

Do make up your mind!!

A) **to mind** = “to have something against something ...”

It is almost always used in QUESTIONS and the NEGATIVE

*Do you mind if I use your telephone? No, of course I don't mind.
Of course I don't mind if you buy me flowers! I quite like it!*

Other Examples:

Do you mind	if I	smoke? use your phone? wait in the office?	YOU are asking if something YOU want to do is OK.
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Would you mind	waiting in the office? not putting your feet on my desk!!!	You are politely asking someone ELSE (not) to do something.
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I don't mind	if you	smoke. wait in my office.	It's OK if someone else does something.
	you	waiting in the office	
	waiting for a while.		YOU are happy to wait; there's no problem.

B) to look after	C) to be careful
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you mind my bag while I have a swim? • She earns some extra money as a child-minder. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mind the gap/step please. • If we go to have tea with the vicar you'd better mind your manners. • Mind where you put your feet; there is a lot of dogs' mess on this grass.

D) the human consciousness that originates in the brain and is manifested especially in thought, perception, emotion, will, memory, and imagination

- the thought processes characteristic of a person or group; psychological makeup: *the criminal mind*
- a person of great mental ability: *the great minds of the century - He has a brilliant mind.*
- opinion or sentiment: *He changed his mind when he heard all the facts.*
- desire or inclination: *She had a mind to spend her vacation in the desert.*
- focus of thought; attention: *I can't keep my mind on work.*
- a healthy mental state; sanity: *losing one's mind.*

useful expressions:

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| • to make up one's mind | • to lose one's mind | • mind over matter |
| • to change one's mind | • to keep one's mind on something | • Mind your head, please. |
| • to have something on one's mind | • to have something in mind | • a child-minder |
| • to keep/bear something in mind | • to be in two minds | • mindless behaviour |
| | • to be out of one's mind | • out of sight, out of mind |

- AND:
- How do I know what you want? I'm not a mind-reader!!
 - My husband has the mind of a child
 - Football managers often try to play mind games with each other.
 - Vote for Merkel? Are you out of your mind?
 - I've half a mind to join the army. / That's all you need, isn't it?
 - The Islamic mindset is quite different to ours.
 - I think we are of one mind on this topic.