

**blunder**

1. ['blʌndə] *n*

- 1. грубая ошибка  
he committed /made/ a blunder - он совершил большую ошибку

2. *уст.* смятение

2. ['blʌndə] *v*

- 1) 1) грубо ошибаться; допустить промах
- 2) напортить, напутать; плохо справляться (с чем-л.)  
he blundered through his examination paper - он наделал ошибок в письменной экзаменационной работе  
the negotiation was hopelessly blundered by him - он безнадежно запутал переговоры

2. двигаться ощупью, неуверенно (*мж.* blunder about, blunder along)

- to blunder one's way along - идти ощупью
- to blunder through one's work - работать вслепую
- he managed to blunder through - он кое-как справился

3. (against, into, on, upon) (случайно) наталкиваться, наткаться

- to blunder against smb. [smth.] - наткнуться на кого-л. [на что-л.]
- he blundered upon the truth - он случайно узнал истину
- he never blundered upon a bon mot - он никогда и случайно не сказал ничего остроумного

4. (*обыкн.* blunder out)

- 1) проболтаться, сболтнуть, сказать глупость  
he blundered out a secret - он выболтал тайну
- 2) сказать невнятно  
to blunder (out) one's thanks - пробормотать слова благодарности

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**blun-der** [blunder blunders blundered blundering] *noun, verb* BrE ['blʌndə(r)]

*NA*ME ['blʌndə]

*noun*

- a stupid or careless mistake
- to make a terrible blunder
- a series of political blunders

Word Origin:

Middle English: probably of Scandinavian origin and related to **blind**.

Example Bank:

- The president has made a series of political blunders.
- one of the greatest policy blunders in history
- After a series of political blunders he finally resigned.
- I think I've made a terrible blunder.

Derived blunder about/around ▪ **blunder into something** ▪ **blunder on**

*verb intransitive*

to make a stupid or careless mistake

- The government had blundered in its handling of the affair.

Verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	blunder
	BrE / 'blʌndə(r)/
	NA ME / 'blʌndə/
he / she / it	blunders
	BrE / 'blʌndəz/
	NA ME / 'blʌndəz/
past simple, past participle	blundered
	BrE / 'blʌndəd/
	NA ME / 'blʌndəd/
-ing form	blundering
	BrE / 'blʌndərɪŋ/
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1. **blun-der** 1 /'blʌndə \$ -ər/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

- a careless or stupid mistake:  
A last-minute blunder cost them the match.

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## ■ a stupid mistake

- **blunder** a stupid mistake caused by not thinking carefully enough about what you are saying or doing, which could have serious results: In a serious blunder by the hospital, two babies were sent home with the wrong parents.
- **gaffe** /gæf/ an embarrassing and stupid mistake made in a social situation or in public: a serious gaffe in her speech about immigration
- **howler** *British English* a very bad mistake, especially one that shows you do not know something, and that often makes other people laugh: Photographers should be careful of making classic howlers, such as having a tree grow out of your subject's head.
- **cock-up** *British English informal* a silly mistake when you are doing something – a very informal one: They made a cock-up with the bill. | The government is anxious to avoid any more cock-ups.

## II. blunder<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>1</sup> AmE<sup>1</sup> verb

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Probably from Scandinavian language]

1. [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to move in an unsteady way, as if you cannot see properly

**blunder about/around**

▪ Someone was blundering about in the kitchen.

**blunder into/past/through etc something**

▪ Phil came blundering down the stairs.

2. [intransitive] to make a big mistake, especially because you have been careless or stupid:

▪ They blundered badly when they gave him the job.

3. [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to enter a place or become involved in a difficult situation by mistake

**blunder into**

▪ Somehow we blundered into the war.

**blunder in**

▪ He would have agreed if you hadn't blundered in.

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