

**flatter**I  
[ˈflætə] *v*

- 1) льстить; чрезмерно хвалить  
you flatter me! - вы мне льстите!  
to flatter smb.'s vanity - льстить чьему-л. самолюбию, тешить чьё-л. тщеславие  
to flatter oneself - быть слишком высокого мнения о себе; переоценивать себя  
he flattered himself that he spoke French with a perfect accent - он воображал, что говорит по-французски с безупречным произношением  
we flatter ourselves that we can do without their help - мы льстим себя надеждой, что можем обойтись без их помощи
- 2) (*обыкн. pass*) быть польщённым  
I feel flattered by your invitation - мне лестно получить ваше приглашение
- 3) подольщаться (*к кому-л.*)
- 2) 1) приукрашивать; преувеличивать достоинства  
the portrait flattered her - на портрете она красивее, чем в жизни
- 2) быть к лицу, красить (*кого-л.; об освещении, одежде и т. п.*)
3. *поэт.* быть приятным, ласкать (*слух, глаз и т. п.*)

## II

[ˈflætə] *n mex.*

гладилка, правильный молоток

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**flat-ter** [flatter flatters flattered flattering] *BrE* [ˈflætə(r)] <sup>m</sup> *NAme* [ˈflætər] <sup>m</sup>*verb*

1. **transitive** ~ **sb** to say nice things about sb, often in a way that is not sincere, because you want them to do sth for you or you want to please them  
• Are you trying to flatter me?
2. **transitive** ~ **yourself (that...)** to choose to believe sth good about yourself and your abilities, especially when other people do not share this opinion  
• 'How will you manage without me?' 'Don't flatter yourself.'
3. **transitive** ~ **sb** to make sb seem more attractive or better than they really are  
• That colour doesn't flatter many people.  
• The scoreline flattered England (= they did not deserve to get such a high score).

Idioms: ↑flatter to deceive = flatteredDerived Word ↑flattererVerb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	flatter
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈflætə(r) /
	<i>NAme</i> / ˈflætər /
he / she / it	flatters
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈflætəz /
	<i>NAme</i> / ˈflætərz /
past simple, past participle	flattered
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈflætəd /
	<i>NAme</i> / ˈflætəd /
-ing form	flattering
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈflætərɪŋ /
	<i>NAme</i> / ˈflætərɪŋ /

Word Origin:

Middle English: perhaps a back-formation from ↑flattery.

Example Bank:

- He agreed to do the interview because it flattered his ego.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: flater 'to move the tongue against, flatter']

1. to praise someone in order to please them or get something from them, even though you do not mean it:  
" Perry would always flatter Mrs. Mitchell by praising her cooking.
  2. to make someone look as attractive as they can **SYN suit**  
" That dress really flatters your figure.
  3. to make something look or seem more important or better than it is:  
" Lewis's novel doesn't flatter Midwestern attitudes and morals.
  4. **flatter yourself** if you flatter yourself that something is true about your abilities or achievements, you make yourself believe it is true, although it is not  
**flatter yourself that**  
" She flatters herself that she could have been a model.
- flatterer *noun* [countable]

## THESAURUS

- **praise** to say that you admire and approve of someone or something, especially publicly: The film was praised by the critics when it first came out. | The report praises staff in both schools. | It's important to praise children.
- **congratulate** to tell someone that you think it is good that they have achieved something: I congratulated him on his success. | The government should be congratulated for what they have achieved.
- **compliment** to say to someone that you like how they look, or you like something they have done: She complimented me on my new hairstyle. | He complimented my cooking.
- **flatter** to praise someone in order to please them or get something from them, even though you do not mean it: He had persuaded her to buy it by flattering her and being charming. | You're just flattering me!
- **rave about something** (also **enthusiasm about something formal**) to talk about something you enjoy or admire in an excited way, and say that it is very good. **Rave** is rather informal, whereas **enthusiasm** is much more formal and is used mainly in written English: Everyone is raving about the movie. | She enthused about the joys of motherhood.
- **applaud formal** to publicly praise a decision, action, idea etc: Business leaders applauded the decision. | A spokesperson applauded the way the festival had been run.
- **commend formal** to praise someone or something, especially officially: After the battle, Andrew Jackson commended him for 'his courage and fidelity'. | The officers should be commended for their prompt action.
- **hail somebody/something as something especially written** to describe someone or something in a way that shows you have a very good opinion of them, especially in newspapers, on television reports etc: The book was hailed as a masterpiece. | Journalists and music writers hailed the band as 'the next big thing'. | He is being hailed as the new James Dean.

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331 **38830**<sup>354</sup> *jjr*

223 **48792**<sup>233</sup> *vvi*

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