

unfold

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[ʌn'fəʊld] *v*

1. 1) **развёртывать, расстилать**
to unfold a newspaper [a parcel] - развернуть газету [свёрток]
to unfold a tablecloth - развернуть /расстелить/ скатерть
to unfold one's arms - разжать скрещённые руки
- 2) **развёртываться, расстилаться**
the plain unfolded (itself) before us - перед нами расстилалась равнина
as the story unfolds - по ходу рассказа
2. 1) **пускать (ростки)**
- 2) **распускаться**
3. 1) **раскрывать, открывать**
he unfolded to me his plans for the future - он открыл /поведал/ мне свои планы на будущее
we listened in silence as the details of the scheme were unfolded to us - мы молча слушали, когда нам разъясняли детали замысла
- 2) **раскрываться, развиваться**
the scheme began gradually to unfold - план постепенно становится ясным

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[ʌn'fəʊld] *v*

выпускать овец из овчарни

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un·fold [unfold unfolds unfolded unfolding] *BrE* [ʌn'fəʊld] ^u *NAmE* [ʌn'foʊld]

verb

1. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to spread open or flat sth that has previously been folded; to become open and flat
 - to unfold a map
 - She unfolded her arms.
- Opp:** [↑]fold
2. **intransitive, transitive** to be gradually made known; to gradually make sth known to other people
 - The audience watched as **the story unfolded** before their eyes.
 - Dramatic events were about to unfold.
 - **~ sth (to sb)** She unfolded her tale to us.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	unfold
	<i>BrE</i> /ʌn'fəʊld/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ʌn'foʊld/
he / she / it	unfolds
	<i>BrE</i> /ʌn'fəʊldz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ʌn'foʊldz/
past simple, past participle	unfolded
	<i>BrE</i> /ʌn'fəʊldɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ʌn'foʊldɪd/
-ing form	unfolding
	<i>BrE</i> /ʌn'fəʊldɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ʌn'foʊldɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English unfealdan (from [↑]un- and the verb [↑]fold).

Example Bank:

- Now the full story was beginning to unfold.
- He unfolded his arms and stood up.
- She unfolded the letter and read it yet again.
- The audience watched the story unfold before their eyes.
- The collapsible ladder unfolds quickly and locks into place for added safety.

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un·fold /ʌn'fəʊld \$ -'foʊld/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u *verb*

[**Word Family:** *verb:* [↑]fold, [↑]unfold; *noun:* [↑]fold, [↑]folder; *adjective:* folded, [↑]folding]

1. [**intransitive and transitive**] if a story unfolds, or if someone unfolds it, it is told:
As the story unfolds, we learn more about Max's childhood.
2. [**intransitive**] if a series of events unfold, they happen:
He had watched the drama unfold from a nearby ship.
3. [**intransitive and transitive**] if you unfold something that was folded, or if it unfolds, it opens out:
He unfolded the map.

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