

**mind****1. [maɪnd] n****1. 1) ум, разум**

to enter /to cross, to come into/ one's mind - прийти на ум /в голову/, осенить

his mind was filled with sad thoughts - его одолевали печальные мысли

on one's mind - на уме, в мыслях

she has smth. on her mind - у неё что-то на уме; её что-то тревожит

what have you in mind? - а) что ты собираешься сделать?; что у тебя на уме?; б) что ты имеешь в виду?

it preys on my mind - это меня угнетает /тяготит/

to get smth. into one's mind - а) забрать себе что-л. в голову; б) понять что-л.

to get smth. out of one's mind - выбросить что-л. из головы [*ср. тж.* 2, 1)]

to have /to get/ smth. off one's mind - перестать думать о чём-л.; избавиться от мыслей о чём-л.

to poison smb.'s mind against smb. - настроить кого-л. против кого-л.

where's my mind? - *разг.* о чём я думаю?

**2) умственные способности, интеллект ум; мышление, умственная деятельность**

mind game - интеллектуальная игра

a pedestrian mind - посредственность

to possess unusual powers of mind - обладать недюжинным умом /недюжинными способностями/

the great [best] minds of our age - великие [лучшие] умы нашего времени

I don't understand how his mind works - я не понимаю ход его мыслей

he has a very good mind - он очень способный (человек)

**3) рассудок, ум**

presence of mind - присутствие духа, хладнокровие

to be of sound mind, to be sound in mind, to be in one's right mind - быть в здравом уме

to be clear in one's own mind - ясно представлять себе, отдавать себе ясный отчёт

to be out of one's (right) mind - а) быть не в своём уме; быть сумасшедшим; you must be out of your mind! - вы с ума сошли!;

б) сходить с ума, быть в отчаянии /вне себя/

she was out of her mind with grief [with fear] - она сходила с ума от горя [от страха]

to go out of one's mind - сходить с ума; терять рассудок

his mind has gone, he has lost his mind - он не в своём уме

to drive /to send/ smb. out of his mind - сводить кого-л. с ума; доводить кого-л. до сумасшествия

**2. 1) память**

absence of mind - забывчивость; рассеянность

to bear /to keep/ in mind - помнить; запоминать; иметь в виду

bear that in mind! - запомни это!; имей это в виду!

with present-day conditions in mind - учитывая сегодняшнюю действительность, имея в виду условия современной жизни

to bring /to call/ to mind - а) вспоминать, припоминать; I called his words to mind - я вспомнил его слова; б) воскрешать в

памяти; напоминать

this brings to mind another story - это (мне) напоминает ещё один /другой/ случай

to put smb. in mind of smth. - напоминать кому-л. о чём-л.

he puts me in mind of his father - он напоминает мне своего отца

to cast one's mind back - вспомнить прошлое /былое/

to go /to pass/ out of (one's) mind, to slip one's mind - быть забытым, выскочить из головы

it went clean out of my mind - *разг.* я начисто забыл об этом

to put /to get/ smth. out of (one's) mind - забыть что-л. [*ср. тж.* 1, 1)]

time out of mind - незапамятные времена; ≅ испокон веку

**2) *уст.* поминание; поминальная служба****3. 1) настроение, состояние духа**

cheerful mind - хорошее настроение

peace of mind - спокойствие духа

I was easy [uneasy] in my mind - у меня было спокойно [неспокойно] на душе

in a good [bad] state /frame/ of mind - в хорошем [в плохом] настроении, расположении

**2) направление мыслей; склад ума**

reactionary mind - реакционные /консервативные/ взгляды /убеждения/

**4. (откровенное) мнение; взгляд**

to speak one's mind (out) - откровенно высказываться

to tell smb. one's mind, to let smb. know one's mind - откровенно высказать кому-л. своё мнение или неодобрение

I gave him a piece of my mind - *разг.* я ему высказал всё, что думал

to be of smb.'s mind, to be of the same mind as smb. - быть одного мнения с кем-л., придерживаться того же мнения

they were all of one mind - все они придерживались одного мнения, они достигли единодушного решения; они пришли к

соглашению

with one mind - единодушно

to be of the same mind - а) быть единодушным, придерживаться одного мнения; б) оставаться при своём мнении

to keep an open mind on smth. - сохранять объективность в подходе к вопросу, делу

to have an open mind - быть непредубеждённым

meeting of minds - *амер.* соглашение, единство взглядов

to smb.'s mind - по чьему-л. мнению [*см. тж.* 5, 1)]

to my mind you are right - по-моему, ты прав; на мой взгляд, ты прав

**5. 1) намерение, желание**

to have a mind to do smth. - иметь намерение /быть склонным/ сделать что-л  
to have a good /a great/ mind to do smth. - очень хотеть что-л. сделать  
I have a great mind to speak to him - вот возьму да и поговорю с ним  
to have half a mind to do smth. - быть не прочь /быть склонным/ что-л. сделать  
to know one's own mind - не колебаться, твёрдо знать, чего хочешь  
he doesn't know his own mind - он сам не знает, чего (он) хочет  
to change /to alter/ one's mind - передумать, изменить своё решение /свои намерения/  
to be in /of/ two minds - быть /находиться/ в нерешительности колебаться; не знать на что решиться  
to smb.'s mind - в соответствии с чьими-л. желаниями; по чьему-л. вкусу [см. тж. 4]

## 2) мысли, думы; стремление, помыслы

to set one's mind on smth. - очень хотеть чего-л.; сосредоточить все свои помыслы на чём-л.; поставить себе какую-л. цель  
he has set his mind on becoming an engineer - он твёрдо решил стать инженером  
my mind was (set) on other things - я думал о других вещах  
to give /to turn/ one's mind to smth. - обратить своё внимание на что-л.; сосредоточить свои мысли /помыслы/ на чём-л.; приложить старания к чему-л.  
to keep one's mind on smth. - всё время думать о чём-л.; сосредоточить своё внимание на чём-л.  
you must keep your mind on your work - ты должен всё время думать о своей работе  
he turned his mind to his work - он сосредоточился на своей работе  
to read smb.'s mind - читать чужие мысли  
to be on smb.'s mind - поглощать чьё-л. внимание  
to take one's mind off smth. - перестать думать о чём-л.  
to take smb.'s mind off smth. - отвлекать чьё-л. внимание от чего-л.  
it took her mind off her troubles - это отвлекло её от забот /от переживаний/  
to bring one's mind to bear on smth. - обратить своё внимание на что-л.  
I set his mind at rest - я его успокоил

## б. дух; душа

mind and body - душа и тело  
the mind's eye - мысленный взгляд, воображение  
◇ to make up one's mind - решиться; принять решение  
to make up one's mind to smth. - смириться с чем-л.  
so many men so many minds - *посл.* сколько голов, столько умов  
a sound mind in a sound body - *посл.* в здоровом теле здоровый дух  
out of sight, out of mind - *посл.* с глаз долой - из сердца вон

## 2. [maɪnd] v

### 1. в вопросительных или отрицательных предложениях, а также в утвердительном ответе возражать, иметь (что-л.) против

if you don't mind - если вы не возражаете  
do you mind if I smoke [open the window]?, do you mind my smoking [opening the window]?, would you mind my smoking [opening the window]? - вы не будете возражать, если я закурю [открою окно]?  
no, I don't mind (it) - нет, я не возражаю /ничего не имею против/  
yes, I mind it (very much) - нет, я (решительно) возражаю  
I shouldn't mind a cup of tea - я не прочь выпить чашку чая  
would you mind ringing? - будьте любезны, позвоните; не будете ли вы так любезны позвонить?  
would you mind holding your tongue? - попридержи свой язык, пожалуйста

### 2. заботиться, волноваться, беспокоиться, тревожиться

he minds your attitude very much - его очень волнует ваше отношение  
I do not mind what you do - мне всё равно, что вы сделаете  
he doesn't mind the cold weather - холодная погода ему нипочём  
I don't mind what people say - меня не волнует, что говорят люди

### 3. *обыкн.* в повелительном предложении:

#### 1) обращать внимание, считаться (с чем-л.)

don't mind me - не обращайтесь внимания на меня  
never mind him - не обращайтесь на него внимания  
never mind the expense - не останавливайтесь перед расходами

#### 2) прислушиваться (к советам и т. п.); слушаться

the dog minds his master - собака слушается своего хозяина  
mind what I say - (внимательно) слушай, что я говорю  
if he had minded me - если бы он меня послушал  
mind and do what you are told - слушайся и изволь делать то, что тебе говорят

### 3) остерегаться, беречься, обращать внимание

mind the step [the stairs]! - осторожно! ступенька [лестница]!  
mind the dog - берегись собаки  
mind your health - береги своё здоровье  
mind what you are doing! - осторожнее!  
mind your language! - выражайтесь повежливей!

### 4) не забыть сделать (что-л.)

mind you write - не забудь(те) написать  
mind you don't forget - смотри не забудь  
mind you bring the book - (смотрите) не забудьте принести книгу

### 5) обратить внимание, заметить

I have no objection, mind (you), but ... - я не возражаю, заметь, но ...

not a word, mind! - помните, никому ни слова!

### 4. заботиться (о чём-л., ком-л.); смотреть, присматривать (за чем-л., кем-л.); заниматься (чем-л.)

to mind the baby [the shop] - присматривать за ребёнком [за лавкой]

to mind one's business - заниматься своим делом

mind your own business! - не вмешивайся в чужие дела!

I asked him if he'd mind my bags - я попросил его присмотреть за моими чемоданами

### 5. 1) арх., диал. помнить

### 2) редк. напоминать

### 6. арх. внимательно следить, внимать

### 7. уст., диал. намереваться

◇ never mind! - а) не волнуйся, не обращай внимания!, стоит ли беспокоиться!; ничего!, всё равно!, не беда!; это несущественно!; б) не твоё дело!

where have you been? - Never you mind! - где вы были? - Не ваша забота/печаль!

to mind one's P's and Q's - следить за собой, за своими словами, соблюдать осторожность или приличия

mind your eye! - ≅ держи ухо востро!, берегись!, гляди в оба!

## mind

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**mind** [mind minds minded minding] noun, verb BrE [maɪnd] <sup>1</sup> NAmE [maɪnd]

### noun

### ABILITY TO THINK

#### 1. countable, uncountable the part of a person that makes them able to be aware of things, to think and to feel

- the **conscious/subconscious mind**
- There were all kinds of thoughts running through my mind.
- There was no doubt in his mind that he'd get the job.
- 'Drugs' are associated in most people's minds with drug abuse.
- She was in a disturbed **state of mind**.
- I could not have complete **peace of mind** before they returned.

**see also** ↑frame of mind, ↑presence of mind

#### 2. countable your ability to think and reason; your intelligence; the particular way that sb thinks

**Syn:** ↑intellect

- to have a **brilliant/good/keen mind**
- a **creative/evil/suspicious mind**
- She had a lively and enquiring mind.
- His mind is as sharp as ever.
- I've no idea how her mind works!
- He had the body of a man and the mind of a child.
- insights into the criminal mind

**see also** ↑one-track mind

### INTELLIGENT PERSON

#### 3. countable a person who is very intelligent

**Syn:** ↑brain

**see also** ↑mastermind

- She was one of the greatest minds of her generation.

### THOUGHTS

#### 4. countable your thoughts, interest, etc

- **Keep your mind on** your work!
- Her mind is completely occupied by the new baby.
- The lecture dragged on and my mind wandered.
- Your mind's not on the job.
- He **gave his mind to** the arrangements for the next day.
- As for avoiding you, **nothing could be further from my mind** (= I was not thinking of it at all).

### MEMORY

#### 5. countable, usually singular your ability to remember things

- When I saw the exam questions my **mind** just **went blank** (= I couldn't remember anything).
- Sorry— your name has gone right out of my mind.

**more at** at the back of your mind **at** ↑back <sub>n.</sub>, bend your mind/efforts to sth **at** ↑bend <sub>v.</sub>, blow your mind **at** ↑blow <sub>v.</sub>, sth boggles the mind **at** ↑boggle, cast your mind back **at** ↑cast <sub>v.</sub>, change your/sb's mind **at** ↑change <sub>v.</sub>, change of mind **at** ↑change <sub>n.</sub>, close your mind to sth **at** ↑close <sub>v.</sub>, cross your mind **at** ↑cross <sub>v.</sub>, be etched on your heart/memory/mind **at** ↑etch, great minds think alike **at** ↑great <sub>adj.</sub>, know your own mind **at** ↑know <sub>v.</sub>, a meeting of minds **at** ↑meeting, have/keep an open mind (about/on sth) **at** ↑open <sub>adj.</sub>, open your/sb's mind to sth **at** ↑open <sub>v.</sub>, give sb a piece of your mind **at** ↑piece <sub>n.</sub>, prey on sb's mind **at** ↑prey <sub>v.</sub>, push sth

to the back of your mind **at** ↑**push** <sub>v.</sub>, (not) in your right mind **at** ↑**right** <sub>adj.</sub>, have a mind/memory like a sieve **at** ↑**sieve** <sub>n.</sub>, out of sight, out of mind **at** ↑**sight** <sub>n.</sub>, slip your mind **at** ↑**slip** <sub>v.</sub>, speak your mind **at** ↑**speak**, stick in your mind **at** ↑**stick** <sub>v.</sub>, a turn of mind **at** ↑**turn** <sub>n.</sub>, of unsound mind **at** ↑**unsound**

### Word Origin:

Old English gemynd 'memory, thought', of Germanic origin, from an Indo-European root meaning 'revolve in the mind, think', shared by Sanskrit **manas** and Latin **mens** 'mind'.

### Thesaurus:

**mind** **noun**

1. C, U

• All kinds of thoughts ran through my mind.

**head** • • **brain** • • **soul** • • **spirit** • • **the/your subconscious** • |**psychology ego** •

the **human** mind/brain/soul/spirit

a thought **enters** sb's mind/head

**deep in** your mind/the brain/your subconscious

**Mind or head? Head** is slightly more informal than **mind** in this meaning and is used especially to talk about thoughts and ideas that **get into** your head or that you **can't get out of** your head.

2. C, usually sing.

• His mind is as sharp as ever.

**intelligence** • • **intellect** • • **brain** • • **wits** • • **genius** • |**AmE, informal smarts** •

(a) **great** mind/intelligence/intellect/brain/genius

**have** a ...mind/intelligence/intellect/a ...brain/...wits/genius/smarts

**use** your mind/intelligence/brain/wits/smarts

### Synonyms:

**mad**

**crazy** • **nuts** • **batty** • **out of your mind** • **(not) in your right mind**

These are all informal words that describe sb who has a mind that does not work normally.

**mad** • (informal, especially BrE) having a mind that does not work normally: ▫ I thought I'd go mad if I stayed any longer.

**Mad** is an informal word used to suggest that sb's behaviour is very strange, often because of extreme emotional pressure. It is offensive if used to describe sb suffering from a real mental illness; use **mentally ill** instead. **Mad** is not usually used in this meaning in North American English; use **crazy** instead.

**crazy** • (informal, especially NAmE) having a mind that does not work normally: ▫ A crazy old woman rented the upstairs room. Like **mad**, **crazy** is offensive if used to describe sb suffering from a real mental illness.

**nuts** • [not before noun] (informal) mad: ▫ That noise is driving me nuts! ◇ ▫ You guys are nuts!

**batty** • (informal, especially BrE) slightly mad, in a harmless way: ▫ Her mum's completely batty.

**out of your mind** • (informal) unable to think or behave normally, especially because of extreme shock or anxiety: ▫ She was out of her mind with grief.

**(not) in your right mind** • (informal) (not) mentally normal: ▫ No one in their right mind ▫ would choose to work there.

to be mad/crazy/nuts/out of your mind/not in your right mind **to do sth**

to **go** mad/crazy/nuts/batty

to **drive sb** mad/crazy/nuts/batty/out of their mind

**completely** mad/crazy/nuts/batty/out of your mind

### Example Bank:

- Exhaustion clouded her mind.
- He feared he was losing his mind.
- He had closed his mind to anything new.
- He occupied his mind by playing cards against himself.
- He wanted us to focus our minds on unsolved problems.
- He's in rather a negative frame of mind.
- Her mind began to wander.
- Her mind was still reeling from the shock.
- Here are some important points to keep in mind...
- His comments did nothing to ease my mind.
- His mind raced, trying to think of a way out of the situation.
- Honestly, all you ever talk about is sex— you have a one-track mind!
- I couldn't get my mind around the concept.
- I have a lot on my mind at the moment.
- I need a clear mind if I want to continue with my work.
- I'll keep what you say in mind.
- I'll never understand how his mind works.
- I'm sorry I forgot your birthday— it completely slipped my mind.
- I'm sure someone can help you, but no one immediately springs to mind.
- It was something she had never imagined, not even in the deepest recesses of her mind.
- It's been preying on my mind ever since it happened.
- Just free your mind and write whatever comes.
- Kate desperately searched her mind for some excuse.

- My mind turned to more practical matters.
- Our subconscious mind tries to protect us.
- Serious doubts began to flood my mind.
- She was poisoning his mind and turning him against his family.
- She was the only person who understood his mind.
- Tell me what you want— I can't read your mind!
- The problem was always at the back of my mind.
- The thought never crossed my mind!
- Their own problems of course remained uppermost in their minds.
- There was absolutely no doubt in my mind that he was guilty.
- Try meditating to clear your mind of negative thoughts.
- Try to keep an open mind until you've heard all the facts.
- Try to keep safety in the forefront of your mind at all times.
- What kind of party do you have in mind?
- Who in their right mind would want to marry a murderer?
- You can do whatever you set your mind to.
- You have to train your mind to think positively.
- You've been in my mind a lot lately.
- a collection of photographs that will blow your mind
- a problem that has defeated the world's finest minds
- a subject which was on the nation's collective mind
- impressionable young minds that are easily influenced
- influencing impressionable young minds
- refreshed in mind and body
- terrible images that will be imprinted on our minds for ever
- the complex nature of the human mind
- 'Drugs' are associated in most people's minds with drug abuse.
- Did you know you have a nasty suspicious mind?
- He had probably the finest mind of the whole group.
- He has the body of a man but the mind of a child.
- I wish I had that type of creative mind.
- I've no idea how her mind works.
- She has a brilliant mind.
- She has lively and enquiring mind.
- She was in a disturbed state of mind.
- Their evidence might give us some insight into the criminal mind.
- There was no doubt in his mind that he'd get the job.
- When I saw the exam questions my mind just went blank.
- When you go to sleep it is only the conscious mind that shuts down.
- You don't have to do anything about it now... just bear it in mind.

Idioms: I don't mind admitting/telling you ... ▪ ↑I don't mind if I do ▪ I wouldn't mind something sth ▪ ↑all in the mind ▪ ↑bear in mind that ... ▪ ↑bear somebody in mind ▪ bored/frightened/pissed/stoned out of your mind ▪ ↑call somebody to mind ▪ ↑come to mind ▪ ↑do you mind? ▪ ↑have a good mind to do something ▪ ↑have a mind of your own ▪ ↑have half a mind to do something ▪ ↑have it in mind to do something ▪ ↑have somebody in mind ▪ ↑if you don't mind ▪ ↑if you don't mind me saying so ... ▪ ↑if you wouldn't mind ▪ ↑in two minds about about doing something ▪ ↑lose your mind ▪ ↑make up your mind ▪ ↑make your mind up ▪ ↑mind over matter ▪ ↑mind the shop ▪ ↑mind you ▪ ↑mind your Ps and Qs ▪ ↑mind your own business ▪ ↑my mind ▪ ↑nevermind ▪ ↑never mind something ▪ ↑never you mind ▪ ↑of one same mind ▪ ↑on your mind ▪ out of your mind ▪ ↑out of your mind with worry ▪ ↑put somebody in mind of somebody ▪ ↑put somebody's mind at ease ▪ ↑put something out of your mind ▪ ↑put your mind to something ▪ ↑set your mind on something ▪ ↑take your mind off something ▪ ↑your mind's eye

Derived ↑mind out

verb

## BE UPSET/ANNOYED

**1. transitive, intransitive** (used especially in questions or with negatives; not used in the passive) to be upset, annoyed or worried by sth

- ~ **(sth)** I don't mind the cold— it's the rain I don't like.
- I hope you don't mind the noise.
- He wouldn't have minded so much if she'd told him the truth.
- ~ **about sth** Did she mind about not getting the job?
- ~ **doing sth** Did she mind not getting the job?
- ~ **sb/sth doing sth** Do your parents mind you leaving home?
- **(formal)** Do your parents mind your leaving home?
- ~ **how, what, etc...** She never minded how hot it was.
- ~ **that...** He minded that he hadn't been asked.

## ASKING PERMISSION

**2. intransitive, transitive** used to ask for permission to do sth, or to ask sb in a polite way to do sth

- Do you mind if I open the window?



- ~ **sb doing sth** Are you married, if you don't mind me asking?
- (formal) Are you married, if you don't mind my asking?
- ~ **doing sth** Would you mind explaining that again, please?
- Do you mind driving? I'm feeling pretty tired.

## NOT CARE/WORRY

3. **not mind** **intransitive, transitive, no passive** to not care or not be concerned about sth
- 'Would you like tea or coffee?' 'I don't mind— either's fine.'
  - ~ **sb** Don't mind her— she didn't mean what she said.
  - Don't mind me (= don't let me disturb you) — I'll just sit here quietly.

## BE WILLING

4. **not mind doing sth** **transitive** to be willing to do sth
- I don't mind helping if you can't find anyone else.

## WARNING

5. (BrE) (also **watch** NAmE, BrE) **transitive** used to tell sb to be careful about sth or warn them about a danger
- ~ **sth** Mind (= Don't fall on) that step!
  - Mind your head! (= for example, be careful you don't hit it on a low ceiling)
  - Mind your language! (= don't speak in a rude or offensiveway)
  - ~ **how, where, etc...** Mind how you go! (= often used when you say goodbye to sb)
  - Mind where you're treading!
  - ~ **(that)...** Mind you don't cut yourself— that knife's very sharp.
  - You must be home for dinner, mind. 'That' is nearly always left out in this pattern.

## OBEY

6. **transitive ~ sb** (NAmE, IrishE) to pay attention to what sb says, and obey them
- And the moral of the story is: always mind your mother!

## TAKE CARE OF

7. (especially BrE) (NAmE usually **watch**) **transitive ~ sb/sth** to take care of sb/sth

**Syn:** look after

- Who's minding the children this evening?
- Could you mind my bags for a moment?

**more at** mind/watch your language **at** ↑language, mind/watch your step **at** ↑step <sub>n.</sub>

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
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	BrE /maɪndz/
	NAmE /maɪndz/
past simple, past participle	minded
	BrE /maɪndɪd/
	NAmE /maɪndɪd/
-ing form	minding
	BrE /maɪndɪŋ/
	NAmE /maɪndɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English gemynd 'memory, thought', of Germanic origin, from an Indo-European root meaning 'revolve in the mind, think', shared by Sanskrit **manas** and Latin **mens** 'mind'.

Thesaurus:

**mind** verb T, I, no passive (used especially in question or with negatives; not used in the progressive tenses) (especially spoken)

- I don't mind wet weather.

**care** • |especially BrE, spoken **be bothered** •

mind/care/be bothered **about** sth

mind/care/be bothered **that...**

**not** mind/care/be bothered **what people think**

Example Bank:

- His parents didn't seem to mind that he dropped out of college.
- I didn't mind about the money.
- I don't mind at all telling people my age.
- Nobody really minded much about what happened to them.
- They had thought the boys wouldn't mind sharing; as it turned out, they minded bitterly.
- Would you mind terribly if I went on my own?
- 'Would you prefer tea or coffee?' 'I don't mind— either's fine.'
- Did she mind (about) not getting the job?

- Do you mind driving? I'm feeling pretty tired.
- Do you mind if I open a window?
- Don't mind me — I'll just sit here quietly.
- He minded that he hadn't been asked.
- How old are you, if you don't mind me asking?
- I hope you don't mind the noise.
- I wouldn't have minded so much if you hadn't lied about it.
- No, I don't mind a bit.
- Would you mind explaining that again?

See also: ↑mind the store ▪ ↑of two minds about about doing something ▪ ↑watch

## mind

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I. **mind**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /maɪnd/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun*

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑mind, ↑minder, ↑reminder; **adjective**: ↑mindless, ↑minded, ↑mindful; **verb**: ↑mind, ↑remind; **adverb**: ↑mindlessly]

[Language: Old English; Origin: gemynd]

**1. ABILITY TO THINK AND IMAGINE** [uncountable and countable] your thoughts or your ability to think, feel, and imagine things ⇒ **mental**:

- It is impossible to understand the complex nature of the human mind.
- Mind and body are closely related.
- Meditation involves focussing the mind on a single object or word.

### in sb's mind

- There was no doubt in my mind that it was the right decision to make.
- Do you have a clear picture in your mind of what you want?
- A plan began to form in his mind.
- The event is still fresh in most people's minds.

### independence/strength/flexibility of mind

- men who were chosen for their independence of mind

**2. change your mind** to change your decision, plan, or opinion about something:

- I was afraid that Liz would change her mind and take me back home.

### change your mind about

- If you change your mind about the colour scheme, it's easy to just paint over it.

**3. make up your mind/make your mind up**

**a) to decide which of two or more choices you want, especially after thinking for a long time:**

- I wish he'd hurry up and make his mind up.

### make up your mind/make your mind up about

- He couldn't make up his mind about what to do with the money.

### make up your mind whether

- Karen couldn't make up her mind whether to apply for membership or not.

**b) to become very determined to do something, so that you will not change your decision:**

- No more argument. My mind is made up.

### make up your mind to do something

- He had clearly made up his mind to end the affair.

### make up your mind that

- I made up my mind there and then that I would never get married.

**c) to decide what your opinion is about someone or something**

### make up your mind/make your mind up about

- I could never really make my mind up about him.
- You're old enough to make your own mind up about smoking.

**4. have somebody/something in mind (for something)** to have an idea about who or what you want for a particular purpose:

- It was a nice house, but it wasn't quite what we had in mind.
- Did you have anyone in mind for the job?
- Have you any particular colour in mind for the bedroom?

**5. bear/keep somebody/something in mind** to remember or think about someone or something when you are doing something:

- It's a good idea — I'll keep it in mind.
- You must always keep the reader in mind when writing a report.
- Floor tiles can be difficult to clean — worth keeping in mind when you choose a new floor.

### bear/keep in mind that

- Bear in mind that the price does not include flights.
- More money should be given to housing, bearing in mind (=because of) the problem of homelessness.

**6. with somebody/something in mind** considering someone or something when doing something, and taking suitable action:

- Most gardens designed with children in mind are safe but dull.
- With these aims in mind, the school operates a broad-based curriculum.

**7. on your/sb's mind**

**a) if something is on your mind, you keep thinking or worrying about it:**

- He looked as though he had something on his mind.
- Sorry I forgot. I've got a lot on my mind (=a lot of problems to worry about) at the moment.

**b) if something is on your mind, that is what you are thinking about:**

She's the type of person who just says what's on her mind.

8. **get/put somebody/something out of your mind** (also **put somebody/something to the back of your mind**) to stop yourself thinking about someone or something:

" I just can't seem to get her out of my mind.

" You've got to try and put him out of your mind.

" She put her disappointment to the back of her mind and concentrated on Dana.

9. **cross/enter sb's mind** (also **come into sb's mind**) [not in progressive] if something crosses your mind, you have a thought or idea:

" It never crossed my mind that Lisa might be lying.

" Suddenly a horrible thought came into my mind.

10. **go/run/flash etc through sb's mind** if something goes through your mind, you have a thought, especially for a short time:

" She knew what was going through his mind.

" All kinds of questions ran through my mind.

" After the accident, one of the things that went through my mind was whether I would be able to drive again.

11. **come/spring to mind** [not in progressive] if something comes or springs to mind, you suddenly or immediately think of it:

" I just used the first excuse which sprang to mind.

" A memory of last night came to mind, and he smiled.

" Fatherhood doesn't immediately spring to mind when you think of James.

▶ Do not say that something 'comes to your mind' or 'springs to your mind'. Say that it **comes to mind** or **springs to mind**.

12. **CHARACTER** [countable] used to talk about the way that someone thinks and the type of thoughts they have:

" He has a very devious mind.

" My naturally suspicious mind thought he might be lying.

13. **INTELLIGENCE** [countable usually singular] your intelligence and ability to think, rather than your emotions:

" a mind trained to react with split-second accuracy

a brilliant/enquiring/logical etc mind

" a bright child with an enquiring mind

14. **INTELLIGENT PERSON** [countable] someone who is very intelligent, especially in a particular subject or activity **SYN brain**:

" This is one of the issues that has most interested military minds.

" Some of the finest minds in the country are working on the project.

15. **state/frame of mind** the way someone is thinking and feeling at a particular time:

" What happened had a lot to do with my state of mind at the time.

in a good/positive/relaxed etc frame of mind

" She returned from lunch in a happier frame of mind.

in the right/wrong frame of mind

" You have to be in the right frame of mind to play well.

16. **to/in my mind** used to show you are giving your opinion about something **SYN in my opinion**:

" The Internet, to my mind, represents information exchange at its best.

17. **go/turn over something in your mind** to keep thinking about something because you are trying to understand it or solve a problem:

" Corbett rode along, turning over in his mind what Bruce had said.

18. **be the last thing on sb's mind** (also **be the furthest thing from sb's mind**) to be the thing that someone is least likely to be thinking about:

" Insurance was the last thing on my mind when we set off that day.

19. **take/keep/get sb's mind off something** to make someone stop thinking and worrying about something:

" Going back to work helped take my mind off Ian's death.

" Want a game? It might take your mind off things.

20. **set/put sb's mind at rest** (also **set/put sb's mind at ease**) to make someone feel less worried or anxious:

" If you're worried, see a doctor to set your mind at rest.

21. **it/that is a load/weight off sb's mind** *informal* used to say that someone does not have to worry about something any more

22. **prey on sb's mind** (also **play on sb's mind**) if a problem preys on your mind, you cannot stop thinking about it:

" Finally, she broached the subject that had been playing on her mind for days.

23. **no one in their right mind ...** (also **who in their right mind ...?**) *informal* used to say that someone must be stupid or crazy to do something:

" Who in their right mind would want to do that job?

" No woman in her right mind would go out with a man like him.

24. **be out of your mind** *informal* to be stupid or crazy:

" He must have been out of his mind to employ her.

25. **be out of your mind with worry/grief etc** (also **be worried/bored etc out of your mind**) to be extremely worried, bored etc:

" It was getting late and I was out of my mind with worry.

26. **go out of your mind** (also **lose your mind**) *informal* to become mentally ill or very worried, bored etc **SYN go crazy**:

" Nicole looked at him as if he'd gone out of his mind.

27. **sb's mind goes blank** (also **sb's mind is a blank**) *informal* if your mind goes blank, you suddenly cannot remember something:

" For some inexplicable reason, her mind went completely blank.

" His heart was thumping and his mind was a complete blank.

28. **go (right/clean) out of sb's mind** (also **slip sb's mind**) if something goes out of your mind, you forget it, especially because you are very busy:

" I'm sorry. So much has been happening, it went clean out of my mind.

" It had completely slipped her mind that Dave still had a key to the house.

29. **bring/call something to mind**

a) to make you think of someone or something **SYN remind somebody of something**:



The wine's sweet nutty taste calls to mind roasted chestnuts.

b) **formal** to remember something:

The only thing I could call to mind was something my mother once said.

30. **put somebody in mind of somebody/something** [not in progressive] **formal** to remind someone of someone or something:

The girl put me in mind of my own daughter.

31. **stick/stay in sb's mind** if a name, fact etc sticks in your mind, you remember it for a long time:

For some reason, the name really stuck in Joe's mind.

One line from the poem had stayed in her mind.

32. **be of one mind/of the same mind/of like mind** **formal** to have the same opinions as someone else:

It can be difficult to meet others of like mind.

**be of one mind/of the same mind/of like mind on/about**

The council and the government are of one mind on the long-term objective.

33. **have a mind of your own**

a) to have strong opinions about things, and make your own decisions without being influenced by other people:

She's a woman without fear, with a mind of her own, who says what she thinks.

b) if an object has a mind of its own, it seems to control itself and does not work or move in the way you want it to:

The bicycle seemed to have a mind of its own and I couldn't steer it straight.

34. **put/set/turn your mind to something** to decide that you want to achieve something and try very hard to do it:

I think anyone can lose weight if they set their mind to it.

35. **sb's mind is not on something** if your mind is not on what you are doing, you are not thinking much about it because you are thinking or worrying about something else:

His mind didn't seem to be on the game at all.

36. **keep your mind on something** to keep paying attention to something, even though it is difficult:

He could hardly keep his mind on what she was saying.

**keep your mind on the job/task in/at hand**

Making notes is the best way of keeping your mind on the task at hand.

37. **sb's mind wanders** if your mind wanders, you no longer pay attention to something, especially because you are bored:

Her mind was beginning to wander.

38. **sb's mind is racing** if your mind is racing, you are thinking very quickly and hard about something because you are excited, frightened etc:

He tried to reassure her, but Carrie's mind was racing.

39. **it's all in the mind** used to tell someone that they have imagined something and it does not really exist:

He's one of those doctors who say you're not really sick and it's all in the mind.

40. **in your mind's eye** if you see something in your mind's eye, you imagine or remember clearly what it looks like:

She paused, imagining the scene in her mind's eye.

41. **have it in mind** **formal** to intend to do something

**have it in mind to do something**

For a long time I had it in mind to write a book about my experiences.

**have it in mind that**

I had it in mind that one day I might move to Spain.

42. **have half a mind to do something** **spoken**

a) (also **have a good mind to do something**) used to say that you might do something to show that you disapprove of something someone has done:

I've a good mind to tell him exactly what I think.

I've half a mind to stop him seeing her altogether.

b) used to say that you may decide to do something:

I've half a mind to come with you tomorrow.

43. **mind over matter** used to say that you can use your thoughts to control physical feelings or an unpleasant situation:

I'm scared, yes, but it's a case of mind over matter.

⇒ **in/at the back of your mind** at ↑back<sup>2</sup>(6), ⇒ **blow sb's mind** at ↑blow<sup>1</sup>(15), ⇒ **cast your mind back** at ↑cast<sup>1</sup>(9), ⇒ **a closed**

**mind** at ↑closed(4), ⇒ **be in/at/to the forefront of sb's mind/attention** at ↑forefron(2), ⇒ **give somebody a piece of your mind**

at ↑piece<sup>1</sup>(13), ⇒ **great minds think alike** at ↑great<sup>1</sup>(15), ⇒ **know your own mind** at ↑know<sup>1</sup>(50), ⇒ **the mind boggles** at

↑boggle, ⇒ **meeting of minds** at ↑meeting(5), ⇒ **↑one-track mind**, ⇒ **an open mind** at ↑open<sup>1</sup>(16), ⇒ **out of sight, out of mind**

at ↑sight<sup>1</sup>(8), ⇒ **peace of mind** at ↑peace(3), ⇒ **↑presence of mind**, ⇒ **read sb's mind** at ↑read<sup>1</sup>(15), ⇒ **set your**

**heart/mind/sights on (doing) something** at ↑set<sup>1</sup>(13), ⇒ **be of sound mind** at ↑sound<sup>3</sup>(5), ⇒ **speak your mind** at ↑speak(7), ⇒

**be in two minds** at ↑two(9)

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## THESAURUS

▪ **mind** what you use to think and imagine things: My mind was full of big ideas. | I never know what's going on in her mind. | At the back of my mind I had the funny feeling that I'd met her somewhere before. | The same thoughts kept going through my mind and I couldn't get to sleep.

▪ **head** the place where someone's mind is – use this especially when talking about the thoughts that are in someone's mind: I can't get him out of my head. | You need to get it into your head that you've done nothing wrong. | To keep myself calm, I counted to ten in my head. | She's so quiet – you never quite know what's going on inside her head (=what she is thinking).

▪ **subconscious** the part of your mind that influences the way you think or behave, even though you may not realize this is happening, and which makes you have dreams: She suddenly remembered a traumatic incident that had been buried deep in her subconscious. | During the daytime our conscious minds are active, but during the night the subconscious takes over.

▪ **psyche** **formal** someone's mind, especially their feelings and attitudes, and the way these influence their character - used especially when talking about people's minds in general: The need for love is deeply buried in our psyche. | Freud has provided an

account of the **human psyche**'s stages of development. | The child is simply searching his psyche to find some past event that relates to his new experiences.

▪ **mentality** a particular way of thinking that a group of people have, especially one that you think is wrong or bad: I just don't understand the mentality of these people. | They all seem to have a kind of victim mentality, which makes them think that the world is permanently against them.

▪ **the ego** *technical* the part of your mind that gives you your sense of who you are - used especially in Freudian psychology: the rational world of the ego and the irrational world of the unconscious

## II. **mind**<sup>2</sup> **S1 W2 BrE** <sup>AmE</sup> *verb*

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1. **FEEL ANNOYED** [**intransitive, transitive not in progressive or passive, usually in questions and negatives**] to feel annoyed or upset about something ⇒ **object**:

- I don't mind the heat, in fact I quite like it.
- The expression on Dan's face showed that he did mind, very much.
- I wouldn't have minded if she'd asked me first.

**mind doing something**

- Did you mind being away from home for so long?

**mind somebody doing something**

- Don't your parents mind you staying out so late?

**mind that**

- He didn't mind that other people in the village thought him odd.

### REGISTER

The expression **mind/not mind (something)** is used especially in spoken English. In written English, people often use **object/not object (to something)** instead:

- Many people do not object to paying higher taxes for better services.
- Would you object if we changed a few details?

2. **not mind doing something** to be willing to do something:

- I don't mind driving if you're tired.

3. **NOT CARE WHICH ONE not mind** [**intransitive, transitive not in progressive or passive**] *especially British English* if you do not mind what someone does or what happens, you do not have a strong opinion about it:

- 'Do you want to go out now or later?' 'I don't really mind.'

**not mind what/who/where etc**

- I don't mind where we go.

4. **mind your own business** *informal* to not ask questions about a situation that does not involve you:

- Why don't you just mind your own business and leave me in peace?
- I wish he'd mind his own business.

5. **be minding your own business** to be doing something ordinary on your own when something unexpected happens to you:

- My father was just driving along, minding his own business, when suddenly a brick came through the window.

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### SPOKEN PHRASES

6. **never mind**

a) used to tell someone not to worry or be upset about something:

- 'We haven't done very well, have we?' 'Never mind. At least we tried.'

**nevermind about**

- Nevermind about the car. You're safe, and that's the main thing.

b) used to say that something is not possible or likely, because even a less extreme thing is not possible or likely:

- Well, you would have hardly got a bed in that room, nevermind anything else.
- I don't think I could walk that far, nevermind run that far.

c) used to tell someone that it is not important to do or consider something now, often because something else is more important:

- Nevermind me – what about you? What have you been doing?
- Nevermind the dishes – I'll do them later.

**nevermind doing something**

- Nevermind looking at the boys, we're supposed to be playing tennis.

**nevermind why/how etc**

- Nevermind how I got here. Tell me what happened.

7. **I wouldn't mind (doing) something** used to say that you would like something:

- 'Can I get you anything to drink?' 'I wouldn't mind a coffee.'
- She's gorgeous! I wouldn't mind looking like that!

8. **would/do you mind ...?**

a) used to politely ask someone's permission

**would you mind if**

- Would you mind if I opened the window?
- Would you mind if I came with you?
- I'll have to leave early, do you mind?

b) used to politely ask someone to do something

**would you mind doing something?**

- Would you mind waiting outside?
- 'Do you want me to carry this bag for you?' 'Would you mind?'

c) used to angrily ask or tell someone to do something

would you mind doing something?

Would you mind telling me what you're doing in here?

Would you mind shutting up for a minute?

**9. mind you (also mind) British English** used when saying something that is almost the opposite of what you have just said, or that explains or emphasizes it:

He looks very young in this photo. Mind you, it was taken years ago.

I love hot weather, but not too hot, mind.

**10. WARNING mind! British English** used to warn someone to be careful because they might hurt themselves or someone else, or damage something:

Mind that bike, James!

Mind you don't fall!

**mind your head/fingers etc**

Mind your head – the ceiling's a bit low.

**mind how/where/who etc**

It's slippery, so mind where you're walking!

**11. mind how you go British English** used when saying goodbye to someone, to tell them to take care

**12. mind you do something British English** used to tell someone to do something:

Mind you behave yourself.

**13. never you mind especially British English** used to tell someone that you are not going to tell them something because it is private or secret:

'What's that you were saying to Dad?' 'Never you mind.'

**14. do you mind!** used to say to someone that you are annoyed with them because of something they have just done or said:

Do you mind! I just washed that floor!

**15. if you don't mind (also if you wouldn't mind)**

**a)** used to check that someone is willing to do something or let you do something:

If you don't mind, I think I'll go to bed now.

I'd like to stay a while longer if you don't mind.

We'll go there together – that's if you don't mind.

**b)** used when you are annoyed to tell someone what to do or what you are going to do:

Now, if you don't mind, I'd like to get back to bed.

**c)** used humorously or rudely to correct something someone has said:

The name's John, not Jonathan, if you don't mind.

**d)** used to refuse someone's offer politely:

'Do you want to come for a drink?' 'I won't if you don't mind. I've got a lot of work to do.'

**16. if you don't mind my saying so/if you don't mind me asking** used when you are saying or asking something that you think might offend someone:

You're looking tired, if you don't mind my saying so.

How old are you, if you don't mind me asking?

**17. I don't mind admitting/telling you/saying etc** used to emphasize what you are saying, especially when it could make you seem silly:

I don't mind admitting that I was really scared.

**18. don't mind me**

**a)** used to tell someone not to pay any attention to you:

If you want to get on and do something, please don't mind me.

**b)** used when you are annoyed because someone is not paying any attention to you:

Don't mind me! I only live here!

**19. don't mind her/him etc** used to say sorry for someone else's behaviour:

Don't mind her. She doesn't mean to be hurtful.

**20. (I) don't mind if I do old-fashioned** used humorously to accept something such as food or drink that has been offered to you

**21. TAKE CARE OF SOMETHING/SOMEBODY [transitive] British English**

**a)** to be responsible for something for a short time **SYN watch**:

Will you mind my bag while I buy my ticket?

**b)** to take care of a child while their parents are not there **SYN look after**:

My sister minds the baby while I'm at yoga.

**22. mind the shop British English, mind the store American English informal** to be in charge of something, while the person who is usually in charge is not there

**23. mind your manners/language /p's and q's** to be careful about what you say or how you behave so that you do not offend anyone:

She gave him a frown and told him to mind his manners.

**24. OBEY [transitive not in progressive] American English** to obey someone's instructions or advice:

Some dogs will mind instructions better than others.

**mind out phrasal verb [always in imperative or infinitive] British English**

used to warn someone to be careful **SYN be careful**:

Mind out. The plates are hot.

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## THESAURUS

▪ **take care of somebody (also look after somebody especially British English)** to make sure a child or an old or sick person is safe and has the things they need: I have to look after my little brother. | Taking care of a baby is hard work. | She is taking care of her grandmother while her grandfather is in hospital.

▪ **care for somebody** to take care of someone. **Care for somebody** is less common and more formal than **take care of/look**

**after somebody**: He was cared for by a team of nurses. | Caring for an elderly relative can be very rewarding.

▪ **nurse** to look after someone who is ill: He nursed his wife through a long illness. | The monks nursed him back to health (=looked after him until he was well again).

▪ **babysit** to look after children in the evening while their parents go out somewhere: I'll ask Jane to babysit on Wednesday night. | He used to babysit for Mary when she worked nights.

▪ **mind** *British English* to look after a child while their parents are not there, especially for a short time: Will you mind the baby while I go to the shop?

## mind

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