

strange[streɪndʒ] *a*

1. **незнакомый, неизвестный**
 strange voice [place, device] - незнакомый голос [-ое место, -ое приспособление]
 strange tongue - незнакомый язык
 strange faces - незнакомые лица
 strange sail [ship] - неизвестное судно [-ый корабль]
 the voice [the handwriting, the boy, the place, the work] is strange to me - я не знаю этот голос [этот почерк, этого мальчика, это место, эту работу]
2. 1) **странный, необычный, чудной**
 strange man - странный человек [*см. тж.* 4, 1)]
 strange behaviour - странное поведение
 to be strange in one's manner - странно себя держать /вести/
 to feel strange - странно /необычно/ чувствовать себя
 it is a strange thing [story] - странная вещь [история]
 strange to say - а) как ни странно; б) удивительно, что
 how strange that you should not have heard it! - как странно, что вы об этом не слышали!
- 2) **необычный, необыкновенный, удивительный, чудесный**
 strange experience - необычный /удивительный/ случай
 it feels strange - это удивительное чувство
3. **непривычный, незнакомый**
 to be strange to smth. - быть непривычным к чему-л.
 he is strange to the job - он не знаком с этой работой
 I'm strange to these parts - я нездешний
4. *арх., поэт.*
- 1) **чужой, чужеземный, иностранный**
 in a strange land - в чужой стране, на чужой стороне, в чужих краях, на чужбине
 strange man - чужеземец [*см. тж.* 2, 1)]
- 2) **чужой, несобственный**
 to write with a strange fountain-pen - писать чужой авторучкой
- 3) **посторонний, инородный, чужой**
 strange bodies - инородные тела
- 4) **чуждый, чужой**
 she was strange to his ways - его образ жизни был ей чужд
5. 1) **сдержанный, холодный, сухой**
 to look strange at smb. - равнодушно /сухо/ смотреть на кого-л.
- 2) **неловкий, смущённый**
 to feel strange - чувствовать себя неловко, смущаться

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strange [strange stranger strangest] *BrE* [streɪndʒ] ^a *NAmE* [streɪndʒ] ^a**adjective** (stran-ger, stran-gest)

1. unusual or surprising, especially in a way that is difficult to understand
 - A strange thing happened this morning.
 - She was looking at me in a very strange way.
 - ~ **(that)...** It's strange (that) we haven't heard from him.
 - ~ **(how...)** It's strange how childhood impressions linger.
 - **That's strange** — the front door's open.
 - I'm looking forward to the exam, **strange as it may seem** .
 - There was **something strange** about her eyes.
 - **Strange to say** , I don't really enjoy television.
2. not familiar because you have not been there before or met the person before
 - a strange city
 - to wake up in a strange bed
 - Never accept lifts from strange men.
 - ~ **to sb** At first the place was strange to me.

more at truth is stranger than fiction **at** ↑truthIdiom: ↑feel strangeDerived Word ↑strangenessWord Origin:Middle English: shortening of Old French *estrange*, from Latin *extraneus* 'external , strange'.Thesaurus:**strange** *adj.*

1.
 - A strange thing happened this morning.
 - odd** • **mysterious** • **curious** • **bizarre** • **uncanny** • **unusual** • |especially spoken **funny** • **weird** • |BrE formal **peculiar** •

Opp: normal

strange/odd/curious/bizarre/uncanny/unusual/funny/weird/peculiar **that...**

strange/odd/curious/uncanny/funny/weird/peculiar **how/what...**

a/an strange/odd/mysterious/curious/bizarre/unusual/funny/weird/peculiar **thing**

a/an strange/odd/curious/bizarre/uncanny/unusual/funny/weird/peculiar **feeling**

Strange or odd? Sb/sth that is **strange** can be mysterious or frightening. Sb/sth that is **odd** is hard to understand or not right in some way, but **odd people** probably won't hurt you; **strange people** might.

2.

• Never accept rides from strange men.

unfamiliar • • **unknown** • |written **alien** •

Opp: familiar

strange/unfamiliar/unknown/alien **to sb**

a/an strange/unfamiliar/unknown/alien **place**

a/an strange/unfamiliar/alien **environment**

Strange or unfamiliar ? In this meaning **strange** usually describes people and places. If it is used to describe other things such as **words, sounds**, etc. it usually means 'unusual': if you mean 'not known' use **unfamiliar** .

Example Bank:

- He's nice, but a little strange.
- His actions were regarded as very strange.
- Their accent was strange to her ears.
- I'm looking forward to the exam, strange as it may seem.
- It's strange (that) we haven't heard from him.
- It's strange how childhood impressions linger.
- Never accept rides from strange men.
- She woke up in a strange bed in a strange room.
- Strange to say, I don't really enjoy television.
- Suddenly I heard a strange noise.
- That's strange— the front door's open.

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1. **strange**¹ **S2 W2** /streɪndʒ/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ² **adjective** (comparative **stranger**, superlative **strangest**)

[Word Family: noun: ↑stranger, ↑strangeness, ↑estrangement; adjective: ↑strange, ↑estranged; adverb: ↑strangely]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: estrange 'foreign', from Latin extraneus; ⇔ ↑extraneous]

1. unusual or surprising, especially in a way that is difficult to explain or understand **SYN odd**:

- strange noises
- Does Geoff's behaviour seem strange to you?
- She felt there was something strange about Dexter's voice.
- Isn't it strange how animals seem to sense danger?
- It's strange that we've never met before.
- For some strange reason, I slept like a baby despite the noise.
- Strange as it may seem, I actually prefer cold weather.
- That's strange. I was sure Jude was right here a second ago.
- The strange thing is all four victims had red hair.

strange to say *British English* (=strangely)

Strange to say, I was just thinking that myself.

2. someone or something that is strange is not familiar because you have not seen or met them before:

- As a child, she'd been taught never to speak to strange men.
- I was just 20, a young girl in a strange city.

strange to

It was all strange to him, but he'd soon learn his way around.

3. **feel strange** to feel as if something is slightly wrong or unusual, either physically or emotionally:

- Can you get me a glass of water? I feel a bit strange.
- It felt strange to be back in Dublin.

—**strangeness** *noun* [uncountable]

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THESAURUS

- **strange** unusual or surprising, especially in a way that is difficult to understand, or that is a little frightening: What's that strange noise downstairs? | That's strange – I'm sure I left my keys on the table. | a strange old man
- **funny/odd** *especially spoken* a little strange and making you feel slightly surprised or worried: There's a funny smell in the kitchen. | It's odd that you can't remember him at all.
- **curious** *especially written* strange, especially in an interesting way. **Curious** is a little more formal than **strange**: a curious fact | There's something rather curious about small-town America. | She remembered curious little details.
- **mysterious** strange – used about something that people know little about and are unable to explain or understand: He had disappeared in mysterious circumstances. | There were reports of mysterious lights in the sky.
- **eccentric** strange in a way that seems slightly crazy and amusing – used about people and their behaviour: He lived completely alone and had some slightly eccentric habits. | an eccentric old lady
- **peculiar** slightly strange, and different from what you would normally expect – used especially when this is either amusing or

worrying: She sometimes wears rather peculiar clothes. | He had a peculiar expression on his face.

■ **very strange**

- **weird** very strange or very different from what you are used to: I had a weird dream last night. | It's a weird and wonderful place.
- **bizarre** extremely strange and different from what is usually considered normal: It was a bizarre situation. | Mark's behaviour was really bizarre.
- **surreal** extremely strange and unconnected with real life or normal experiences, like something out of a dream: His paintings are full of surreal images. | There is something surreal about the climate change talks in Bali. | The plant's flowers were so big that they seemed almost surreal
- **uncanny** very strange – used especially about someone having an unusual ability to do something, or looking surprisingly similar to someone: She had an uncanny knack (=ability) of putting her finger right on a problem. | Alice had an uncanny resemblance to Josie. | his uncanny ability to pick racing winners

II. **strange**² *BrE*² *AmE*² *adverb [only after verb] American English*

in a way that is unusual or surprising **SYN** **strangely**:

" The cat's been acting really strange – I wonder if it's sick.

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