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Definition of 'baffle'

baffle

(bæfəl)

Word forms: baffles, baffling, baffled

transitive verb

If something **baffles** you, you cannot understand it or explain it.

An apple tree producing square fruit is baffling experts.

Synonyms: puzzle, beat [*slang*], amaze, confuse [More Synonyms of baffle](#)

baffling adjective

I was constantly ill, with a baffling array of symptoms.

Synonyms: puzzling, strange, confusing, weird [More Synonyms of baffle](#)

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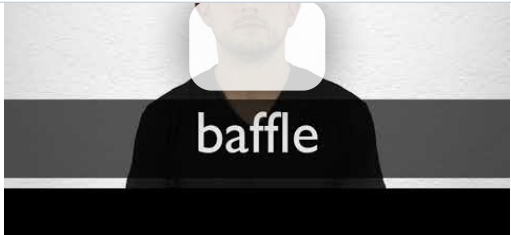
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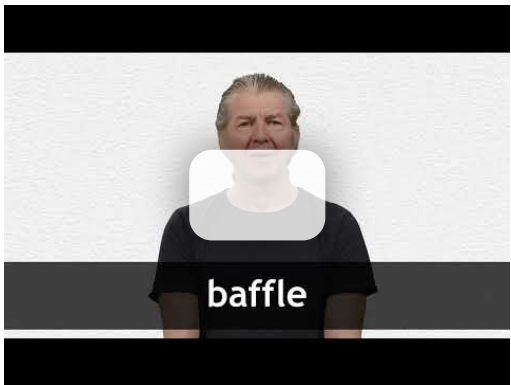


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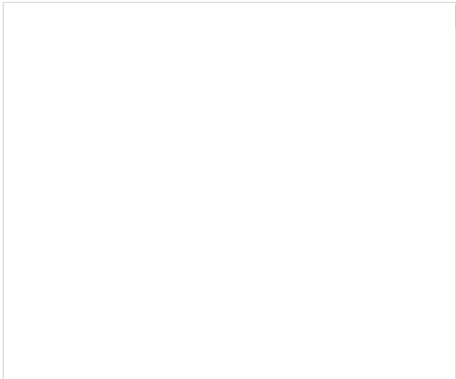
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1. to confuse so as to keep from understanding or solving; puzzle; confound
2. to interfere with; hinder; impede
3. to check the interference of (low-frequency sound waves) in a radio, phonograph, etc. by the use of a baffle

noun

4. *Rare*
a baffling or being baffled
5. an obstructing device, as a wall or screen to hold back or turn aside the flow of liquids, gases, etc. : *also* 'baffle, plate
6. a mounting or partition used to check the transmission of sound waves between the front and rear of the speaker of a radio, phonograph, etc.

SIMILAR WORDS: 'frus, trate

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Derived forms**bafflement** ('bafflement) **noun****baffler** ('baffler) **noun****baffling** ('baffling) **adjective****Word origin**

16th-c. Scot; prob. respelling (as *duff* for *dough*, *Affleck* for *Auchinleck*) of obs. *bauchle*



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He was baffled by the technical language of the instructions

- 2. to frustrate or confound; thwart by creating confusion or bewilderment
- 3. to check or deflect the movement of (sound, light, fluids, etc.)
- 4. to equip with a baffle or baffles
- 5. *obsolete*
to cheat; trick

intransitive verb

- 6. to struggle ineffectually, as a ship in a gale

noun

- 7. something that balks, checks, or deflects
- 8. an artificial obstruction for checking or deflecting the flow of gases (as in a boiler), sounds (as in the loudspeaker system of a radio or hi-fi set), light (as in a darkroom), etc
- 9. any boxlike enclosure or flat panel for mounting a loudspeaker

SYNONYMS

- 1. See thwart.

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Derived forms

- bafflement noun
- baffler noun
- baffling adjective
- bafflingly adverb
- bafflingness noun

Word origin

[1540–50; 1910–15 for def. 8; perh. < Scots *bauchle* to disgrace, treat with contempt,

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verb (*transitive*)

1. to perplex; bewilder; puzzle
2. to frustrate (plans, efforts, etc)
3. to check, restrain, or regulate (the flow of a fluid or the emission of sound or light)
4. to provide with a baffle
5. *obsolete*
to cheat or trick

noun

6. *Also called:* baffle board, baffle plate
a plate or mechanical device designed to restrain or regulate the flow of a fluid, the emission of light or sound, or the distribution of sound, esp in a loudspeaker or microphone

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Derived forms

bafflement (ˈbafflement) *British* **noun****baffler** (ˈbaffler) **noun**

Word origin

C16: perhaps from Scottish dialect *bachlen* to condemn publicly; perhaps related to French *bafouer* to disgrace

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(Chemical Engineering: Heat transfer)

A **baffle** is a thin flat object which is suspended in a flow to change its direction.

*As a result of the interaction between the flow with the **baffles**, vortices form in the mixture.*

*A number of different **baffles** are used to promote cross flow.*

*A **baffle** is a thin flat object which is suspended in a flow to change its direction.*

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baffle



in Mechanical Engineering

(bəˈfəl)

Word forms: *(regular plural)* baffles

noun

(Mechanical engineering: Fluid engineering)

A **baffle** is a thin flat object which is hung in a flow of liquid or gas to cause partial obstruction.

*The water is forced to pass under the **baffles**, slowing down the flow.*

*A number of different **baffles** are used to promote cross flow.*

*A **baffle** is a thin flat object which is hung in a flow of liquid or gas to cause partial obstruction.*

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Experts are baffled by the trend.
THE GUARDIAN (2018)

He records her laughter as baffled onlookers wondered what she was doing.
THE GUARDIAN (2018)

But his case is the most baffling.
THE GUARDIAN (2022)

It makes that lapse of concentration all the more baffling.
THE GUARDIAN (2021)

But completely baffling if you grew up with rationing.
TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2016)

The study concluded that schemes with the highest fees often have baffling charging structures.
TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2014)

Can it still baffle and intrigue today?
TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2014)

Police are baffled by the sudden appearance of a portable lavatory in the middle of a busy street.
TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2012)

They buy a thing that is plainly too big for a pocket and are bewildered, baffled, betrayed and vengeful when the pocket fights back.
TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2014)



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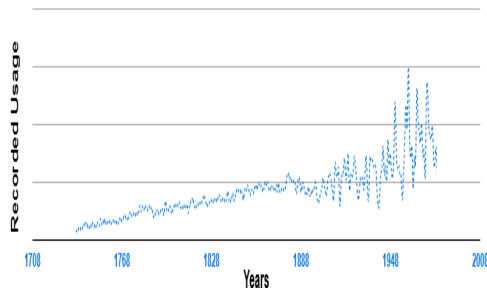
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British English: baffle verb /'bæfl/

If something *baffles* you, you cannot understand it or explain it.

That decision completely baffled me.

American English: baffle /'bæfəl/

Brazilian Portuguese: aturdir

Chinese: 使困惑

European Spanish: desconcertar French: déconcerter German: verblüffen

Italian: lasciare perplesso

Japanese: 当惑させる

Korean: 당혹하게 하다

European Portuguese: aturdir

Spanish: desconcertar

Thai: ทำให้งง

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