

baffle1. ['bæf(ə)] *n*

1) неудача, разочарование

2) препятствие, помеха, преграда

2. *тех.*

1) боровок

2) отражательная перегородка, дефлектор экран (*мж.* baffle plate)

3) диафрагма

4) глушитель; замедлитель

3. *спец.*

1) звукопоглощающий экран

2) отражательная доска (громкоговорителя)

2. ['bæf(ə)] *v*

1. озадачивать; сбивать с толку

I was baffled by the new turn in the matter - я был озадачен новым поворотом дела

the last examination question baffled him completely - последний вопрос на экзамене окончательно сбил его с толку

2. мешать, препятствовать, расстраивать (*замысел и т. п.*)

to baffle the enemy's plans - опрокинуть расчёты врага

to baffle pursuit - ускользнуть от преследования

he was baffled in his hopes - он обманулся в своих надеждах

3. бросать из стороны в сторону; отбрасывать

4. *уст.*

1) обманывать, вводить в заблуждение; провести

2) опозорить

5. *спец.* отклонять или изменять направление течения (*жидкости, газа, звуковых волн и т. п.*)

◇ to baffle description - не поддаваться описанию

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baf·fle [**baffle baffles baffled baffling**] **verb, noun** *BrE* ['bæfl̩] ⁴ *NAmE* ['bæfl̩] ⁴**verb**

to confuse sb completely; to be too difficult or strange for sb to understand or explain

• ~ **sb** His behaviour baffles me.• **be baffled (as to) why, how, where, etc...** I'm baffled as to why she hasn't called.

• I'm baffled why she hasn't called.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	baffle
	BrE / 'bæfl̩/
	NAmE / 'bæfl̩/
he / she / it	baffles
	BrE / 'bæfl̩z/
	NAmE / 'bæfl̩z/
past simple, past participle	baffled
	BrE / 'bæfl̩d/
	NAmE / 'bæfl̩d/
-ing form	baffling
	BrE / 'bæfl̩ɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'bæfl̩ɪŋ/

Word Origin:late 16th cent. (in the sense 'cheat, deceive'): perhaps related to French **bafouer** 'ridicule' or obsolete French **befier** 'mock, deceive'.Example Bank:

- He is still the chief suspect in this baffling case.
- The baffling thing is, why didn't she simply call the police?

Example Bank:

- I'm baffled by her decision.
- It baffles me why the show is so popular.
- Scientists are baffled as to why so many young people are affected.

Derived Words ↑ **bafflement** ▪ ↑ **baffling****noun** (*technical*)

a screen used to control or prevent the flow of sound, light or liquid

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baffleI. **baf**¹ /'bæfəl/ *BrE*¹ *AmE*¹ *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Probably from Scottish English bawchill 'to criticize publicly']

if something baffles you, you cannot understand or explain it at all:

" The question baffled me completely.

—**baffled** *adjective*:

" We were all utterly baffled.

—**baffling** *adjective*:

" a baffling mystery

—**bafflement** *noun* [uncountable]II. **baffle**² *BrE*² *AmE*² *noun* [countable] *technical*

a board, sheet of metal etc that controls the flow of air, water, or sound into or out of something

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