

contemplate[ˈkɒntəmpleɪt] *v*

1. созерцать, пристально рассматривать
she stood contemplating herself in the mirror - она стояла, пристально рассматривая себя в зеркале
the old man contemplated the past - старик мысленно возвращался к прошлому
2. размышлять; обдумывать, рассматривать
to contemplate a problem - рассматривать/обдумывать/ проблему
I will contemplate your proposal - я обдумаю ваше предложение
3. намереваться, предполагать
he contemplates going to London next week - он предполагает поехать в Лондон на будущей неделе
she is contemplating a trip to Europe - она планирует поездку в Европу
4. ожидать, рассчитывать
I do not contemplate any opposition from him - я не думаю, что он будет против

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con-tem-plate [contemplate contemplates contemplated contemplating] *BrE*[ˈkɒntəmpleɪt] *ˈ* *NAmE* [ˈkɑːntəmpleɪt] *t* *verb*

1. **transitive** to think about whether you should do sth, or how you should do sth

Syn: ↑consider, **Syn:** think about/of

- ~ **sth** You're too young to be contemplating retirement.
 - ~ **doing sth** I have never contemplated living abroad.
 - ~ **how/what, etc...** He continued while she contemplated how to answer.
2. **transitive** to think carefully about and accept the possibility of sth happening
 - ~ **sth** The thought of war is too awful to contemplate.
 - ~ **how/what, etc...** I can't contemplate what it would be like to be alone.
 - ~ **that...** She contemplated that things might get even worse.
 3. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** (*formal*) to think deeply about sth for a long time
 - to contemplate your future
 - She lay in bed, contemplating.
 4. **transitive ~ sb/sth** (*formal*) to look at sb/sth in a careful way for a long time

Syn: stare at

- She contemplated him in silence.
- He sat there, contemplating his fingernails.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	contemplate
	BrE / ˈkɒntəmpleɪt/
	NAmE / ˈkɑːntəmpleɪt/
he / she /it	contemplates
	BrE / ˈkɒntəmpleɪtɪz/
	NAmE / ˈkɑːntəmpleɪtɪz/
past simple, past participle	contemplated
	BrE / ˈkɒntəmpleɪtɪd/
	NAmE / ˈkɑːntəmpleɪtɪd/
-ing form	contemplating
	BrE / ˈkɒntəmpleɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE / ˈkɑːntəmpleɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:late 16th cent.: from Latin **contemplat-** 'surveyed, observed, contemplated', from the verb **contemplari**, based on **templum** 'place for observation'.Example Bank:

- Are you willing to contemplate retraining?
- He was very depressed and even contemplated suicide.
- How could you even contemplate such an idea?
- She contemplated a change of direction in her life.
- She was seriously contemplating moving to Mexico.
- She was seriously contemplating working abroad.
- The thought of war was too awful to contemplate.
- We're contemplating the possibility of moving house.
- He's only 55, but he's already contemplating retirement.
- I can't contemplate what it would be like to be alone.

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1. [**transitive**] to think about something that you might do in the future **SYN consider:**

He had even contemplated suicide.

contemplate doing something

Did you ever contemplate resigning?

2. [transitive] to accept the possibility that something is true

too dreadful/horrifying etc to contemplate

" The thought that she might be dead was too terrible to contemplate.

3. [intransitive and transitive] to think about something seriously for a period of time **SYN consider:**

Jack went on vacation to contemplate his future.

contemplate what/whether/how etc

" She sat down and contemplated what she had done.

contemplate your navel (=think so much about your own life that you do not notice other important things – used humorously)

4. [transitive] to look at someone or something for a period of time in a way that shows you are thinking:

He contemplated her with a faint smile.

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■ to think about something

- **think** to use your mind to decide about something, form an opinion, imagine something etc: I've been thinking about what you said – maybe you're right. | I need some time to think.
- **consider** to think about something carefully before deciding what to do: Have you considered working for a year before going to college?
- **weigh** (also **weigh up** *British English*) to carefully think about a plan or choice by comparing all the advantages and disadvantages involved: You need to weigh up the pros and cons (=the advantages and disadvantages), and decide which investment is the best one for you. | The committee are still weighing the alternatives.
- **give something some/a lot of thought** to think carefully about something, before you make a final decision about it: Why don't you give it some thought and then get back to me? | He had obviously given the matter a lot of thought.
- **mull something over** to think about a problem, plan etc before making a decision: Can you give me a bit of time to mull it over?
- **ponder** to spend time thinking carefully and seriously about something, especially a problem or something complicated: She is still pondering what to do. | Officials are pondering ways to remove the oil from the beaches.
- **contemplate** to think about something you might do in the future: Did you ever contemplate resigning?
- **reflect** *formal* to think carefully about something, especially something that happened in the past: It was a good time to reflect upon the changes that had happened in my life.

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