

flounder

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1. ['flaʊndə] *n*
 1. барахтанье; спотыкание; попытки выбраться, выпутаться
 2. запутанное, затруднительное положение; затруднение (*в речи*)
2. ['flaʊndə] *v*
 1. барахтаться, стараться выбраться, выпутаться; спотыкаться
 the horses were floundering in deep snow - лошади с трудом передвигались по глубокому снегу
 to flounder through a morass - пробираться через трясины
 to flounder into a morass - завязнуть в болоте/в трясине/
 2. спотыкаться, сбиваться, путаться, делать ошибки
 to flounder in an explanation - запутаться в объяснении
 to flounder through a translation - с трудом справиться с переводом

II

['flaʊndə] *n*
 плоская рыба

flounder

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floun-der [flounder flounders floundered floundering] *verb, noun BrE*

['flaʊndə(r)] *AmE* ['flaʊndə] *BrE*

verb

1. **intransitive, transitive (+ speech)** to struggle to know what to say or do or how to continue with sth
 - His abrupt change of subject left her floundering helplessly.
2. **intransitive** to have a lot of problems and to be in danger of failing completely
 - At that time the industry was floundering.
 - The new democracy there continues to flounder.
3. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** to struggle to move or get somewhere in water, mud, etc.
 - She was floundering around in the deep end of the swimming pool.
 - A man came floundering through the snow towards us.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	flounder
	BrE / 'flaʊndə(r)/
	NA mE / 'flaʊndər/
he / she / it	flounders
	BrE / 'flaʊndəz/
	NA mE / 'flaʊndərz/
past simple, past participle	floundered
	BrE / 'flaʊndəd/
	NA mE / 'flaʊndəd/
-ing form	floundering
	BrE / 'flaʊndərɪŋ/
	NA mE / 'flaʊndərɪŋ/

Word Origin:

- v.** late 16th cent. †founder 'to fill with water and sink' †blunder fl-
- n.** Middle English Old French flondre Scandinavian Danish flynder

Example Bank:

- She was floundering around in the deep water.
- floundering through the deep snow

noun (pl. **floun-der** or **floun-ders**)

a small flat sea fish that is used for food

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[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Probably from ⇒ †founder²]

1. to not know what to say or do because you feel confused or upset:
 - “ I found myself floundering as I tried to answer her questions.
 - “ ‘I’m sorry,’ she floundered helplessly.
2. to have a lot of problems and be likely to fail completely:
 - “ More and more firms are floundering because of the recession.
3. [always + adverb/preposition] to be unable to move easily because you are in deep water or mud, or cannot see very well:
 - “ They were floundering chest-deep in the freezing water.

flounder around

I could hear them floundering around in the dark.

II. **flounder**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *noun* (plural **flounder** or **flounders**) [uncountable and countable]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Anglo-French; Origin: floundre, from a Scandinavian language]

a type of small fish that you can eat

flounder

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