amaze

1. [ə'meiz] п поэт., арх.

изумление, удивление

2. [ə'meız] v

поражать, изумлять, удивлять

to amaze smb. by /with/ smth. - удивить кого-л. чем-л. to be amazed at smth. - удивиться чему-л., быть поражённым чем-л. he is utterly amazed - он крайне удивлён /поражён/ to be speechlessly amazed - потерять дар речи от изумления it amazed me to hear that you were leaving - я был крайне удивлён, услышав, что вы уезжаете you amaze me! - *ирон.* \cong ну ты скажешь!, ну ты даёшь!

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amaze [amaze amazes amazed amazing] BrE [ə'meɪz] NAmE [ə'meɪz] verb

to surprise sb very much

- $\cdot \sim {\rm sb}$ Just the size of the place amazed her.
- ~ sb what, how, etc... It never ceases to amaze me what some people will do for money.
- What amazes me is how long she managed to hide it from us.
- it amazes sb that.../to see, find, learn, etc. It amazed her that he could be so calm at such a time.

Verb forms: verb forms

| verb forms | 1 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we /they | amaze . |
| | BrE /ə 'mezz/ |
| | NAmE /a`meiz/ |
| he / she /it | amazes |
| | BrE /ə 'mezzzz/ |
| | NAME /a meiziz/ |
| past simple, past participle | amazed |
| | BrE /ə 'məzzd/ |
| | NAME /əˈmeizd/ |
| -ing form | amazing |
| | BrE /əˈməɪzɪŋ/ |
| | NAME /e meizin/ |

Word Origin:

Old English āmasian, of unknown origin.

Thesaurus:

amaze verb T

• The size of the place amazed her.

astonish • • astound • • stagger • • bowl sb over • • surprise • • startle • • stun • |written take sb aback •

It amazes sb/astonishes sb/astounds sb/staggers sb/surprises sb/startles sb/stuns sb/bowls sb over/takes sb aback What amazes/astonishes/astounds/staggers/surprises/startles/stuns sb is...

amaze/astonish/astound/surprise/startle/stun sb that...

amaze/astonish/astound/surprise/startle/stun sb to know/find/learn/see/hear...

Amaze or astonish? In most cases you can use either word, but for sth that both surprises you and makes you feel ashamed, use astonish

• He was astonished by his own stupidity.

Synonyms:

surprise

startle • amaze • stun • astonish • take sb aback • astound

These words all mean to make sb feel surprised.

surprise • to give sb the feeling that you get when sth happens that you do not expect or do not understand, or sth that you do expect does not happen; to make sb feel surprised: • The outcome didn't surprise me at all.

startle • to surprise sb suddenly in a way that slightly shocks or frightens them: = Sorry, I didn't mean to startle you. \diamond = The explosion startled the horse.

amaze • to surprise sb very much: = Just the huge size of the place amazed her.

stun • (rather informal) (often in newspapers) to surprise or shock sb so much that they cannot think clearly or speak

astonish • to surprise sb very much: = The news astonished everyone.

amaze or astonish?

These two words have the same meaning and in most cases you can use either. If you are talking about sth that both surprises you and makes you feel ashamed, use **astonish:** • He was astonished by his own stupidity.

take sb aback • [usually passive] (especially of sth negative) to surprise or shock sb: • We were rather taken aback by her hostile reaction.

astound • to surprise or shock sb very much: • His arrogance astounded her.

It surprises sb/startles sb/amazes sb/stuns sb/astonishes sb/takes sb aback/astounds sb

to surprise/startle/amaze/stun/astonish/astound sb **that...**

to surprise/amaze sb what/how...

to surprise/startle/amaze/stun/astonish/astound sb to know/find/learn/see/hear...

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to be surprised/startled/stunned into (doing) sth

Example Bank:

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a maze /ə'meiz/ BrE AmE verb [transitive]

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[Word Family: adjective: 1amazed, 1amazing; verb: 1amaze; noun: 1amazement; adverb: 1amazingly]

[Language: Old English; Origin: amasian, from an unrecorded masian 'to confuse']

to surprise someone very much SYN astonish: Dave amazed his friends by suddenly getting married.

it amazes somebody how/what etc

It still amazes me how much she has improved.

amaze that

It <u>never ceased</u> to <u>amaze</u> him that women were attracted to Sam.

THESAURUS

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surprise to make someone feel surprised, especially because they did not expect something: Her reaction surprised me – I
didn't realize how strongly she felt. | What surprised me was how cheap everything was compared to at home.

• amaze to greatly surprise someone, for example because something is very good, unusual, or hard to believe: He amazed everyone with his skill. It amazes me that no one has thought of the idea before.

- astonish to greatly surprise someone: Myra astonished her doctors by recovering so quickly.

• astound to greatly surprise or shock someone. Astound sounds a little more formal and a little stronger than astonish: What astounded him was their inefficiency.

• take somebody by surprise to happen at an unexpected time, so that people are surprised or unprepared: Security men were taken by surprise as the man ran onto the stage. | His resignation took us by surprise.

• startle to make someone feel surprised or slightly frightened by doing something they did not expect: The wind made the door shut with a crash, which startled her. | Sudden movements may startle the horse.

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