

# Find out -vs- Figure out (1)

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 \_\_\_\_\_ what's playing.
2. I studied the map for hours until I \_\_\_\_\_ the best way to get there.
3. Something is wrong with my TV and I just can't \_\_\_\_\_ what it is!
4. Sheila got a call from her friend and \_\_\_\_\_ that her husband has another girlfriend! Why couldn't she have \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ herself!? Everyone else \_\_\_\_\_ he was cheating long ago.
5. The test questions were so hard that no one could \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The car won't start! Check the manual to \_\_\_\_\_ what's wrong.
7. I can never \_\_\_\_\_ what Bob's saying. He always talks so fast.
8. How did Misty \_\_\_\_\_ that John sent her those flowers? I don't think anyone told her, so maybe she was able to \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ herself.
9. I'm having trouble \_\_\_\_\_ how to use my new smartphone.
10. Jim was excited to \_\_\_\_\_ that his wife is going to have twins.
11. Bill is a strange man and I will never \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_!
12. Your mom \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ who it was!
15. If you can \_\_\_\_\_ this riddle, I'll give you a nice prize!
16. Bai's accent is so strong that I can never \_\_\_\_\_ what he's saying!
17. Karen \_\_\_\_\_ about a cool new magic show in town. Let's call and \_\_\_\_\_ if we can get tickets. I bet you can't \_\_\_\_\_ how he does his magic tricks!!
18. Mark did a DNA test and \_\_\_\_\_ that his ancestors come from Italy.
19. It took doctors years to \_\_\_\_\_ what virus causes AIDS.
20. The smart octopus is able to \_\_\_\_\_ how to escape from his fish tank. It's amazing how it can \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_!