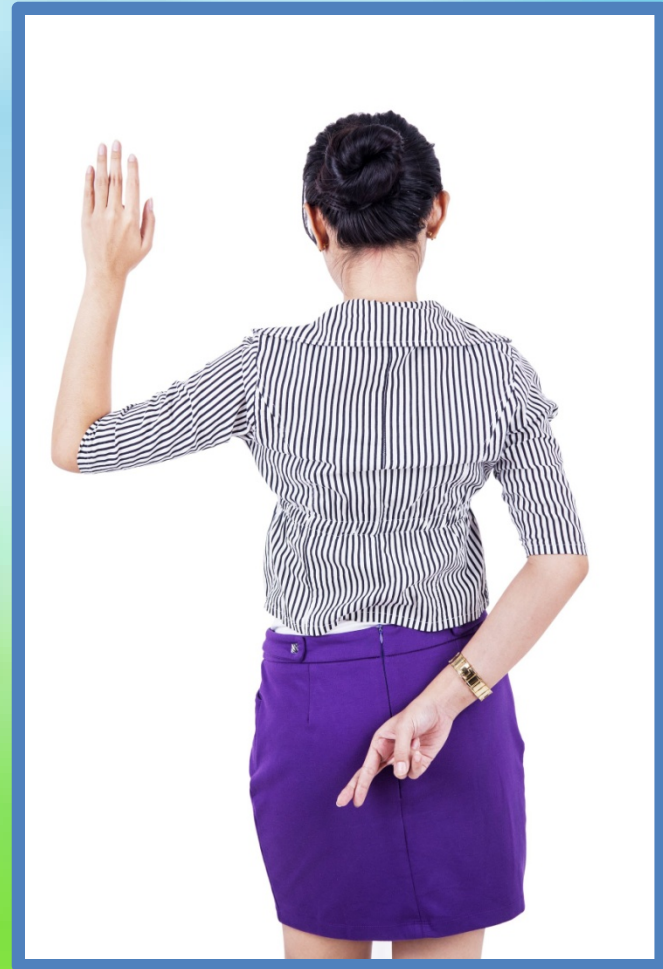
  - equivocation

- adverb

  - equivocatingly

- adjective

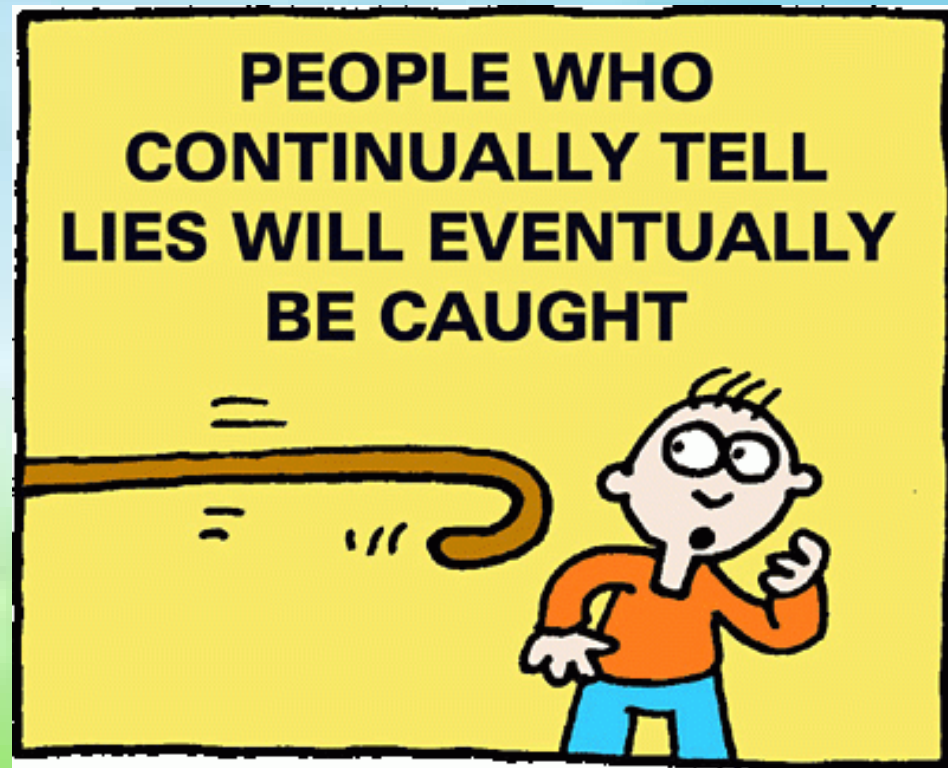
  - equivocatory



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## synonyms:

- prevaricate
- quibble
- shuffle
- eschew
- escape
- dodge
- evade
- stall

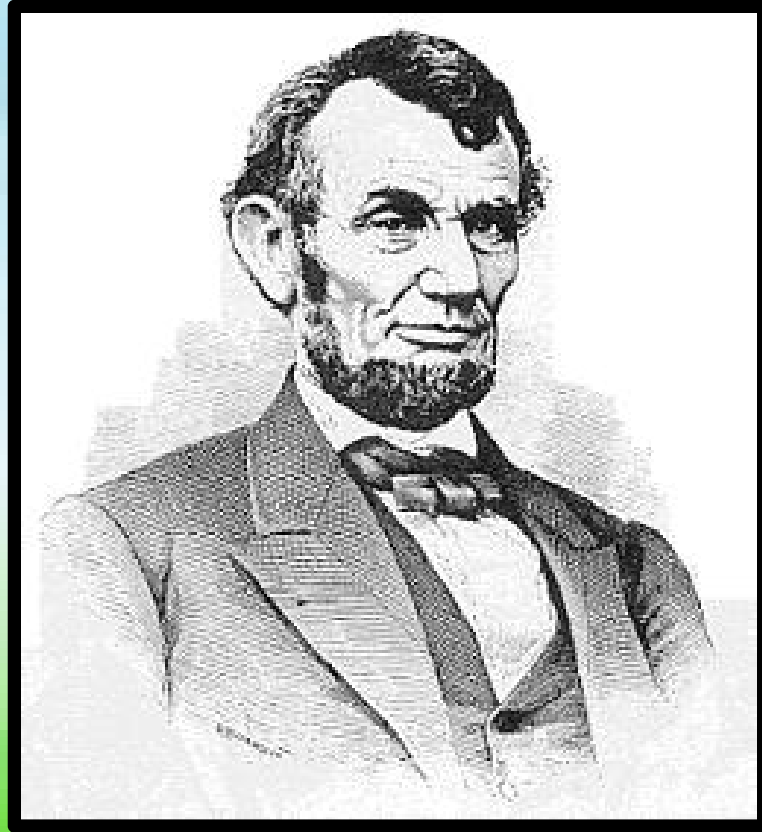


# equivocate

When asked directly  
for his position on  
gun control, the  
candidate  
equivocated.



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Honest to the core, Abe Lincoln did not know how to dissemble or equivocate.

# equivocated

Though he meant well, the father may have equivocated when he promised his family that their luggage would fit comfortably in the car.



# equivocatory

The snake's equivocatory words caused many irrevocable problems.







# equivocator

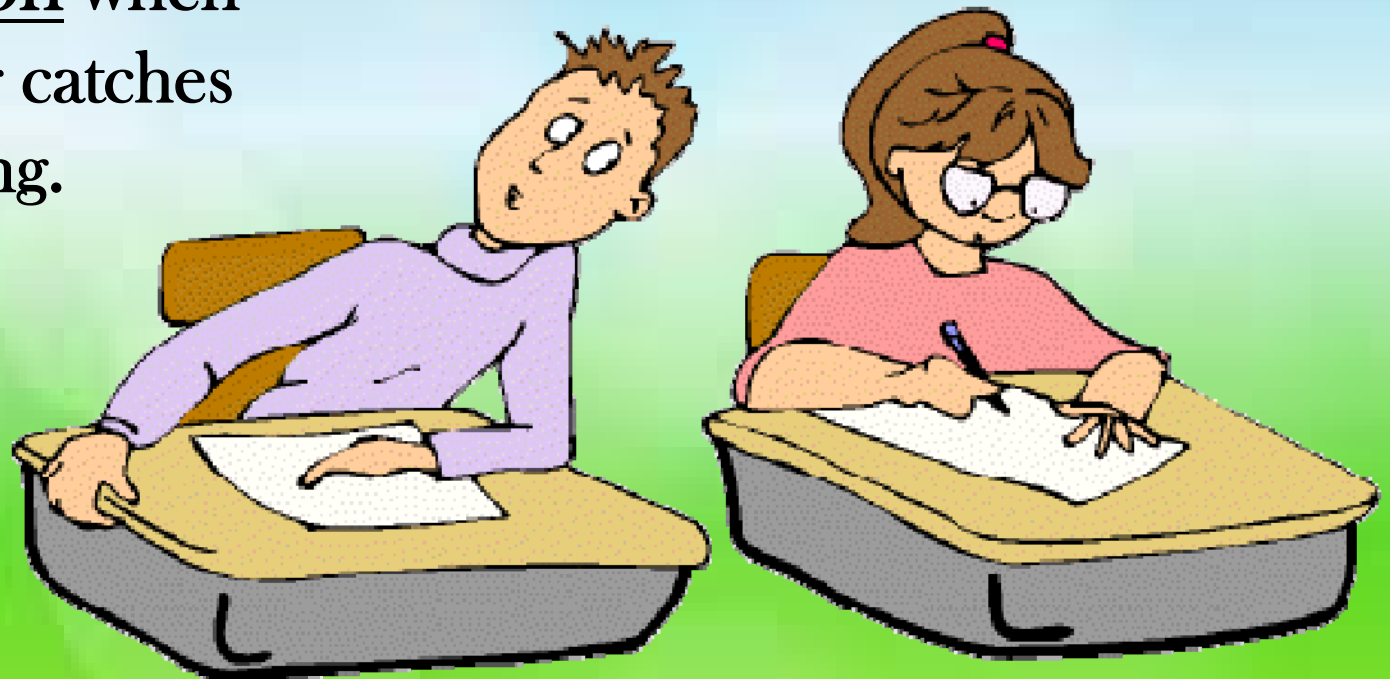
Though she seemed to be a sweet, old lady, she was difficult to beat at poker, for she was a born equivocator.





# equivocation

Students often resort to equivocation when their teacher catches them cheating.



# equivocatingly



The doctor equivocatingly prescribed a fraudulent cure.

# equivocatingly

When asked if he knew where the cookies went, the young boy responded equivocatingly.

