

overhear

[,əʊvə'hiə] *v* (overheard)

1. подслушивать
2. нечаянно услышать

I couldn't help overhearing the talk - я невольно услышал этот разговор

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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over-hear [overhear overhears overheard overhearing] *BrE* [,əʊvə'hiə(t)]

NAmE [ˌoʊvər'hi:] *verb* (over·heard, over·heard *BrE* [,əʊvə'hɜːd]; *NAmE* [ˌoʊvər'hɜːrd])

to hear, especially by accident, a conversation in which you are not involved

- ~ **sb/sth** We talked quietly so as not to be overheard
- I overheard a conversation between two boys on the bus.
- ~ **sb doing sth** We overheard them arguing.
- ~ **sb do sth** I overheard him say he was going to France.

compare ↑ eavesdrop

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	overhear
	<i>BrE</i> /,əʊvə'hiə(r)/
	<i>NAmE</i> /,oʊvər'hɪr/
he / she / it	overhears
	<i>BrE</i> /,əʊvə'hiəz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /,oʊvər'hɪrz/
past simple, past participle	overheard
	<i>BrE</i> /,əʊvə'hɜːd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /,oʊvər'hɜːrd/
-ing form	overhearing
	<i>BrE</i> /,əʊvə'hɪərɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /,oʊvər'hɪrɪŋ/

Thesaurus:

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- I overheard him say he was going to Russia.

monitor • **eavesdrop** • **listen in** • **tap** • **bug** •

eavesdrop / listen in **on** sth

overhear / monitor / eavesdrop / listen in to / bug a **conversation**

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

overhear /,əʊvə'hiə\$,oʊvər'hiː/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* (past tense and past participle

overheard /-'hɜːd\$ -'hɜːrd) [transitive]

[Word Family: adjective: ↑unheard, ↑unheard, of; verb: ↑hear, ↑overhear noun: ↑hearing, ↑hearer]

to accidentally hear what other people are saying, when they do not know that you have heard:

" I overheard part of their conversation.

overhears somebody saying something

" She overheard the management discussing pay rises.

overhears somebody say (that)

" We overheard the teacher say there would be a pop quiz today.

" I couldn't help overhearing your argument.

⇒ ↑ eavesdrop

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