

**meander**

1. [mi'ændə] *n*
  1. *pl* изгиб, извилина (*реки, дороги*); излучина (*реки*)  
the meanders of the law - *образн.* лабиринтзаконов
  2. *архит.* меандр
2. [mi'ændə] *v*
  1. извиваться, изгибаться (*о реке, дороге*)
  2. бродить без цели, скитаться (*мж.* meander along)
  3. говорить, болтать бесцельно, бессвязно, перескакивать с предмета на предмет

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• **I.** **me·ander** [meander meanders meandered meandering] *BrE* [mi'ændə(r)]

• *NAmE* [mi'ænder] **verb**

1. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** (*of a river, road, etc.*) to curve a lot rather than being in a straight line
  - The stream meanders slowly down to the sea.
2. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** to walk slowly and change direction often, especially without a particular aim

**Syn:** †wander

- They meandered around the old town admiring the architecture.

3. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** (*of a conversation, discussion, etc.*) to develop slowly and change subject often, in a way that makes it boring or difficult to understand

**Verb forms:** verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	meander
	BrE /mi'ændə(r)/
	NAmE /mi'ænder/
he / she / it	meanders
	BrE /mi'ændəz/
	NAmE /mi'ændərz/
past simple, past participle	meandered
	BrE /mi'ændəd/
	NAmE /mi'ændərd/
-ing form	meandering
	BrE /mi'ændərɪŋ/
	NAmE /mi'ændərɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

late 16th cent. (as a noun): from Latin **maeander**, from Greek **Maiandros**, the name of a river of SW Turkey, known for its winding course.

**Example Bank:**

- The road meanders along the valley floor.
- For months we meandered up and down the country.
- He meandered slowly through the leafy lanes.
- They meandered around the old town, admiring the architecture.

• **II.** **me·ander** **noun**

- the meanders of a river



**Main entry:** †meander derived

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**me an der** /mi'ændə \$ -ər/ *BrE* **AmE** **verb** [intransitive]

[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** maeander, from Greek, from Maiandros (now Menderes), river in Turkey]

1. if a river, stream, road etc meanders, it has a lot of bends rather than going in a straight line

**meander along/across/down etc**

• The river meandered gently along the valley floor.

2. [**always + adverb/preposition**] to walk somewhere in a slow relaxed way rather than take the most direct way possible

**meander along/through etc**

• Cows still meander through these villages.

3. (*also* **meander on**) if a conversation or piece of writing meanders on, it is too long and has no purpose or structure

—**meanderings** **noun** [plural]:

• his aimless meanderings through Europe

—**meander** **noun** [countable]

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