

wonder

1. [ˈwʌndə] *n*

1. чудо; нечто удивительное, неожиданное
to work wonders - творить чудеса
the wonders of modern science - чудеса современной науки
seven wonders of the world - семь чудес света
it is a wonder of delicate workmanship - изумительно тонкая работа
it is no wonder, it is little /small/ wonder (that) ... - неудивительно, что ...; нет ничего удивительного в том, что ...; не приходится удивляться тому, что ...
the wonder is that he found the way - удивительно лишь то, что он нашёл дорогу
for a wonder - как ни странно, каким-то чудом
you are punctual for a wonder - как ни странно, вы не опоздали
what wonder? - чему тут удивляться?, что тут удивительного?
what wonder if ... - будет неудивительно, если ...
what a wonder! - изумительно!, поразительно!

2. изумление, удивление (*часто смешанное с восхищением, интересом*)

- to look in open-mouthed wonder - смотреть разинув рот (*от изумления, восторга, любопытства*)
they were filled with wonder at the sight of the new aircraft - они были поражены видом нового самолёта

3. изумление, трепет, благоговение (*перед чем-л. таинственным, неизвестным*)

- they looked at each other in silent wonder - они смотрели друг на друга в немом изумлении

4. сомнение, неуверенность

- ◇ a nine days' wonder - злоба дня, кратковременная сенсация

2. [ˈwʌndə] *a*

1. вызывающий изумление или восхищение
wonder child - чудо-ребёнок (*необычайно талантливый или не по годам развитый*)
2. необычайно эффективный
wonder drug - чудодейственное лекарство

3. [ˈwʌndə] *v*

1. интересоваться, желать знать; задавать (себе) вопрос; сомневаться
I wonder who he is [what he wants, why he is late, how it was done, whether he will come] - интересно, кто он такой [что он хочет, почему он опоздал, как это было сделано, придёт ли он]
I wonder whether you can tell me ... - не можете ли вы сказать мне ...
2. изумляться, поражаться; восхищаться
he wondered at the delicacy of form - он был восхищён изяществом формы
I wondered at her saying that - я был поражён её словами
◇ I wonder! - не знаю, интересно (*выражает сомнение или сдержанное недоверие*)

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won-der [wonder wonders wondered wondering] **verb, noun** BrE [ˈwʌndə(r)]^а

NAme [ˈwʌndəɹ]^а

verb

1. **transitive, intransitive** to think about sth and try to decide what is true, what will happen, what you should do, etc
 - ~ **who, where, etc...** I wonder who she is.
 - I wonder why he left his job.
 - I was just beginning to wonder where you were.
 - ~ **(about sth)** 'Why do you want to know?' 'No particular reason. I was just wondering.'
 - We were wondering about next April for the wedding.
 - + **speech** 'What should I do now?' she wondered
2. **transitive** ~ **if, whether...** used as a polite way of asking a question or asking sb to do sth
 - I wonder if you can help me.
 - I was wondering whether you'd like to come to a party.
3. **intransitive, transitive** to be very surprised by sth
 - ~ **(at sth)** She wondered at her own stupidity.
 - (BrE, informal) He's gone and left us to do all the work, **I shouldn't wonder** (= I wouldn't be surprised if he had).
 - ~ **(that)...** I wonder (that) he didn't hurt himself jumping over that wall.
 - **I don't wonder** you're tired. You've had a busy day.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	wonder
	BrE / ˈwʌndə(r) /
	NAme / ˈwʌndər /
he / she / it	wonders
	BrE / ˈwʌndəz /
	NAme / ˈwʌndərz /
past simple, past participle	wondered
	BrE / ˈwʌndəd /
	NAme / ˈwʌndəd /
-ing form	wondering
	BrE / ˈwʌndərɪŋ /
	NAme / ˈwʌndərɪŋ /

Word Origin:

Old English wundor (noun), wundrian (verb), of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **wonder** and German **Wunder**, of unknown ultimate origin.

Example Bank:

- 'Where's Natasha?' she wondered aloud.
- 'Why do you ask?' 'I just wondered.'
- He's behaving so strangely. It makes you wonder whether he's in trouble somehow.
- His obvious hunger made her wonder how long he had been up and about.
- I always wondered why you never got married.
- I can't help wondering if he lost on purpose.
- I couldn't help but wonder what he was thinking.
- I sometimes wonder who's crazier, him or me.
- I wondered uneasily if anything had happened to the children.
- I wondered vaguely whether Robert could be the murderer.
- We'd wondered about you as a possible team member.
- You have to wonder just what he sees in her.
- You're probably wondering what all the fuss is about.

Idioms: ↑do wonders ▪ ↑it's a wonder ... ▪ ↑no wonder ... ▪ ↑wonders will never cease ▪ ↑work wonders

noun

1. **uncountable** a feeling of surprise and admiration that you have when you see or experience sth beautiful, unusual or unexpected

Syn: ↑awe

- He retained a childlike sense of wonder.
- She gazed down **in wonder** at the city spread below her.

2. **countable** something that fills you with surprise and admiration

Syn: ↑marvel

- The Grand Canyon is one of the natural wonders of the world.
- the wonders of modern technology
- That's the wonder of poetry— you're always discovering something new.
- the **Seven Wonders of the World** (= the seven most impressive structures of the ancient world)

3. **singular (informal)** a person who is very clever at doing sth; a person or thing that seems very good or effective

- Dita, you're a wonder! I would never have thought of doing that.
- Have you seen the **boy wonder** play yet?
- a new wonder drug

more at chinless wonder **at** ↑chinless, a nine days' wonder **at** ↑nine

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- Iceland is full hot springs and other natural wonders.
- Iceland is full hot springs, beautifully coloured rocks, and other natural wonders.
- It was a constant wonder to me that my father didn't die of exhaustion.
- Neville shook his head in wonder at it all
- No wonder you're still single— you never go out!
- Now it is your turn to discover the wonder of Bermuda.
- She held her breath with wonder and delight.
- She was determined to prove she was no seven-day wonder whose promise would remain unfulfilled.
- Thanks to the wonders of modern science, many common diseases will soon be things of the past.
- The band aren't the one-hit wonders some had feared: their second album contains some great rap music.
- The band was a one-hit wonder in the '80s— no one has heard of them since.
- The change of diet has done wonders for my skin.
- The children's faces were full of wonder as they gazed up at the Christmas tree.
- The palace has been described as the eighth wonder of the world.
- The public thinks we're a bunch of gutless wonders.
- The restored painting is a wonder to behold.
- There aren't any words to express properly all the wonder that I feel.
- the new boy wonder of French football
- Cortisone was hailed as a wonder drug for a whole host of skin problems.
- It's a wonder more people weren't injured.
- It's all become possible, thanks to the wonders of modern technology.
- No wonder you're tired! You didn't get any sleep last night.
- That's the wonder of poetry – you're always discovering something new.
- The Canyon is one of the natural wonders of the world.
- The club's new boy wonder scored two goals in the second half.
- The news did wonders for our morale.

- They became aware of the wonder of their surroundings.
- We always go to her for the flowers. She's a wonder!

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I. **wonder**¹ **S1 W2** /ˈwʌndə \$ -ər/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **verb** [intransitive and transitive]

[Word Family: adjective: ↑wonderful, ↑wonder, ↑wondrous; noun: ↑wonder, ↑wonderment; verb: ↑wonder; adverb: ↑wonderfully]

1. to think about something that you are not sure about and try to guess what is true, what will happen etc

wonder who/what/how etc

- I wonder how James is getting on.
- What are they going to do now, I wonder?

wonder if/whether

- I wonder if I'll recognize Philip after all these years.
- He's been leaving work early a lot – it makes you wonder, doesn't it?

2. **I wonder if/whether spoken** used to ask politely for something **SYN may I**:

- I wonder if I might have a drink?

3. **I was wondering if/whether**

a) **spoken** used to ask someone politely to help you:

- I was wondering if I could borrow your car?

b) used to ask someone politely if they would like to do something:

- I was wondering if you'd like to come to dinner.

4. to feel surprised and unable to believe something

wonder about/at

- Sometimes I wonder about his behaviour.

wonder how

- I wonder how he dares to show his face!

I don't wonder British English (=I am not surprised)

- I don't wonder you're tired.

I shouldn't wonder British English (=I would not be surprised about something)

- He'll come back soon enough, I shouldn't wonder.

5. to doubt or question whether something is true:

- 'Is she serious?' 'I wonder.'

wonder if/whether

- Sometimes I wonder if he's got any sense at all!

II. **wonder**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun**

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[Language: Old English; Origin: wundor]

1. **ADMIRATION**

a) [**uncountable**] a feeling of surprise and admiration for something very beautiful or new to you **SYN awe**:

- The sight of the Taj Mahal filled us with wonder.

b) [**countable**] something that makes you feel surprise and admiration:

- technological wonders
- the Seven Wonders of the World

2. **(it's) no/small/little wonder (that) especially spoken** used to say that you are not surprised by something:

- No wonder you've got a headache, the amount you drank last night.

3. **SURPRISING it's a wonder (that) especially spoken** used to say that something is very surprising:

- It's a wonder no one got hurt.

4. **do/work wonders** to be very effective in solving a problem

5. **wonders will never cease spoken** used humorously to show you are surprised and pleased about something

6. **CLEVER PERSON [singular] British English** someone who is good at doing difficult things

⇒ **nine days wonder** at ↑nine(3)

III. **wonder**³ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **adjective** [only before noun]

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very good and effective:

- a new wonder drug

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