

**stun**

1. [stʌn] *n*
  1. оглушение, ошеломление; шок
  2. причина оглушения, ошеломления
  3. дефект на поверхности камня
2. [stʌn] *v*
  1. 1) свалить ударом  
to stun an animal with a club - оглушить животное дубиной
  - 2) оглушить (*шумом*)  
the roar stunned us - рёв оглушил нас  
to stun fish - глушить рыбу
  - 3) ошеломить, потрясти  
the news stunned us - новость ошеломила /потрясла/ нас  
to be /to stand/ stunned - быть потрясённым /ошеломлённым/
2. поцарапать поверхность

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**stun** [stʌn stuns stunned stunning] *BrE* [stʌn] <sup>ad</sup> *NAmE* [stʌn] <sup>ad</sup> *verb* (-nn-)

1. ~ **sb/sth** to make a person or an animal unconscious for a short time, especially by hitting them on the head  
**Syn:** knock out  
• The fall stunned me for a moment.  
• The animals are stunned before slaughter.
2. ~ **sb** to surprise or shock sb so much that they cannot think clearly or speak  
**Syn:** †astound  
• Her words stunned me— I had no idea she felt that way.
3. ~ **sb** to impress sb very much  
**Syn:** †amaze  
• They were stunned by the view from the summit.

Derived Word †stunned

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	stun
	<i>BrE</i> /stʌn/
	<i>NAmE</i> /stʌn/
he / she /it	stuns
	<i>BrE</i> /stʌnz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /stʌnz/
past simple, past participle	stunned
-ing form	stunning
	<i>BrE</i> /stʌnɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /stʌnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: shortening of Old French **estoner** 'astonish'.

Synonyms:

**surprise**

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:

- Leaving them all stunned, she walked out of the bar.
- Morton stood stunned, unable to believe his ears.
- She was a bit stunned by the news.
- They seemed stunned at his outburst.
- stunned with grief

### Example Bank:

- The guests were stunned into silence.
- The company stunned investors with its third profits warning in five months.

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**stun** /stʌn/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *verb* (past tense and past participle **stunned**, present participle **stunning**) [transitive not in progressive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: estoner; ⇒ ↑astonish]

1. to surprise or upset someone so much that they do not react immediately ⇒ **stagger**:  
" Redfern stunned the crowd with a last-minute goal.
  2. to make someone unconscious for a short time:  
" The impact of the ball had stunned her.
- ⇒ ↑stunned, ↑stunning

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

192 **42756**<sup>298</sup> *nn1*

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