[ɪk'splɔ:] *v*

1. исследовать, изучать

  to explore the Antarctica [outer space] - исследовать Антарктику [космос]

  to explore a problem [a question] - изучить проблему [вопрос]

2. разведывать, выявлять, выяснять

  to explore possibilities of reaching an agreement - выяснить возможности достижения соглашения

  to explore every avenue - испробовать все пути (*к цели*)

  to explore the economic conditions of the period - установить /определить/ экономические условия того периода

3. *горн. , геол.* разведывать

  to explore for oil - вести нефтеразведку

4. *мед.* исследовать

  the patient was explored - больной подвергся исследованию

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ex·plore [**explore explores explored exploring**] *BrE* [ɪk'splɔ□()]   *NAmE*

[ɪk'splɔ□r]   verb

1. transitive, intransitive to travel to or around an area or a country in order to learn about it

  • **~ sth (for sth)** The city is best explored on foot.

  • They explored the land to the south of the Murray River.

  • **~ (for sth)** As soon as we arrived on the island we were eager to explore.

  • companies exploring for (= searching for) oil

2. transitive **~ sth** to examine sth completely or carefully in order to find out more about it

  Syn: ↑analyse

  • These ideas will be explored in more detail in chapter 7.

3. transitive **~ sth** to feel sth with your hands or another part of the body

  • She explored the sand with her toes.

  see also ↑unexplored

Verb forms:

present simple	
I / you / we /they	explore
	BrE /ɪk ˈsplɔː(r)/
	NAmE /ɪk ˈsplɔːr/
he / she /it	explores
	BrE /ɪk ˈsplɔːz/
	NAmE /ɪk ˈsplɔːrz/
past simple, past participle	explored
	BrE /ɪk ˈsplɔːd/
	NAmE /ɪk ˈsplɔːrd/
-ing form	exploring
	BrE /ɪk ˈsplɔːrɪŋ/
	NAmE /ɪk ˈsplɔːrɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (in the sense 'investigate (why)'): from French explorer, from Latin explorare **'search out'**, from ex- **'out'** + plorare **'utter a cry'**.

Thesaurus:

  explore verb

  1. T, I

    • The city is best explored on foot.

    tour • • **go backpacking** •

      explore/tour **by car**

      go exploring/touring/backpacking

  2. T

    • The police are exploring every possibility.

    investigate • • **look into sth** • • **research** • • **examine** • • **discuss** • **inquire /enquire into sth** • • **delve into sth** • |especially journalism **probe** •

      explore/investigate/look into/research/examine/discuss /inquire into **what/why/how/whether…**

      explore/investigate/look into/research/examine/discuss /inquire into a **problem /matter**

      explore/investigate/look into/research/examine/discuss /delve into a **subject**

Language Bank:

  about

  Saying what a text is about

    ▪ The book **is about** ▪ homeless people in the cities.

    ▪ The report **deals with** ▪ the issue of homelessness in London.

    ▪ The writer **discusses** ▪ the problems faced by homeless people.

    ▪ The article **presents an overview of** ▪ the issues surrounding homelessness.

    ▪ The novel **explores** ▪ the theme of friendship among homeless people.

- The first chapter **examines** ▪ the relationship between homelessness and drug addiction.
- The paper **considers** ▪ the question of why so many young people become homeless.

<u>Example Bank:</u>
- The film usefully explores some of the issues surrounding adoption.
- These questions have not been fully explored yet.
- This idea is worth exploring in some detail.
- companies exploring for oil
- A day isn't really long enough to explore the town.
- After the meeting you will be free to explore at leisure.
- Bicycles can be hired if you want to explore further afield.
- Canadian companies are exploring for oil in the region.
- Stick to the main roads and don't be tempted to go exploring down minor ones.
- The research will explore whether there are common patterns across groups.
- The study explores the differences between the way girls and boys talk.
- We need to explore every possible avenue
- We were keen to explore the region.

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ex‧plore **S3 W2** /ɪkˈsplɔː$ -ˈsplɔːr/ *BrE* ◌ *AmE* ◌ *verb*

[Word Family: noun: ↑exploration, ↑explorer; adjective: ↑exploratory, ↑unexplored; verb: ↑explore]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: explorare, from plorare *'to cry out'*; probably from the shouting of hunters when they see the animal they are trying to catch]

1. [transitive] to discuss or think about something carefully **SYN look at**:
  ▪ Management need to explore ways of improving office security.
  ▪ I'm going to explore the possibility of a part-time job.
2. [intransitive and transitive] to travel around an area in order to find out about it:
  ▪ Venice is a wonderful city to explore.
3. **explore (something) for oil/minerals/gold etc** to look for something such as oil, minerals etc
4. [transitive] *written* to feel something with your hand or another part of your body to find out what it is like:
  ▪ Gingerly she explored the bump on her head with her fingers.
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  ▪ **investigate** to try to find out the truth about something such as a crime, accident, or scientific problem: Police are investigating an explosion in the city centre. | The aim of the study is to investigate how climate change is affecting animal behaviour.| There were fears he may have drowned in the lake, so divers were sent down to investigate.
  ▪ **look into something** to find out more about a problem, especially after someone has asked you to do this: The manager promised to look into my complaint. | Please could you look into the matter for me?
  ▪ **explore** to consider or discuss something, in order to help you decide what you should do: Military leaders are exploring new ways of defending the United States from terrorism. | I'm going to explore the possibility of a part-time job.
  ▪ **probe** [intransitive and transitive] to try to find secret or hidden information, especially by asking questions: The press began probing into the actor's private life. | We have been probing the reasons why the government has been so slow to react to the problem of climate change.
  ▪ **delve** [intransitive] to look somewhere in order to try to find more information about something, especially something that is difficult to find out about: Over the past year Ms Deen has been delving into the national archives, in order to discover information on the early Muslim settlers. | I think we need to delve a little deeper.
  ▪ **be under investigation** if someone or their activities are under investigation, the police are trying to find out if they have done something illegal: Several public figures are under investigation for corruption.

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