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# confusing

- con·fus·ing BrE [kənˈfju z ]ŋ NAmE [kənˈfju z ]ŋ adjective
- difficult to understand; not clear
  - The instructions on the box are very confusing.
  - · a very confusing experience
  - Derived Word <sup>†</sup>confusingly

#### Thesaurus:

## confusing [confusing confusingly] adj.

• The news bulletins were confusing, giving different versions of what had happened.

puzzling • baffling • bewildering • incomprehensible • Opp: clear

confusing/puzzling/baffling/bewildering/incomprehensible to sb confusing/puzzling/baffling/bewildering for sb confusing/puzzling/baffling/bewildering/incomprehensible that...

#### Example Bank:

- All this information can be confusing to the user.
- · Both teams were wearing the same colours, which made things confusing.
- I find the government policy extremely confusing.
- The new signs will be very confusing for tourists.
- The two new members had the same name, which made things confusing.
- It was all very confusing.
- She experienced a confusing mixture of emotions.
- The news bulletins were confusing, giving different versions of what was happening.
- The signposts are confusing for people who don't know the area.

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**con fusing S3** /kənˈfju z /ŋBrE AmE adjective

[Word Family: adverb <sup>†</sup>confusedly, <sup>†</sup>confusingly; adjective: <sup>†</sup>confused, <sup>†</sup>confusing; verb <sup>†</sup>confuse; noun: <sup>†</sup>confusion] unclear and difficult to understand:

- The instructions were really confusing.
- It was a very confusing situation.
- -confusingly adverb

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#### THESAURUS

• confusing unclear and difficult to understand: a confusing message | The road signs were very confusing and we ended up getting lost.

• **puzzling** (*also* **perplexing** *formal*) confusing, especially because something is different from what you expect: Jan's decision not to take part in the race was very puzzling. I twas the trivial details which he found so perplexing.

• **baffling extremely difficult to understand even though you have tried for a long time**: Police are close to solving one of Australia's most baffling murder cases. | The failure was baffling, given the success of his previous businesses.

• bewildering very confusing, especially because something is strange or new, or because there are a lot of different things: Brain diseases can cause many bewildering changes in a person's emotions and behaviour. There is a bewildering number of mobile phone deals on offer.

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