

blunt1. [blʌnt] *n*

- штопальная иголка
- разг.* дурак, болван
- сл.* деньги, наличные

2. [blʌnt] *a*

- тупой
blunt angle [pencil, edge] - тупой угол [карандаш, -ое лезвие]
scissors with blunt ends - ножницы с тупыми /закруглёнными/ концами
- 1) непонятливый туповатый
2) притуплённый смутный (*об ощущениях и т. п.*)
- грубоватый; резкий, прямой
the blunt facts - упрямые факты
blunt answer - прямой ответ
rude and blunt people - грубые и резкие люди
he was blunt in his bearing - у него были грубоватые манеры

3. [blʌnt] *v*

- 1) притуплять, затуплять
to blunt the effect - ослабить впечатление
to blunt the edge of the pain - притупить остроту боли
to blunt the attack - *воен.* сдерживать натиск
their sensitiveness was blunted - их восприимчивость притупилась
- 2) притупляться, затупляться
the edge of this knife will never blunt - лезвие этого ножа никогда не затупится

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blunt [blʌnt blʌnts blunted blunting blunter bluntest] *adjective, verb BrE* [blʌnt]*NAme* [blʌnt]*adjective* (blunt-er, blunt-est)

1. without a sharp edge or point

- a blunt knife
- This pencil's blunt!
- The police said he had been hit with a **blunt instrument**.

Opp: ↑sharp2. (*of a person or remark*) very direct; saying exactly what you think without trying to be polite

- She has a reputation for blunt speaking.
- To be blunt, your work is appalling.

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'dull, insensitive'): perhaps of Scandinavian origin and related to Old Norse blunda 'shut the eyes'.

Synonyms:**honest**

frank • direct • open • outspoken • straight • blunt

These words all describe people saying exactly what they mean without trying to hide feelings, opinions or facts.

honest • not hiding the truth about sth: ▫ Thank you for being so honest with me.**frank** • honest in what you say, sometimes in a way that other people might not like: ▫ To be frank with you, I think your son has little chance of passing the exam.**direct** • saying exactly what you mean in a way that nobody can pretend not to understand: ▫ You'll have to get used to his direct manner.Being **direct** is sometimes considered positive but sometimes it is used as a 'polite' way of saying that sb is rude.**open** • (*approving*) (of a person) not keeping thoughts and feelings hidden: ▫ He was quite open about his reasons for leaving.**outspoken** • saying exactly what you think, even if this shocks or offends people: ▫ She was outspoken in her criticism of the plan.**straight** • honest and direct: ▫ I don't think you're being straight with me.**blunt** • saying exactly what you think without trying to be polite: ▫ She has a reputation for blunt speaking.**which word?****Honest** and **frank** refer to **what** you say as much as **how** you say it: ▫ a(n) honest/frank admission of guilt. They are generally positive words, although it is possible to be **too** frank in a way that other people might not like. **Direct**, **outspoken** and **blunt** all describe sb's manner of saying what they think. **Outspoken** suggests that you are willing to shock people by saying what you believe to be right. **Blunt** and **direct** often suggest that you think honesty is more important than being polite. **Open** is positive and describes sb's character: ▫ I'm a very open person.honest/frank/direct/open/outspoken/straight **about** sthhonest/frank/direct/open/straight/blunt **with** sba(n) honest/direct/straight/blunt **answer**a frank/direct/blunt **manner**Derived Word ↑bluntness**verb**1. ~ **sth** to make sth weaker or less effective

- Age hadn't blunted his passion for adventure
- 2. ~ **sth** to make a point or an edge less sharp

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	blunt
	BrE /'blʌnt/
	NAme /'blʌnt/
he / she / it	blunts
	BrE /'blʌnts/
	NAme /'blʌnts/
past simple, past participle	blunted
	BrE /'blʌntɪd/
	NAme /'blʌntɪd/
-ing form	blunting
	BrE /'blʌntɪŋ/
	NAme /'blʌntɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Age hadn't blunted his passion for adventure
- Living alone in the country had blunted her wits.

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I. **blunt**¹ /blʌnt/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ adjective

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Perhaps from Old Norse *blundr* 'sleeping']

1. not sharp or pointed **OPP** sharp:

- Sharpen all your blunt knives.
- a blunt pencil

2. speaking in an honest way even if this upsets people ⇔ **bluntly**:

- To be blunt, many of the candidates cannot read or write.
- Julian's blunt words hurt her.

3. **blunt instrument**

a) a heavy object that is used to hit someone:

- The victim suffered a blow to the head from a blunt instrument.

b) a method of doing something that does not work very well because it has a lot of other effects that you do not want:

- The exams are a blunt instrument that will reveal little about children's abilities.

—**bluntness** *noun* [uncountable]

II. **blunt**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb [transitive]

1. to make a feeling less strong **OPP** sharpen:

- The bad weather blunted their enthusiasm for camping.

2. to make the point of a pencil or the edge of a knife less sharp **OPP** sharpen

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