

# MIND-BOGGLING VS MIND-BLOWING

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## MIND-BOGGLING

**adjective** (informal)

extremely surprising and difficult to understand or imagine:

- She was paid the **mind-boggling** sum of ten million dollars for that film.
- The amount of paperwork involved is **mind-boggling**.
- It's **mind-boggling** to me that this is allowed to happen.

*Synonymous phrase:*

**something boggles the mind**

(also the mind boggles)

(informal) if something boggles the mind or the mind boggles at it, it is so unusual that people find it hard to imagine or accept

- The vastness of space really **boggles the mind**.
- 'He says he's married to his cats!'  
**'The mind boggles!'**

## MIND-BLOWING

**adjective** (informal)

extremely exciting or surprising:

- The special effects in this film are pretty **mind-blowing**.
- Watching your baby being born is a **mind-blowing** experience.
- The astronauts had **mind-blowing** views of planet Earth.

*Synonymous phrase:*

**blow your mind**

(informal) to produce a very strong feeling of pleasure or shock

- Wait till you hear this.  
It'll **blow your mind**.
- This collection of photographs will **blow your mind**.
- Seeing her again really **blew my mind**.
- To see him perform on stage just **blew my mind**.