

mystify

[ˈmɪstɪfaɪ] *v*

- озадачивать; вводить в заблуждение
I was completely mystified - я был совершенно озадачен, я ничего не мог понять
she laughed at his mystified expression - она посмеялась над его озадаченным видом
- мистифицировать интриговать
- окружать таинственностью
- затемнять смысл; усложнять

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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mys·tify [mystify mystifies mystified mystifying] *BrE* [ˈmɪstɪfaɪ] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˈmɪstɪfaɪ] ^ˈ *verb* (mys·ti·fies, mys·ti·fy·ing, mys·ti·fied, mys·ti·fied) ~ sb

to make sb confused because they do not understand sth

Syn: ↑baffle

- They were totally mystified by the girl's disappearance.

Derived Words ↑mystification ▪ ↑mystifying

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	mystify
	BrE / ˈmɪstɪfaɪ/
	NAmE / ˈmɪstɪfaɪ/
he / she /it	mystifies
	BrE / ˈmɪstɪfaɪz/
	NAmE / ˈmɪstɪfaɪz/
past simple, past participle	mystified
	BrE / ˈmɪstɪfaɪd/
	NAmE / ˈmɪstɪfaɪd/
-ing form	mystifying

Word Origin:

early 19th cent.: from French *mystifier*, formed irregularly from *mystique* 'mystic' or from *mystère* 'mystery'.

Example Bank:

- I've always been mystified why private schools are called public schools.
- Staff were mystified as to how the thieves managed to get away with it.
- The popularity of the programme mystifies me.

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mys·tify /ˈmɪstəfaɪ, ˈmɪstɪfaɪ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* (past tense and past participle **mystified**, present participle **mystifying**, third person singular **mystifies**) [transitive]

[Date: 1800-1900; Language: French; Origin: *mystifier*, from *mystère*; ⇨ ↑mystery play]

if something mystifies you, it is so strange or confusing that you cannot understand or explain it **SYN** baffle:

Her disappearance has mystified her friends and neighbors.

—**mystifying** *adjective*:

Snake charming is always fascinating and at times mystifying.

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