

mysteryI
[ˈmɪst(ə)rɪ] *n*

1. 1) тайна

unsolved mystery - неразрешённая /неразгаданная/ тайна

wrapped in mystery - окутанный тайной, покрытый мраком неизвестности

to make a mystery of smth. - делать из чего-л. тайну /секрет/

it is a mystery to me how he managed to do it - мне непонятно /для меня остаётся тайной/, как ему удалось это сделать

2) таинственность

I see no mystery about it - я в этом не вижу ничего таинственного

2. 1) *церк.* таинство2) *pl* тайные обряды (*особ. у древних народов*)3. *театр.* мистерия (*мж.* mystery play)4. *разг.* детективный роман или рассказ (*мж.* mystery book)

II

[ˈmɪst(ə)rɪ] *n*1. *уст.* ремесло2. *уст.* гильдия**mystery**

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mys-tery [mystery mysteries] *BrE* [ˈmɪstri] ^m *NAmE* [ˈmɪstri] ^m noun (pl.**mys-teries**)**1. countable** something that is difficult to understand or to explain• It is one of the great **unsolved mysteries** of this century.

• Their motives remain a mystery.

• **It's a complete mystery** to me why they chose him.**2. countable** (often used as an adjective) a person or thing that is strange and interesting because you do not know much about them or it

• He's a bit of a mystery.

• There was a **mystery guest** on the programme.

• The band was financed by a mystery backer.

• (**BrE**) a **mystery tour** (= when you do not know where you are going)**3. uncountable** the quality of being difficult to understand or to explain, especially when this makes sb/sth seem interesting and exciting

• Mystery surrounds her disappearance.

• His past is **shrouded in mystery** (= not much is known about it).• The dark glasses give her an **air of mystery**.

• She's a woman of mystery.

4. countable a story, a film/movie or a play in which crimes and strange events are only explained at the end

• I enjoy murder mysteries.

5. mysteries plural secret religious ceremonies; secret knowledge: (*figurative*) the teacher who initiated me into the mysteries of mathematics**6. countable** a religious belief that cannot be explained or proved in a scientific way

• the mystery of creation

Word Origin:Middle English (in the sense 'mystic presence, hidden religious symbolism'): from Old French **mistere** or Latin **mysterium**, from Greek **mustērion**; related to ↑**mystic**.Thesaurus:**mystery** noun C

• They couldn't solve the mystery of the missing murder weapon.

puzzle •• **enigma** •• **problem** •• **paradox** •• **secret** •a mystery/puzzle/paradox **about** stha mystery/puzzle/enigma **to** sb**solve/remain** a/an mystery/puzzle/enigma/problem**explain** a mystery/a problem/a paradox/the secrets of sth**Mystery, puzzle or enigma?** A **puzzle** always has a solution if you can work it out. A **mystery** may have a solution or it may deal with deeper and wider issues

• the mysteries of life/death/science

An **enigma** is usually sth that cannot be solved.Example Bank:

• He had found the clue to unlock the whole mystery

• He is the author of several murder mysteries.

• Her blue eyes had a certain mystery.

• Her poetry attempts to penetrate the dark mystery of death.

• How the disease started is one of medicine's great mysteries.

• How these insects actually communicate presents something of a mystery.

- It remains a mystery as to where he was buried.
- It was easy to believe that the house held some great mystery.
- Modern weather forecasts try to take the mystery out of meteorology.
- My sister is a complete mystery to me.
- Mystery remains over who will star in the film.
- She pondered the mystery of the disappearing thief.
- She was a total mystery to him despite their long association.
- The mystery deepened when the police's only suspect was found murdered.
- The police are close to solving the mystery of the missing murder weapon.
- The silence has deepened the mystery surrounding his work.
- The whole incident was shrouded in mystery.
- The witness could shed no light on the mystery of the deceased's identity.
- Their suspect was a mystery man: a quiet, happily married man with no enemies.
- There's a bit of a mystery about this child.
- Wearing dark glasses gives him an air of mystery.
- a place of deep mystery and enchantment
- one of life's little mysteries
- the central mystery of the story
- the mystery surrounding her resignation
- He's a bit of a mystery.
- It's a complete mystery to me why they chose him.
- Next on the programme, Dan Green takes us on a magical mystery tour of Cumbria's music scene.
- a mystery caller
- a mystery disease/illness/virus
- a mystery man/woman

mystery

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I. **myst** **te** **ry**¹ **W3** /'mɪstəri/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun* (plural **mysteries**)

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: mysterium, from Greek, from mystos 'keeping silent', from myein (of the eyes or lips) 'to be closed']

1. [countable usually singular] an event, situation etc that people do not understand or cannot explain because they do not know enough about it:

- " Twenty years after the event, his death remains a mystery.
- " The way her mind worked was always a mystery to him.
- " 'Why did he do it?' 'I don't know. It's a complete mystery.'
- " The police never solved the mystery of Gray's disappearance.
- " But why would anyone want to kill Jack? The mystery deepened.
- " What happened to the paintings after that is an unsolved mystery.
- " I don't know how he got the job – it's one of life's little mysteries.
- " How life began on Earth is one of the great mysteries of science.

2. [uncountable] the quality that something or someone has when they seem strange, secret, or difficult to understand or explain:

- " Her dark glasses gave her an air of mystery.
- " Annie knew that there was some mystery surrounding her birth.

be shrouded/veiled in mystery

- " The circumstances of his death were veiled in mystery.

3. [countable usually plural] a subject, activity etc that is very complicated, secret, or difficult to understand, and that people want to learn about

the mysteries of something

- " his introduction to the mysteries of the perfume business

4. [countable] (also **murder mystery**) a story, film, or play about a murder, in which you are not told who the murderer is until the end:

- " an Agatha Christie mystery
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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ verbs

- **be a mystery** It's a mystery how he got my phone number.
- **remain a mystery** What caused the accident remains a mystery.
- **solve/unravel a mystery** (=find out what happened) The children were given the clues and had to try to solve the mystery.
- **the mystery deepens** (=it becomes more difficult to understand) Why would he run away if he were not guilty? The mystery deepens.
- **the mystery surrounding something** Research has unravelled much of the mystery surrounding the ageing process.

■ adjectives

- **a complete/total mystery** She said that her husband's disappearance was a complete mystery.
- **an unsolved mystery** What happened to her is still an unsolved mystery.
- **a great mystery** (=a big and important mystery) It is one of the great mysteries of science.
- **a little/minor mystery** It was a minor mystery how the file had survived the fire.
- **a big mystery** If they are right, they have solved one of the biggest mysteries in astronomy.

■ phrases

- **something is one of life's (little) mysteries** (=it is something that you will never understand – used humorously) Where

socks disappear to after they've been washed is one of life's little mysteries.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ verbs

- **be shrouded/veiled in mystery** (=be unable to be explained) The origins of this tradition remain shrouded in mystery.
- **mystery surrounds something** (=something cannot be explained) Mystery has always surrounded the purpose of the great stone circle of Stonehenge.

■ adjectives

- **deep mystery** (=big and important mystery) the deep mystery of the human mind
- **great mystery** We wondered about the great mystery of death.

■ phrases

- **an element of mystery** (=part of something that seems mysterious) There is an element of mystery and miracle in the process.
- **an air of mystery** (=something that seems mysterious) There was an air of mystery about him.
- **a sense of mystery** (=a feeling that something is mysterious) The garden had hidden corners that gave it a sense of mystery.

II. **mystery**² BrE ¹ AmE ¹ adjective [only before noun]

used to describe someone or something that people do not recognize or know anything about, especially when this causes great interest

mystery man/woman

▪ Who was the mystery woman spotted on board the yacht with the prince?

▪ a mystery virus

mystery

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