

blind¹

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/blaɪnd/

adjective

1 | unable to see

a)

unable to see

→ **colour-blind**, **visually impaired**, **handicapped**:*a school for blind children**the needs of blind people***totally/completely/almost/partially blind***She's almost blind in her right eye.**He was slowly **going blind** (= becoming blind) .**Beverley was **born blind**.*

b) the blind [plural]

people who are unable to see:

talking books for the blind

c) as blind as a bat

SIGHT/ABILITY TO SEE

unable to see well – used humorously:

I'm as blind as a bat without my glasses.

d) blind with tears/rage/pain etc

unable to see because of tears, pain, or a strong emotion

→ **blindly**:*She screamed at him, her eyes blind with tears.*

2 be blind to something

to completely fail to notice or realize something

→ **blindly**:*International companies are all too often blind to local needs.**He was totally blind to the faults of his children.*

3 turn a blind eye (to something)

to deliberately ignore something that you know should not be happening:

Teachers were turning a blind eye to smoking in school.

4 not take/pay a blind bit of notice (BrE) (informal)

to completely ignore what someone does or says, especially in a way that is annoying:

He never pays a blind bit of notice to what his staff tell him.

5 not make a blind bit of difference (BrE) (informal)

CHANGE/MAKE SOMETHING DIFFERENT

used to emphasize that whatever someone says or does will not change the situation at all:

Try and talk to her if you want, but I don't think it'll make a blind bit of difference.

6 feelings**a) blind faith/prejudice/obedience etc** EMOTIONAL

strong feelings that someone has without thinking about why they have them – used to show disapproval:

*Blind faith sent thousands of people to a pointless war.
a story about blind loyalty*

b) blind panic/rage EMOTIONAL

strong feelings of fear or anger that you cannot control:

*In a moment of blind panic, she had pulled the trigger and shot the man dead.
Blind rage took hold of him.*

7 road blind bend/corner

a corner in a road that you cannot see beyond when you are driving

8 the blind leading the blind NOT KNOW

used to say that people who do not know much about what they are doing are guiding or advising others who know nothing at all

9 aircraft blind flying is when you use only instruments to fly an aircraft because you cannot see through cloud, mist etc

— **blindness** noun

Word origin

Language: Old English

verb

[transitive]

1 SEE to make it difficult for someone to see for a short time:

For a moment, I was blinded by the glare of headlights coming towards me.

The dust choked and blinded him.

Blinded by tears, I walked towards the door.

2 HIDE/NOT SHOW to make someone lose their good sense or judgment and be unable to see the truth about something:

He should have known better, but he was blinded by his own wants.

blind somebody to something

Children's bad behaviour should not blind us to their need for love.

His single-minded determination to win the war is blinding him to other dangers.

3 INJURE to permanently destroy someone's ability to see:

He had been blinded in an explosion.

4 blind somebody with science CONFUSEDTRICK/DECEIVE

to confuse or trick someone by using complicated language

→ **effing and blinding** AT EFF (1)

blind³

noun

1 (also (window) shade *AmE*) [countable] a covering, especially one made of cloth, that can be rolled up and down to cover a window inside a building:

*The **blinds** were **drawn** (= pulled down) to protect the new furniture from the sun.*

open/pull down/draw the blinds

→ ROLLER BLIND,
VENETIAN BLIND

2 [countable] (*AmE*) a small shelter where you can watch birds or animals

without being seen by them

SYN **hide** (*BrE*)

3 [singular] TRICK/DECEIVE a trick or excuse to stop someone from discovering the truth

blind⁴

adverb

blind drunk (*BrE*) (informal)

extremely drunk

→ **rob somebody blind** AT ROB ⁽³⁾ ,

→ **swear blind** AT SWEAR ⁽³⁾

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