

**meddle**

[medl] *v*

1. **вмешиваться; соваться не в своё дело**  
 don't meddle!, stop meddling! - не вмешивайся!; не лезь!  
 I don't want the women meddling - я не хочу, чтобы женщины вмешивались  
 she is always meddling - она всегда вмешивается, она вечно суёт (всюду) свой нос  
 to meddle in smb.'s affairs - вмешиваться /соваться/ не в свои дела  
 it's dangerous to meddle with him - опасно вмешиваться в его дела; с ним опасно связываться
2. **трогать то, что не положено**  
 who has been meddling with my papers? - кто трогал мои бумаги?  
 don't meddle with my tools! - не трогай мои инструменты!  
 ◇ to meddle and smart for it - ≅ кто не в своё дело суётся, тому достаётся /тот получает по заслугам/

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**med·dle** [meddle meddles meddled meddling] *BrE* ['medl] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* ['medl]

<sup>m</sup> *verb* (disapproving)

1. **intransitive** ~ (in/with sth) to become involved in sth that does not concern you

**Syn:** ↑interfere

- He had no right to meddle in her affairs.
- He's just a meddling old fool!

2. **intransitive** ~ (with sth) to touch sth in a careless way, especially when it is not yours or when you do not know how to use it correctly

- Somebody had been meddling with her computer.

**Derived Word** ↑meddling

**Verb forms:** verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	meddle
	<i>BrE</i> / 'medl/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'medl/
he / she /it	meddles
	<i>BrE</i> / 'medlz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'medlz/
past simple, past participle	meddled
	<i>BrE</i> / 'medld/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'medld/
-ing form	meddling

**Word Origin:**

Middle English (in the sense 'mingle, mix'): from Old French *medler*, variant of *mesler*, based on Latin *miscere* 'to mix'.

**Example Bank:**

- He's just a meddling old fool!
- I'm not the sort of proprietor who meddles with editorial policy.
- I've warned you, don't meddle in things you don't understand.

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**med·dle** /'medl/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> *verb* [intransitive]

[**Date:** 1200-1300; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** *mesler*, *medler*, from Latin *miscere* 'to mix']

1. to deliberately try to influence or change a situation that does not concern you, or that you do not understand **SYN interfere**

**meddle in**

- I don't like other people meddling in the way I run this prison.
- He accused the US of meddling in China's internal affairs.

**meddle with**

- I'm not the sort of newspaper owner who meddles with editorial policy.

2. **British English** to touch something which you should not touch, especially in a careless way that might break it

**meddle with**

- You have no right to come in here meddling with my things.

—**meddler** *noun* [countable]

—**meddling** *noun* [uncountable]

—**meddling** *adjective* [only before noun]:

- meddling politicians

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**THESAURUS**

- **interfere** to try to get involved in a situation where you are not wanted or needed: She tried not to interfere in her children's lives. | It's not your problem, so don't interfere.
- **meddle** to interfere in someone else's affairs in a way that is annoying for them. **Meddle** is more informal than **interfere**, and has more of a feeling of being annoyed: I did not want my parents meddling in my private affairs. | He warned diplomats against meddling in Indonesia's affairs.

- **intrude** to interfere by being somewhere where you are not wanted, or getting involved in a situation that is private – used especially when saying that you want to avoid doing this: Sorry, I didn't mean to intrude while you were on the phone. | When someone dies, people are often worried about intruding.
- **butt in** *informal* to interfere by trying to become involved in a private situation or conversation that does not concern you: Stop butting in, will you! | I didn't want to give them any advice in case they thought I was butting in.
- **pry** to try to find out what someone else is doing in their private life, by asking questions or secretly checking what they are doing, in a way that seems annoying or rude: Journalists like to pry into the lives of the rich and famous. | I didn't mean to pry – I just wanted to know if I could help.
- **poke/stick your nose into something** *informal* to ask questions about someone else's private life or give them advice they do not want, in a way that annoys them: She's one of those people who's always poking her nose into other people's business.

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