

bluff

I

1. [blʌf] *n*
отвесный берег, обрыв; утёс
2. [blʌf] *a*
 1. отвесный, крутой; обрывистый
bluff body - *слец*. плохо обтекаемое тело
 2. грубовато-добродушный
he said it with bluff downright honesty - он сказал это прямо и откровенно
◇ as bluff as a night constable - груб как ночной полицейский

II

1. [blʌf] *n разг.*
 - 1) обман, блеф
to call smb.'s bluff - а) заставить (противника) раскрыть карты; б) не позволить себя обмануть; разоблачить чей-л. манёвр; не поддаваться на провокацию; не дать взять себя на пушку
was it an exceedingly clever bluff? - не было ли это очень тонким притворством?
the offer was a bluff - это предложение оказалось блефом
 - 2) обманщик
 - 3) *карт.* блеф
 - 4) пустая угроза
2. [blʌf] *v разг.*
 1. 1) обманывать
he was bluffed by his opponent - противник сумел его провести
 - 2) *карт.* блефовать
 2. (into) втираться, обманом добиться чего-л.
to bluff one's way into a job - пролезть на должность
he bluffed us into believing he was a doctor - он выдал себя за врача, и мы поверили
 3. запугивать, брать на пушку (*мж.* bluff off)
◇ to bluff it out - выкрутиться; ≅ выйти сухим из воды

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bluff [blʌf blʌfs bluffed bluffing] *verb, noun, adjective* BrE [blʌf] ^u *NAme* [blʌf]

verb intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)

to try to make sb believe that you will do sth that you do not really intend to do, or that you know sth that you do not really know

- I don't think he'll shoot— I think he's just bluffing.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	bluff
	BrE /blʌf/
	NAme /blʌf/
he / she / it	bluffs
	BrE /blʌfs/
	NAme /blʌfs/
past simple, past participle	bluffed
	BrE /blʌft/
	NAme /blʌft/
-ing form	bluffing
	BrE /blʌfɪŋ/
	NAme /blʌfɪŋ/

Word Origin:

v. and *n.* **sense 1** late 17th cent. 'blindfold, trick' Dutch **bluffen** 'brag' **bluf** 'bragging'

adj. early 18th cent. 'surly, abrupt in manner' ↑bluff 'steep cliff or slope'

n. **sense 2** early 17th cent.

Example Bank:

- She managed to bluff her way into the government headquarters.
- I don't think he'll shoot— I think he's just bluffing.

Derived ↑bluff it out ▪ ↑bluff somebody into doing something ▪ ↑bluff your way in ▪ ↑bluff your way out of something

noun

1. **uncountable, countable** an attempt to trick sb by making them believe that you will do sth when you really have no intention of doing it, or that you know sth when you do not, in fact, know it

- It was just a game of bluff.
- He said he would resign if he didn't get more money, but it was only a bluff.

see also ↑double bluff

2. **countable** a steep ↑cliff or slope, especially by the sea or a river

see call sb's bluff **at** ↑call *v.*

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- He threatened to resign but it was all bluff.
- She was tempted to call his bluff, hardly able to believe he'd carry out his threat.

adjective (of people or their manner)

very direct and cheerful, with good intentions, although not always very polite

- Beneath his bluff exterior he was a sensitive man.

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I. **bluff**¹ /blʌf/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb [intransitive and transitive]

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: Probably from Dutch bluffen 'to boast, play a kind of card game']

to pretend something, especially in order to achieve what you want in a difficult or dangerous situation:

• You wouldn't really tell her. You're bluffing!

bluff your way out of/through/past etc somebody/something (=go somewhere or succeed in doing something by deceiving someone)

• I hope we'll be able to bluff our way past the guard.

• 'I was with Don,' she said, deciding to bluff it out (=continue to pretend something).

bluff somebody into (doing) something (=make someone do something by deceiving them)

II. **bluff**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun

[Sense 1-2: Date: 1800-1900; Origin: ⇒ †bluff¹]

[Sense 3: Date: 1600-1700; Origin: ⇒ †bluff³]

1. [uncountable and countable] an attempt to deceive someone by making them think you will do something, when you do not intend to do it:

• The threat was only a bluff.

• Whatever you say, you must do it. This isn't a game of bluff. ⇒ †double bluff

2. **call sb's bluff** to tell someone to do what they have threatened because you do not believe that they will really do it

3. [countable] a very steep cliff or slope

III. **bluff**³ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ adjective

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: Early Dutch blaf 'flat']

a bluff person, usually a man, is pleasant but very direct and does not always consider other people:

• He was a bluff no-nonsense administrator.

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