fathom

1. [ˈfæð(ə)m] *n*

  1. фатом, морская сажень (*мера длины, преим. для измерения глубины воды;* = *6 футам,* ≈*1,83 м*)

    fathom line - а) *мор.* лот; б) *геогр.* изобата

  2. единица кубатуры древесины (= *6╳6╳6 футов*)

  3. понимание

    ◇ fathoms deep - глубоко, основательно

    to be fathoms deep in love - ≅ быть влюблённым по уши

    he sank fathoms deep in my respect - моё уважение к нему сильно поколебалось

2. [ˈfæð(ə)m] *v*

  1. измерять глубину (*воды*); делать промер лотом

  2. 1) постигать, понимать

    to fathom a mystery - постичь тайну

    I cannot fathom his intentions - я не могу понять его намерений

  2) соображать; догадываться (*обыкн.* fathom out)

    I cannot fathom out where my keys have got to - никак не могу сообразить, куда девались мои ключи

    let me try to fathom it out for myself - погоди, я постараюсь сам додуматься

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fathom [**fathom fathoms fathomed fathoming**] verb, noun *BrE* [ˈfæðəm]

NAmE [ˈfæðəm]

verb

  to understand or find an explanation for sth

    • **~ sb/sth (out)** It is hard to fathom the pain felt at the death of a child.

    • **~ (out) what, where, etc…** He couldn't fathom out what the man could possibly mean.

    Verb forms:

present simple	
1 / you / we /they	fathom
	BrE /ˈfæðəm/
	NAmE /ˈfæðəm/
he / she /it	fathoms
	BrE /ˈfæðəmz/
	NAmE /ˈfæðəmz/
past simple, past participle	fathomed
	BrE /ˈfæðəmd/
	NAmE /ˈfæðəmd/
-ing form	fathoming
	BrE /ˈfæðəmɪŋ/
	NAmE /ˈfæðəmɪŋ/

    Word Origin:

    Old English fæthm, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch vadem, vaam and German Faden **'six feet'**. The original sense was 'something which embraces', (plural) 'the outstretched arms'; hence, a unit of measurement based on the span of the outstretched arms, later standardized to six feet.

    Example Bank:

      • He couldn't fathom out what the man could possibly mean.

      • It's hard to fathom the pain felt at the death of a child.

      • She knew he was angry with her, for some reason she couldn't fathom.

noun

  a unit for measuring the depth of water, equal to 6 feet or 1.8 metres

    • The ship sank in 20 fathoms.

    • (figurative) She kept her feelings hidden fathoms deep.

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[Language: Old English; Origin: fæthm]

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II. fathom[2] *BrE* *AmE* (*also* **fathom out**) *verb* [transitive]

to understand what something means after thinking about it carefully **SYN work out**:

    I still can't fathom out what she meant.

  fathom how/why/where etc

    Mark couldn't fathom why she resented him so much.

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