



# Ponder

verb

If you **ponder** something, you think about it carefully.

- She sat back for a minute to **ponder** her next move in the game.
- 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.
- I'm continually **pondering how** to improve the team.

# Pander to

phrasal verb

To do or say what someone wants in order to please them, even though you know it is not right.

- The government was accused of **pandering to** racial prejudice.
- Some newspapers feel they have to **pander to** the prejudices of their readers.
- It's not good the way she **panders to** his every whim.
- Political leaders almost inevitably **pander to** big business.