

confound

[kən'faʊnd] *v*

1. смущать, сбивать с толку; ставить в тупик

to be confounded by smb.'s evidence - быть сбитым с толку чьими-л. показаниями

to feel confounded by smb.'s praise - смутиться от чьей-л. похвалы

the poor election results confounded the government - неблагоприятные результаты выборов явились полной неожиданностью для правительства

2. смешивать, спутывать

to confound words [dates, addresses, the meaning of words] - путать слова [даты, адреса, значения слов]

to confound twins - не отличать близнецов друг от друга

I always confound him with his brother - я всегда путаю его с его братом

3. разрушать

to confound plans [hopes, calculations] - разрушать планы [надежды, расчёты]

4. проклинать

confound it!, confound you! - к чёрту!, будь оно проклято!

confound that silly fool! - чёрт бы побрал этого идиота!

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con·found [confound confounds confounded confounding] *BrE* [kən'faʊnd]

NAmE [kən'faʊnd] *verb* (formal)

1. ~ **sb** to confuse and surprise sb

Syn: †baffle

• The sudden rise in share prices has confounded economists.

2. ~ **sb/sth** to prove sb/sth wrong

• to confound expectations

• She confounded her critics and proved she could do the job.

3. ~ **sb** (old-fashioned) to defeat an enemy

Idiom: †confound it

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	confound
	<i>BrE</i> /kən'faʊnd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kən'faʊnd/
he / she / it	confounds
	<i>BrE</i> /kən'faʊndz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kən'faʊndz/
past simple, past participle	confounded
	<i>BrE</i> /kən'faʊndɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kən'faʊndɪd/
-ing form	confounding
	<i>BrE</i> /kən'faʊndɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kən'faʊndɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **confondre**, from Latin **confundere** 'pour together, mix up'. Compare with †confuse.

Example Bank:

• The rise in share prices confounded expectations.

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con·found /kən'faʊnd/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive]

[**Date:** 1200-1300; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** confondre 'to ruin, destroy', from Latin confundere 'to pour together, confuse', from com- (⇒ COM-) + fundere 'to pour']

1. to confuse and surprise people by being unexpected:

• His amazing recovery confounded the medical specialists.

2. to prove someone or something wrong

confound the critics/pundits/experts etc

• United's new striker confounded the critics with his third goal in as many games.

3. **formal** to defeat an enemy, plan etc

4. **formal** if a problem etc confounds you, you cannot understand it or solve it:

• Her question completely confounded me.

5. **confound it/him/them etc old-fashioned** used to show that you are annoyed with someone or something

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