

surprising[sə'praɪzɪŋ] *a*

удивительный, поразительный неожиданный

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sur·pris·ing [surprising surprisingly] *BrE* [sə'praɪzɪŋ] ^m *NAmE* [sər'praɪzɪŋ] ^m

adjective

causing surprise

- It's not surprising (that) they lost.
- We had a surprising amount in common.
- It's surprising what people will do for money.
- It's surprising how many people applied for the job.
- A surprising number of people came.

Derived Word ↑surprisinglyLanguage Bank:**surprising***Highlighting interesting data***What is surprising** ▪ about these results **is** ▪ that boys are more likely to be left-handed than girls.**Surprisingly** ▪, boys are more likely to be left-handed than girls.**Interestingly** ▪, even when both parents are left-handed, there is still only a 26% chance of their children being left-handed**One of the most interesting** ▪ findings is that only 2% of the left-handers surveyed have two left-handed parents.**It is interesting to note that** ▪ people are more likely to be left-handed if their mother is left-handed than if their father is.**The most striking** ▪ feature of these results **is** ▪ that left-handed mothers are more likely to have left-handed children.

Language Banks at ↑contrast, ↑emphasis, ↑illustrate, ↑similarly

Example Bank:

- It is hardly surprising that these stories continue to circulate.
- For a big man, he could move with surprising speed.
- I find that rather surprising.
- In the light of these changes, it is not surprising to find regional variations in unemployment.
- It is not surprising (that) they lost.
- It is surprising how little disagreement there is about it.
- It is surprising how quickly rumours spread.
- It's surprising what people will do for money.
- Quite a surprising number of people turned up.
- The frequency of such bad weather is hardly surprising given how far north we are.
- The surprising thing is how little it costs.
- We found we had a surprising amount in common.

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sur·pris·ing **S3 W3** /sə'praɪzɪŋ \$ səɹ-/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m adjective

[Word Family: adjective: ↑surprised, ↑surprising ≠ ↑unsurprising; verb: ↑surprise; noun: ↑surprise; adverb: ↑surprisingly ≠ ↑unsurprisingly]

unusual or unexpected:

- She told me a surprising thing.
- A surprising number of his paintings have survived.

it is surprising (that)

- It is not surprising that most parents experience occasional difficulties.

it is surprising how/what etc

- It's surprising how quickly you get used to things.
- It is hardly surprising that new mothers often suffer from depression.

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- **surprising** making you feel surprised: It's surprising how quickly you get used to it. | We got some very surprising results.
- **astonishing/astounding** very surprising. **Astounding** sounds a little more formal and a little stronger than **astonishing**: The results of the tests were astounding. | Things are changing at an astonishing speed.
- **extraordinary** very unusual and surprising: It is extraordinary that such a young boy should be so good at maths.
- **amazing** very surprising – used especially about good or impressive things: an amazing achievement | It's amazing what you can do when you really try.
- **staggering** very surprising, especially by being so large: The project cost a staggering \$8 million.
- **unbelievable** (also **incredible**) so surprising that you can hardly believe it: It is unbelievable that she is only the same age as me. | The incredible thing is that he thinks he is ugly.

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unsurprised 94
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