

confusion[kənˈfjuːz(ə)n] *n*

1. смущение, замешательство

to put smb. to confusion - привести кого-л. в замешательство

this event threw the household into utter confusion - это событие привело в смятение весь дом

2. 1) беспорядок

to leave one's papers in confusion - оставить бумаги в беспорядке

2) путаница, неразбериха; смешение

confusion of thoughts [ideas] - путаница мыслей [идей]

confusion of sounds - смешение звуков

he remained calm in the confusion of battle - он сохранял спокойствие в хаосе битвы

3) недоразумение

there was some confusion about tickets - произошло недоразумение с билетами; кто-то перепутал билеты

3. **психол.** крайнее волнение; потеря ориентации; частичное затемнение сознания

4. общественные беспорядки, волнения

5. (the Confusion) **библ.** смешение языков (**мж.** the confusion of tongues)

◇ confusion worse confounded - сплошная неразбериха, полный хаос

confusion

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con·fu·sion [confusion confusions] *BrE* [kənˈfjuːʒ(ə)n] *NAme* [kənˈfjuːʒ(ə)n] **noun**1. **uncountable, countable** ~ (about/over sth) | ~ (as to sth) a state of not being certain about what is happening, what you should do, what sth means, etc

• There is some confusion about what the correct procedure should be.

• a confusion as to what to do next

2. **uncountable, countable** ~ (between A and B) the fact of making a mistake about who sb is or what sth is

• To avoid confusion, please write the children's names clearly on all their school clothes.

• confusion between letters of the alphabet like 'o' or 'a'

3. **uncountable** a feeling of embarrassment when you do not understand sth and are not sure what to do in a situation• He looked at me **in confusion** and did not answer the question.

• Sacha felt confusion sweeping over her as she read the letter.

4. **uncountable** a confused situation in which people do not know what action to take

• Fighting had broken out and all was chaos and confusion.

• Her unexpected arrival threw us into total confusion.

Word Origin:Middle English: from Latin **confusio(n-)**, from the verb **confundere** 'mingle together'.Thesaurus:**confusion** **noun**

1. U, C

• There was confusion as to what to do next.

uncertainty • • **doubt** •confusion/uncertainty/doubt **over/about/as to sth****clear up/dispel** confusion/uncertainty/doubt

2. U

• Smoke bombs created confusion and panic.

chaos • • **havoc** • • **mayhem** • • **pandemonium** • • **commotion** • • **mess** • |informal **shambles** •**in** (the) confusion/chaos/the mayhem/pandemonium/the commotion/a mess/a shambles(a) **complete/total** confusion/chaos/mayhem/pandemonium/mess/shambles**cause** confusion/chaos/havoc/mayhem/pandemonium/a commotion/a mess**Chaos or confusion?** **Chaos** generally describes a total lack of order in a system or situation; **confusion** is mainly used when a group of people don't know what to do.Example Bank:

- Confusion reigned when the two managers gave conflicting instructions.
- His expression was one of pure confusion.
- I could sense her confusion and frustration.
- I kept my ex-husband's last name to prevent confusion.
- In the confusion that followed, she managed to slip away unnoticed.
- She stared at them both in utter confusion.
- The announcement caused a lot of confusion among the students.
- The government needs to clear up the confusion surrounding its policy on water.
- The local council has been thrown into total confusion by her resignation.
- There has been considerable confusion regarding the facts of her death.
- There is widespread confusion about the government's health policy.
- They are very hard to tell apart, so the confusion is understandable.
- This latest decision has only added to the general confusion.
- To avoid confusion, label each box clearly.
- a few key tips to help you avoid any confusion

- confusion as to the whereabouts of the man
- confusion between letters of the alphabet
- medication labels that minimize confusion
- the confusion of this book with her last one
- He managed to escape in the confusion.
- His cross caused confusion in the penalty box.
- The protesters set off smoke bombs to create confusion and panic.
- There was a confusion as to what to do next.

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confu **si** **on** **S3** **W3** /kən'fjuʒən/ BrE " AmE " noun

[Word Family: **adverb** ↑**confusedly**, ↑**confusingly**; **adjective**: ↑**confused**, ↑**confusing**; **verb**: ↑**confuse**; **noun**: ↑**confusion**]

1. [**uncountable and countable**] when you do not understand what is happening or what something means because it is not clear

confusion about/over/as to

" There was some confusion as to whether we had won or lost.

create/lead to confusion

" The diversion led to considerable confusion.

2. [**uncountable and countable**] a situation in which someone wrongly thinks that a person or thing is someone or something else:

" To avoid confusion, the teams wore different colours.

confusion between

" There is a confusion in the public mind between psychology and psychiatry.

3. [**uncountable**] a feeling of not being able to think clearly about what you should say or do, especially in an embarrassing situation:

" His confusion at meeting her there was quite apparent.

in confusion

" Matt stared at her in confusion.

4. [**uncountable and countable**] a very confusing situation, that usually has a lot of noise and action, so that it is difficult for someone to understand it or control it **SYN** chaos:

" a scene of indescribable confusion

confusion of

" There was a confusion of shouts and orders as the ship prepared to depart.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **verbs**

- **cause/create confusion** English spelling often causes confusion for learners.
- **lead to/result in confusion** The differing instructions led to confusion.
- **add to the confusion** (=make something more confusing) There were a lot of rumours, which added to the confusion.
- **throw/plunge somebody into confusion** The unexpected news threw us all into confusion.
- **clear up the confusion** (=explain something more clearly) The chairman said that he would try to clear up the confusion.
- **confusion arises** (=begins) The confusion arose because of a complete misunderstanding.

■ **adjectives**

- **great confusion** We looked at each other in great confusion.
- **complete/total/utter confusion** Candy's eyes showed her total confusion.
- **considerable confusion** The movie jumps backwards and forwards in time, which causes considerable confusion.
- **general confusion** There was general confusion about the effects of the new law.
- **mental confusion** Mental confusion is one of the symptoms of the disease.

■ **phrases**

- **a state of confusion** People were in a state of confusion and close to panic.
- **(in order) to avoid confusion** Doctors should explain their instructions to patients carefully, to avoid any confusion.

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