

ponder

[ˈpɒndə] v

1. обдумывать, взвешивать
to ponder a question - обдумывать вопрос
to ponder words [chances of success] - взвешивать слова [шансы на успех]
2. (on, over) размышлять, раздумывать
to ponder over smth. - размышлять о чём-л.
to sit and ponder - сидеть в раздумье
pondering on his unhappy lot - думая /размышляя/ о своей горькой доле

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pon·der [ponder ponders pondered pondering] BrE ['pɒndə(r)][Ⓜ] NAmE

['pɑːndəʒ][Ⓜ] verb intransitive, transitive (formal)

to think about sth carefully for a period of time

Syn: ↑consider

- ~ (about/on/over sth) She pondered over his words.
- They were left to ponder on the implications of the announcement.
- ~ sth The senator pondered the question for a moment.
- We intend to ponder all the alternatives before acting.
- ~ whether, what, etc... They are pondering whether the money could be better used elsewhere.
- + speech 'I wonder why,' she pondered aloud.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	ponder
	BrE / 'pɒndə(r)ʃ/
	NAmE / 'pɑːndərʃ/
he / she /it	ponders
	BrE / 'pɒndəz/
	NAmE / 'pɑːndəz/
past simple, past participle	pondered
	BrE / 'pɒndəd/
	NAmE / 'pɑːndəd/
-ing form	pondering
	BrE / 'pɒndərɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'pɑːndərɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'appraise, judge the worth of'): from Old French **ponderer** 'consider', from Latin **ponderare** 'weigh, reflect on', from **pondus**, **ponder-** 'weight'.

Example Bank:

- I pondered hard over the reply to his letter.
- I walked up the stairs, pondering on her reaction to my news.
- She pondered aloud the question of what should be done.
- She pondered for a moment before replying.
- Spencer stopped to ponder the thought.
- This was something I had been pondering about for some time.

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pon·der /'pɒndə \$ 'pɑːndər BrE[Ⓜ] AmE[Ⓜ] verb [intransitive and transitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: ponderer 'to weigh', from Latin ponderare, from pondus 'weight']

formal to spend time thinking carefully and seriously about a problem, a difficult question, or something that has happened **SYN**

consider:

He continued to ponder the problem as he walked home.

ponder on/over/about

The university board is still pondering over the matter.

ponder how/what/whether

Jay stood still for a moment, pondering whether to go or not.

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THESAURUS

■ **to think about something**

- **think** to use your mind to decide about something, form an opinion, imagine something etc: I've been thinking about what you said – maybe you're right. | I need some time to think.
- **consider** to think about something carefully before deciding what to do: Have you considered working for a year before going to college?
- **weigh** (also **weigh up British English**) to carefully think about a plan or choice by comparing all the advantages and disadvantages involved: You need to **weigh up the pros and cons** (=the advantages and disadvantages), and decide which investment is the best one for you. | The committee are still weighing the alternatives.
- **give something some/a lot of thought** to think carefully about something, before you make a final decision about it: Why don't you give it some thought and then get back to me? | He had obviously given the matter a lot of thought.

- **mult something over** to think about a problem, plan etc before making a decision: Can you give me a bit of time to mull it over?
- **ponder** to spend time thinking carefully and seriously about something, especially a problem or something complicated: She is still pondering what to do. | Officials are pondering ways to remove the oil from the beaches.
- **contemplate** to think about something you might do in the future: Did you ever contemplate resigning?
- **reflect** *formal* to think carefully about something, especially something that happened in the past: It was a good time to reflect upon the changes that had happened in my life.

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