

deflect

[dɪ'flekt] *v*

- 1) отклонять (от прямого направления); изменять направление (чего-л.)
 to deflect a magnetic needle - отклонять магнитную стрелку
 to deflect a stream - отвести ручей
 to deflect a well - изменить направление скважины
 to deflect smb.'s thoughts from smth. - отвлечь чьи-л. мысли от чего-л.
- 2) отклоняться
 to deflect to the right - отклоняться вправо
2. *опт.* преломлять
3. менять (тему разговора и т. п.)
 to deflect smb.'s judgement - заставить кого-л. изменить своё мнение
 nothing could deflect his purpose - он неуклонно шёл к цели
4. *воен.* наводить (орудие)

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de·flect [deflect deflects deflected deflecting] *BrE* [dɪ'flekt] * *NAmE* [dɪ'flekt]

verb

1. **intransitive, transitive** to change direction or make sth change direction, especially after hitting sth
 • The ball deflected off Reid's body into the goal.
 • ~ **sth** He raised his arm to try to deflect the blow.
2. **transitive ~ sth** to succeed in preventing sth from being directed towards you
Syn: ↑divert
 • All attempts to **deflect attention** from his private life have failed.
 • She sought to **deflect criticism** by blaming her family.
3. **transitive ~ sb (from sth)** to prevent sb from doing sth that they are determined to do
 • The government will not be deflected from its commitments.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	deflect
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'flekt/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'flekt/
he / she / it	deflects
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'flektz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'flektz/
past simple, past participle	deflected
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'flektɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'flektɪd/
-ing form	deflecting
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'flektɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'flektɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent.: from Latin *deflectere*, from *de-* 'away from' + *flectere* 'to bend'.

Example Bank:

- The government is seeking to deflect attention away from this problem.
- The defender nearly deflected the ball into his own net.

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de·flect /dɪ'flekt/ *BrE* * *AmE* * *verb*

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: *deflectere* 'to bend down, turn away']

1. [**intransitive and transitive**] if someone or something deflects something that is moving, or if it deflects, it turns in a different direction:
 • He deflected the blow with his forearm.
2. [**transitive**] to do something to stop people paying attention to you, criticizing you etc
deflect something (away) from something
 • his attempts to deflect attention away from his private life
 • The committee is seeking to deflect criticism by blaming me.
3. [**transitive**] to take someone's attention away from something
deflect somebody from (doing) something
 • Nothing can deflect me from reaching my goal.

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