

Find out -vs- Figure out (1 Answers)

We use FIND OUT when we get **new information**

about something. (generally from someone/something else)

I want to **find out** how to get rich quickly.

We use FIGURE OUT when we try to **understand** or get the **answer**

to something; or come to a decision about something. (generally

get this answer ourselves through our own thinking process)

I can't **figure out** the answer to this math question.

****I can't figure it out!**

We finally **figured out** what to do with our old broken-down car!

Please put **find out** or **figure out** in the spaces below. Watch for present or past tense, etc.! ******(Sometimes both will be ok to use in a sentence!!)

1. Let's see a movie! I'll check the net and find out what's playing.
2. I studied the map for hours until I figured out the best way to get there.
3. Something is wrong with my TV and I just can't figure out what it is!
4. Sheila got a call from her friend and found out that her husband has another girlfriend! Why couldn't she have figured it out herself!? Everyone else figured out he was cheating long ago.
5. The test questions were so hard that no one could figure them out.
6. The car won't start! Check the manual to find out what's wrong.
7. I can never figure out what Bob's saying. He always talks so fast.
8. How did Misty find/figure out that John sent her those flowers? I don't think anyone told her, so maybe she was able to figure it out herself.
9. I'm having trouble figuring out how to use my new smartphone.
10. Jim was excited to find out that his wife is going to have twins.
11. Bill is a strange man and I will never figure him out!
12. Your mom found out that you lied about skipping school because someone saw you at the game center and told her.
13. I was riding on the train for an hour when I looked out the window and figured out it was the wrong train because I didn't recognize anything.
14. Someone at the gym stole my wallet and I'm going to sit here thinking until I figure out who it was!
15. If you can figure out this riddle, I'll give you a nice prize!
16. Bai's accent is so strong that I can never figure out what he's saying!
17. Karen found out about a cool new magic show in town. Let's call and find out if we can get tickets. I bet you can't figure out how he does his magic tricks!!
18. Mark did a DNA test and found out that his ancestors come from Italy.
19. It took doctors years to find/figure out what virus causes AIDS.
20. The smart octopus is able to figure out how to escape from his fish tank. It's amazing how it can figure that out!