

surprise**1. [sə'praɪz] n****1. удивление, изумление**

in surprise - удивлённо

to my great surprise, much to my surprise - к моему великому удивлению

to show surprise - удивиться

to cause no surprise - не вызвать удивления

2. неожиданность, сюрприз

a surprise visit - приход в гости без предупреждения

it was a great surprise to me - для меня это было большой неожиданностью

I have a surprise for you - у меня для вас есть сюрприз

what a pleasant surprise! - какая приятная неожиданность!

to spring a surprise on smb., to give smb. a surprise - преподнести кому-л. сюрприз, неожиданно удивить кого-л.

3. неожиданное действие (особ. нападение)

surprise attack - внезапная атака /-ое нападение/

surprise effect [factor] - *воен.* эффект[фактор] внезапности

by surprise - врасплох

to take smb. by surprise - захватить кого-л. врасплох

to capitalize on surprise - *воен.* использовать преимущества внезапности**2. [sə'praɪz] v****1. удивлять, поражать**

he surprised me - он меня удивил

to be surprised at smb., smth. - удивляться кому-л., чему-л.

he was more surprised than frightened - он был скорее удивлён, чем напуган

I shouldn't be surprised if ... - я нисколько не удивлюсь, если ..., меня нисколько не удивило бы, если ...

it is nothing to be surprised at /about/ - удивляться этому не приходится; ≅ этого и следовало ожидать

2. нагрянуть неожиданно; нападать неожиданно; заставить врасплох

I surprised him in the act - я застал его на месте преступления

to surprise smb. into a confession - вынудить признание у кого-л., застав его врасплох

he surprised me into consent - я был так поражён его неожиданным предложением, что согласился

surprise

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sur·prise [surprise surprises surprised surprising] **noun, verb** *BrE* [sə'praɪz]*NAmE* [sər'praɪz]**noun****1. countable** an event, a piece of news, etc. that is unexpected or that happens suddenly

- What a nice surprise!
- a surprise attack
- There are few surprises in this year's budget.
- I have a surprise for you!
- It **comes as no surprise to** learn that they broke their promises.
- Her letter **came as a** complete **surprise**.
- There are lots of **surprises in store for** visitors to the gallery.
- Visitors to the gallery are **in for a few surprises**.
- Life's full of surprises.
- She likes **springing surprises on** people.

2. uncountable, countable a feeling caused by sth happening suddenly or unexpectedly

- a look of surprise
- She looked up **in surprise**.
- ~ **(at sth)** He gasped **with surprise** at her strength.
- ~ **(at seeing, hearing, etc.)** They couldn't conceal their surprise at seeing us together.
- I **got a surprise** when I saw the bill.
- **Much to my surprise**, I passed.
- **To everyone's surprise**, the plan succeeded.
- Imagine our surprise when he walked into the room!
- The decision has been greeted with surprise.
- They expressed surprise at the outcome.

3. uncountable the use of methods that cause feelings of **surprise**

- A successful campaign should have **an element of surprise**.

Word Origin:late Middle English (in the sense 'unexpected seizure of a place, or attack on troops'): from Old French, feminine past participle of **surprendre**, from medieval Latin **superprehendere** 'seize'.Example Bank:

- After the initial surprise I got to like the place.
- Bob turned up half an hour late, surprise surprise.
- He feigned surprise when I went up and said hello.
- His eyebrows rose in mock surprise.

- His refusal came as no surprise to his boss.
- I could not believe the look of surprise on his face.
- I had a lovely surprise when I saw Mark there.
- I have a little surprise for you!
- Imagine my surprise when I found out he wasn't really a doctor.
- It was a complete surprise for me.
- It was with some surprise that I read of his resignation.
- Johnson sprung a surprise by beating the favourite in the first round.
- Johnson sprung a surprise by winning the first round.
- Much to her surprise she enjoyed the party.
- Roach was the surprise winner of the £10 000 first prize.
- She feels that the future holds few surprises.
- She showed no surprise at the news.
- She was quick to hide her surprise.
- The Egyptian team relied on the element of surprise to defeat their stronger opponents.
- The president's remarks caused surprise and embarrassment.
- The storm took us completely by surprise.
- They launched a surprise attack on the Russian fleet.
- Your mother's in for a bit of a surprise when she gets home.
- Her letter came as a complete surprise.
- Life's full of surprises.
- There are few surprises in this year's budget.
- a surprise attack/announcement/visit

Idioms: ↑surprise, surprise ▪ ↑take somebody by surprise

verb

1. to make sb feel surprised

- ~ **sb** It wouldn't surprise me if they got married soon.
- ~ **sb how, what, etc...** It's always surprised me how popular he is.
- **it surprises sb that...** It surprises me that you've never sung professionally.
- **it surprises sb to do sth** Would it surprise you to know that I'm thinking of leaving?

2. ~ sb to attack, discover, etc, sb suddenly and unexpectedly

- The army attacked at night to surprise the rebels.
- We arrived home early and surprised a burglar trying to break in.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	surprise
	BrE /sə 'praɪz/
	NAmE /sɜr 'praɪz/
he / she / it	surprises
	BrE /sə 'praɪzɪz/
	NAmE /sɜr 'praɪzɪz/
past simple, past participle	surprised
	BrE /sə 'praɪzd/
	NAmE /sɜr 'praɪzd/
-ing form	surprising
	BrE /sə 'praɪzɪŋ/
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Synonyms:

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startle • amaze • stun • astonish • take sb aback • astound

These words all mean to make sb feel surprised.

surprise • to give sb the feeling that you get when sth happens that you do not expect or do not understand, or sth that you do expect does not happen; to make sb feel surprised: ▪ The outcome didn't surprise me at all.

startle • to surprise sb suddenly in a way that slightly shocks or frightens them: ▪ Sorry, I didn't mean to startle you. ◇▪ The explosion startled the horse.

amaze • to surprise sb very much: ▪ Just the huge size of the place amazed her.

stun • (rather informal) (often in newspapers) to surprise or shock sb so much that they cannot think clearly or speak

astonish • to surprise sb very much: ▪ The news astonished everyone

amaze or astonish?

These two words have the same meaning and in most cases you can use either. If you are talking about sth that both surprises you and makes you feel ashamed, use **astonish**: ▪ He was astonished by his own stupidity.

take sb aback • [usually passive] (especially of sth negative) to surprise or shock sb: ▪ We were rather taken aback by her hostile reaction.

astound • to surprise or shock sb very much: ▪ His arrogance astounded her.

It surprises sb/startles sb/amazes sb/stuns sb/astonishes sb/takes sb aback/astounds sb

to surprise/startle/amaze/stun/astonish/astound sb **that...**
 to surprise/amaze sb **what/how...**
 to surprise/startle/amaze/stun/astonish/astound sb **to know/find/learn /see/hear...**
 to be surprised/startled/stunned **into** (doing) sth

Example Bank:

- It wouldn't surprise me if they announced they were going to get married.
- It wouldn't surprise me if they got married.
- The outcome did not surprise me at all.
- They wanted to surprise their mother and get the breakfast ready.
- It surprises me that you've never sung professionally.
- It's always surprised me how popular he is.
- Would it surprise you to know that I'm thinking of leaving the firm?

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I. **surprise**¹ **S3 W2** /sə'praɪz \$ sə- / *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

[Word Family: adjective: ↑surprised, ↑surprising ≠ ↑unsurprising; verb: ↑surprise; noun: ↑surprise; adverb: ↑surprisingly ≠ ↑unsurprisingly]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: past participle of *surprendre* 'to take over, surprise', from sur- (⇒ ↑surcharge) + *prendre* 'to take']

1. **EVENT** [countable] an unexpected or unusual event ⇒ **shock**

- What a surprise to find you here!
- We had a big surprise when we found out the truth.

2. **FEELING** [uncountable and countable] the feeling you have when something unexpected or unusual happens ⇒ **shock**

- The man had a look of surprise on his face.

in/with surprise

- Bill looked at him in surprise.

to sb's surprise (=in a way that surprises someone)

- Much to his surprise, she gave him her phone number.

3. **take/catch somebody by surprise** to happen unexpectedly:

- The question took her by surprise.

4. **take somebody/something by surprise** to suddenly attack a place or an opponent when they are not ready:

- The guerrillas were killed when army troops took them by surprise.

5. **GIFT/PARTY ETC** [countable usually singular] an unexpected present, trip etc which you give to someone or organize for them, often on a special occasion

surprise for

- 'I've got a surprise for you,' she said.

6. **surprise guest/visitor etc** someone who arrives somewhere unexpectedly

7. **surprise!** *spoken* used when you are just about to show someone something that you know will surprise them

8.

a) **surprise, surprise** used when saying in a joking way that you expected something to happen or be true:

- The American TV networks are, surprise, surprise, full of stories about the election.

b) **British English spoken** used when you suddenly appear in front of someone who you know is not expecting to see you

9. **METHOD** [uncountable] the use of methods which are intended to cause surprise:

- An element of surprise is important to any attack.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **be a surprise** His decision to marry was a complete surprise.
- **come as a surprise** (=be surprising) The announcement came as a surprise to most people.
- **get/have a surprise** We got a surprise when we got home and found him waiting for us.
- **give somebody a surprise** She wanted to give him a surprise.
- **have a surprise for somebody** (=be planning to give someone a surprise) I think Jenny might have a surprise for you.
- **spring a surprise (on somebody)** (=give someone a surprise) The chairman sprang a surprise this week by announcing his intention to quit.

■ adjectives

- **a big/great surprise** The results were a big surprise.
- **a complete/total surprise** The news came as a complete surprise.
- **a nice/pleasant/lovely surprise** It's a lovely surprise to see you.
- **an unpleasant/nasty surprise** We don't want any unpleasant surprises.

■ phrases

- **come as no surprise** (=not be surprising) It came as no surprise when Lester got the job.
- **be in for a surprise** (=be going to have a surprise) Compare our prices. You'll be in for a pleasant surprise.
- **there's a surprise in store (for somebody)** (=something unexpected is going to happen) There were plenty more surprises in store for him.

■ surprise + NOUN

- **a surprise visit** Environmental health inspectors made a surprise visit to the restaurant.
- **a surprise party** His friends had planned a surprise party for him.

- **a surprise announcement** In a surprise announcement the company said they were withdrawing their planning application.
- **a surprise victory** She came to power in 1977, after a surprise victory in the general election.
- **a surprise attack** Instead they launched a successful surprise attack on the castle.
- **a surprise move** (=an unexpected action) In a surprise move, the government lifted the ban on arms exports to the country.

COMMON ERRORS

▶ Do not say 'a bad surprise'. Say **an unpleasant surprise** or a **nasty surprise**.

II. **surprise**² BrE ² AmE ² verb [transitive]

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1. to make someone feel surprised ⇔ **shock**

His strange question surprised her.

it surprises somebody to see/find/know etc

It had surprised me to find how fussy he was about some things.

I didn't know you two knew each other. Mind you, it doesn't surprise me.

What surprised me most was that she didn't seem to care.

it surprises somebody (that)

Looking back, does it surprise you that she left?

It wouldn't surprise me if he married Jo.

2. to find, catch, or attack someone when they are not expecting it, especially when they are doing something they should not be doing:

A security guard surprised the burglars in the storeroom.

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THESAURUS

- **surprise** to make someone feel surprised, especially because they did not expect something: Her reaction surprised me – I didn't realize how strongly she felt. | What surprised me was how cheap everything was compared to at home.
- **amaze** to greatly surprise someone, for example because something is very good, unusual, or hard to believe: He amazed everyone with his skill. | It amazes me that no one has thought of the idea before.
- **astonish** to greatly surprise someone: Myra astonished her doctors by recovering so quickly.
- **astound** to greatly surprise or shock someone. **Astound** sounds a little more formal and a little stronger than **astonish**: What astounded him was their inefficiency.
- **take somebody by surprise** to happen at an unexpected time, so that people are surprised or unprepared: Security men were taken by surprise as the man ran onto the stage. | His resignation took us by surprise.
- **startle** to make someone feel surprised or slightly frightened by doing something they did not expect: The wind made the door shut with a crash, which startled her. | Sudden movements may startle the horse.

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Frequency Pack

12500 **1826**^{MCW}

15000 **632**^{COCA}

RANGE: **1k SURPRISE** ⁷⁵⁰⁷²

surprise ²⁴¹⁵⁵

surprised ²⁵⁵³⁰

surprises ³⁶¹⁶

surprising ¹²²¹⁵

surprisingly ⁹⁰⁷³

unsurprising ¹⁵³

unsurprised ⁹⁴

unsurprisingly ²³⁶

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

14991 **2112**²⁰⁵¹⁵ *nn1*

2752 **10163**³⁰⁰⁵ *vvi*

580 **28605**⁶⁰³ *vv0*

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