

astound

[ə'staʊnd] *v*
 поражать, изумлять
 to astound the world with great events - потрясти мир великими событиями

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as·tound [astound astounds astounded astounding] *BrE* [ə'staʊnd] ^u *NAmE*

[ə'staʊnd] ^u *verb* ~ **sb**
 to surprise or shock sb very much

Syn: ↑astonish

- His arrogance astounded her.
- She was astounded by his arrogance.

Verb forms: *verb forms*

present simple	
I / you / we / they	astound
	BrE /əˈstaʊnd/
	NAmE /əˈstaʊnd/
he / she / it	astounds
	BrE /əˈstaʊndz/
	NAmE /əˈstaʊndz/
past simple, past participle	astounded
	BrE /əˈstaʊndɪd/
	NAmE /əˈstaʊndɪd/
-ing form	astounding
	BrE /əˈstaʊndɪŋ/
	NAmE /əˈstaʊndɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (as an adjective in the sense 'stunned'): from **astoned**, past participle of obsolete **astone** 'stun, stupefy', from Old French **estoner**, based on Latin **ex-** 'out' + **tonare** 'to thunder'.

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. ◇ ▫ 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...

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

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as·tound /ə'staʊnd/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Probably from the past participle of **astone**; ⇒ ↑astonish]

to make someone very surprised or shocked **SYN** **astonish**:

▫ The judge's decision astounded everyone.

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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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