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Main Entry: ²**mistake** [Pronunciation Guide](#)

Pronunciation: "

Function: *noun*

1 : a misunderstanding of the meaning or implication of something <it is a *mistake* to think that the supreme or legislative power of a commonwealth can do what it will -- John Locke> <it is a great *mistake* to think that the bare scientific idea is the required invention -- A.N.Whitehead>

2 : a wrong action or statement proceeding from faulty judgment, inadequate knowledge, or inattention : an unintentional error <it would be a *mistake*, however, to drain all bogs -- *Boy Scout Handbook*> <gave him a ten-dollar bill in *mistake* for a one>

3 law : an erroneous belief : a state of mind not in accordance with the facts

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- **and no mistake** : [SURELY](#), [UNDOUBTEDLY](#) <he's the one I saw, *and no mistake*>

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