

overwhelm

[,əʊvə'welɪŋ] *v*

1. 1) преодолеть; подавить, разбить
the enemy were overwhelmed by superior forces - войска противника были смяты превосходящими силами
- 2) погубить, разорить
2. овладевать, переполнять (*о чувстве*)
to be overwhelmed by grief - быть охваченным горем
to be overwhelmed with gratitude - быть переполненным благодарностью
3. потрясать, ошеломлять, поражать
his kindness quite overwhelmed me - его доброта меня просто ошеломила
they were overwhelmed at the news - новости потрясли их
4. 1) заливать; затоплять
the village was overwhelmed when the floods came - во время паводка деревню затопило
a great wave overwhelmed the boat - огромная волна накрыла лодку /судно/
- 2) заваливать; засыпать
Pompeii was overwhelmed by dust and ashes - город Помпеи был погребён под вулканической пылью и пеплом
5. 1) засыпать, заваливать (*работой, заказами и т. п.*)
- 2) забрасывать; осыпать (*вопросами, похвалой и т. п.*)
he overwhelmed her with a profusion of compliment - он осыпал её комплиментами

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overwhelm [overwhelm overwhelms overwhelmed overwhelming] *BrE*

[,əʊvə'welɪŋ] *NAme* [,oʊvər'welɪŋ] *verb often passive*

1. ~ **sb** to have such a strong emotional effect on sb that it is difficult for them to resist or know how to react
Syn: †overcome
• She was overwhelmed by feelings of guilt.
• The beauty of the landscape overwhelmed me.
2. ~ **sb** to defeat sb completely
Syn: †overpower
• The army was overwhelmed by the rebels.
3. ~ **sb** to be so bad or so great that a person cannot deal with it; to give too much of a thing to a person
• We were overwhelmed by requests for information.
4. ~ **sb/sth** (*literary*) (*of water*) to cover sb/sth completely
Syn: †flood
• The wave broke through the wall and overwhelmed the town.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	overwhelm
	BrE /, əʊvə'welɪŋ/
	NAme /, oʊvər'welɪŋ/
he / she / it	overwhelms
	BrE /, əʊvə'welɪnz/
	NAme /, oʊvər'welɪnz/
past simple, past participle	overwhelmed
	BrE /, əʊvə'welɪnd/
	NAme /, oʊvər'welɪnd/
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	BrE /, əʊvə'welɪmɪŋ/
	NAme /, oʊvər'welɪmɪŋ/

Thesaurus:

overwhelm *verb T*

- The office was overwhelmed by the volume of work.

swamp •• **flood** •• **inundate** •• **bombard** •

overwhelm/swamp/flood/inundate/bombard sb/sth **with** sth

be swamped/flooded/inundated/bombarded **with complaints/requests**

Overwhelm or swamp? People are typically **overwhelmed** by the **amount**, **number** or **volume** of a thing; they are **swamped** by the things themselves— **complaints**, **requests**, **offers** or **enquiries**.

Example Bank:

- She felt completely overwhelmed
- The children pressed around him eagerly, overwhelming him with questions.
- We were totally overwhelmed by the response to our appeal.
- He totally overwhelmed the Spaniard, 6–2, 6–3, 6–2, in the final.
- She thinks she knows all the answers and always overwhelms me with advice.
- The office was overwhelmed by the volume of work that was required.

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overwhelm /,əʊvə'welɪŋ \$,oʊvər/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive usually passive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: whelm 'to turn over, cover up' (13-19 centuries)]

1. **EMOTION** if someone is overwhelmed by an emotion, they feel it so strongly that they cannot think clearly

be overwhelmed by something

" Harriet was overwhelmed by a feeling of homesickness.

be overwhelmed with something

" The children were overwhelmed with excitement.

" Grief overwhelmed me.

2. **TOO MUCH** if work or a problem overwhelms someone, it is too much or too difficult to deal with

be overwhelmed by something

" We were overwhelmed by the number of applications.

overwhelm somebody with something

" They would be overwhelmed with paperwork.

3. **SURPRISE SOMEBODY** to surprise someone very much, so that they do not know how to react

be overwhelmed by something

" I was completely overwhelmed by his generosity.

" We were overwhelmed by the sheer size of the place.

4. **DEFEAT SOMEBODY** to defeat an army completely:

" In 1532 the Spaniards finally overwhelmed the armies of Peru.

5. **WATER literary** if water overwhelms an area of land, it covers it completely and suddenly

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