

unravel

[ʌnˈræv(ə)] *v*

1. 1) распутывать (*нитки u m. n.*)
- 2) распутываться
2. разгадывать (*тайну u m. n.*)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

un·ravel [unravel unravels unravelled unraveled unravelling unraveling] *BrE*

[ʌnˈrævɪŋ] *NAmE* [ʌnˈrævɪŋ] *v* **verb** (-ll-, **US** -l-)

1. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** if you unravel threads that are twisted, [↑]woven or knitted, or if they unravel they become separated
 - I unravelled the string and wound it into a ball.
2. **intransitive** (*of a system, plan, relationship, etc.*) to start to fail or no longer stay together as a whole
3. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to explain sth that is difficult to understand or is mysterious; to become clearer or easier to understand
 - The discovery will help scientists unravel the mystery of the Ice Age.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	unravel
	BrE /ʌnˈrævəl/
	NAmE /ʌnˈrævɪl/
he / she / it	unravels
	BrE /ʌnˈrævɪz/
	NAmE /ʌnˈrævɪz/
past simple, past participle	unravelled (US) unraveled
	BrE /ʌnˈrævɪd/
	NAmE /ʌnˈrævɪd/
-ing form	unravelling (US) unraveling
	BrE /ʌnˈrævɪŋ/
	NAmE /ʌnˈrævɪŋ/

Example Bank:

- a complicated relationship that is difficult to unravel
- Gradually, the mystery began to unravel
- The discovery will help scientists unravel the secrets of the Ice Age.

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un·ravel /ʌnˈrævəl/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* (past tense and past participle **unravelled**, present participle **unravelling** *British English*, **unraveled**, **unraveling** *American English*)

1. **[transitive]** to understand or explain something that is mysterious or complicated:
 - Detectives are still trying to unravel the mystery surrounding his death.
2. **[intransitive and transitive]** if you unravel threads, string etc, or if they unravel, they stop being twisted together
3. **[intransitive]** if a system, plan, organization etc unravels, it starts to fail **SYN fall apart**:
 - The company started to unravel when two of the directors were arrested.

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