

# decipher

1. [dɪˈsaɪfə] *n*  
расшифровка, дешифровка
2. [dɪˈsaɪfə] *v*
  1. расшифровывать
  2. разбирать; распутывать; разгадывать  
to decipher an ancient inscription - дешифровать/прочесты/ древнюю надпись  
to decipher smb.'s handwriting - разобрать чей-л. почерк  
to decipher a riddle - разгадать загадку  
to decipher an allusion - понять /расшифровать/ намёк

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**de-cipher** [decipher deciphered deciphering] *BrE* [dɪˈsaɪfə(r)]<sup>u</sup>

*NAmE* [dɪˈsaɪfə]<sup>u</sup> **verb** ~ sth

to succeed in finding the meaning of sth that is difficult to read or understand

- to decipher a code
- Can anyone decipher his handwriting?

**see also** ↑*indecipherable*

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	decipher
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪˈsaɪfə(r)/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪˈsaɪfər/
he / she / it	deciphers
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪˈsaɪfɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪˈsaɪfərz/
past simple, past participle	deciphered
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪˈsaɪfəd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪˈsaɪfəd/
-ing form	deciphering
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪˈsaɪfərɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪˈsaɪfərɪŋ/

Word Origin:

early 16th cent.: from ↑*de-* (expressing reversal) + ↑*cipher*, on the pattern of French *déchiffrer*.

Example Bank:

- I couldn't decipher her handwriting.
- She watched the girl's expression closely, trying to decipher her meaning.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**de-cipher** /dɪˈsaɪfə \$ -ər/ *BrE*<sup>u</sup> *AmE*<sup>u</sup> **verb** [transitive]

1. to find the meaning of something that is difficult to read or understand ⇒ **indecipherable** :  
She studied the envelope, trying to decipher the handwriting.
2. to change a message written in a ↑*code* into ordinary language so that you can read it **SYN decode**  
—**decipherment** *noun* [uncountable]

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indecipherable 251  
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