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Definition of BUFFER

slang British

: FELLOW, MAN; *especially* : an old man

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Origin of BUFFER

origin unknown

First Known Use: 1749

Rhymes with BUFFER

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No, that doesn't mean you should use it. »

2 buffer

noun, often attributive

Definition of BUFFER

- 1 : any of various devices or pieces of material for reducing shock or damage due to contact
- 2 : a means or device used as a cushion against the shock of fluctuations in business or financial activity
- 3 : something that serves as a protective barrier: as
 - a : BUFFER STATE
 - b : a person who shields another especially from annoying routine matters
 - c : MEDIATOR 1
- 4 : a substance capable in solution of neutralizing both acids and bases and thereby maintaining the original acidity or basicity of the solution; *also* : a solution containing such a substance
- 5 : a temporary storage unit (as in a computer); *especially* : one that accepts information at one rate and delivers it at another

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— **buff-ered** | \-fərd\ | *adjective*

Origin of BUFFER

buff, verb, to react like a soft body when struck
First Known Use: 1835

Rhymes with BUFFER

[bluffer](#), [rougher](#), [snuffer](#)

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verb

: to protect (something) *from* something
: to lessen the harmful effects of (something)
computers : to put (something, such as data) in a buffer

buff-ered **buff-er-ing** | \-f(ə-)rɪŋ\

Full Definition of BUFFER

transitive verb

- 1 : to lessen the shock of : [CUSHION](#)
- 2 : to treat (as a solution or its acidity) with a buffer; *also* : to prepare (aspirin) with an antacid
- 3 : to collect (as data) in a buffer

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First Known Use of BUFFER

1845

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Definition of BUFFER





: one that [buffs](#)

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First Known Use of BUFFER

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