maze 1. [meiz] *n*

1. лабиринт

а maze of streets - лабиринтулиц

bureaucratic maze - бюрократическая неразбериха

2. путаница

to be in a maze - быть растерянным /сбитым с толку/; запутаться

she was in a maze - она не соображала, что происходит; она была в трансе

to tread a maze - запутаться в сложном переплетении (неприятностей и т. п.)

2. [meiz] v

- 1. бродить по лабиринту (переулков и т. п.)
- 2. ставить в тупик, сбивать с толку; приводить в замешательство

maze

maze [maze mazes mazed mazing] BrE [meiz] NAmE [meiz] noun

1. a system of paths separated by walls or [†]hedges built in a park or garden, that is designed so that it is difficult to find your way through

- We got lost in the maze.
- (figurative) The building is a maze of corridors.
- The old city is a delightful maze for the modern tourist.

compare [†]labyrinth

2. usually singular a large number of complicated rules or details that are difficult to understand

• Many applicants for the grant are put off by the maze of regulations and conditions.

a maze of regulations

3. (NAmE) a printed [†]puzzle in which you have to draw a line that shows a way through a complicated pattern of lines

Word Origin:

Middle English (denoting delirium or delusion): probably from the base of famaze, of which the verb is a shortening.

Example Bank:

- I followed him through a maze of narrow alleys.
- I was lost in a maze of passages.
- They did not have the expertise to navigate the bureaucratic maze required for certification.
- the famous hedge maze at Hampton Court

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maze /meiz/ BrE * AmE * noun [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: maze 'to confuse' (13-19 centuries), probably from unrecorded Old English masian]

1. a complicated and confusing arrangement of streets, roads etc

- maze of streets/paths/tunnels etc
 - the maze of narrow streets
 - I was led through a maze of corridors.

2. a large number of rules, instructions etc which are complicated and difficult to understand

maze of rules/regulations etc

a maze of new laws

- 3. a specially designed system of paths, often in a park or public garden, which is difficult to find your way through:
 - We got completely lost in the maze.
 - the famous Hampton Court maze

4. a children's game, played on paper, in which you try to draw a line through a complicated group of lines without crossing any of them

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