

mind

1 Verb + mind

Use the correct form of these verbs:

have	broaden
change	cross
clear	make up
spring	train

1. He's quite a stubborn person. Once he's his mind, he never budes. He sticks to his decision, no matter what happens.
2. I'm not going on that plane, so don't try to persuade me. Nothing, and I mean nothing, will make me my mind.
3. I often find it difficult to my mind after a hard day at work. Thoughts about work just keep running through my head. My wife wants me to take up yoga or something like that.
4. Some people go on courses to their minds to think positively.
5. I'm trying to encourage my kids to travel more, but they just want to stay at home. I keep telling them that travel the mind.
6. Sometimes I think this car a mind of its own. Whenever I am in a desperate hurry, it decides not to start!
7. It never my mind that James would resign. I mean, he's not the resigning type, is he?
8. Do you know anyone who would be a good person to organise our Christmas party?
> No, nobody to mind – and don't look at me!

2 Common adjective collocations

Complete the sentences with these adjectives:

enquiring	open	suspicious
warped	sharp	one-track

1. He's a typical male. He's got a mind! All he ever thinks about is sex!
2. Although my grandad's now 92, his mind is remarkably agile and alert.
> Yes, he still has a really mind for someone of his age.
3. Most young children show an interest in learning new things. They seem to be born with an mind. It's a pity that many of us lose this as we grow older.

4. I'm not sure if your solution to the traffic problem will work, but I'm keeping an mind till I hear what all the other proposals are.
5. The film is full of violence, murder and bad language. It can only have a negative effect on the innocent minds of young people. In my opinion, it is the work of a sick and mind!
6. No, I didn't play with your computer while you were out. What a mind you've got! Don't you trust anybody?

3 Expressions with prepositions

Use these words to complete the expressions:

back	clear	doubt	frame	peace
a. at the of my mind				
b. in the right of mind				
c. complete of mind				
d. not really in my mind				
e. no in my mind				

Now use these complete expressions below:

1. Take out a five-year guarantee and have
..... If this radio breaks down, we will repair it or replace it free of charge.
2. There is that he murdered Caroline Walker in cold blood.
3. Can we talk about this later? I'm not
..... to start discussing money.
4. I'm about what we're aiming for. Are we trying to find a solution or just spend hours talking and getting nowhere?
5. I just haven't got round to calling my mother. It's been to call her for several days now.

Notes

1. Note this way of saying what you don't like:
It was nice, but it wasn't quite what we had in mind.
2. This expression means someone is mad:
Marrying Cecil? Are you out of your mind?
3. Note these common expressions:
The event is still fresh in most people's minds.
Thanks for your suggestion – I'll keep it in mind.
Sorry, but I've got a lot on my mind at the moment.
I just can't seem to get him out of my mind.
When I met the PM my mind went a complete blank.
This building is designed with the elderly in mind.