

reproach

1. [rɪˈprəʊtʃ] n

- 1. упрёк; укор; попрек; осуждение
 - a term of reproach - слово упрёка
 - beyond /above/ reproach - безукоризненный
 - a life without reproach - безупречная жизнь
 - to hear reproaches on smb. - засыпать кого-л. упрёками
 - to incur reproaches - навлекать на себя упрёки
 - a knight without fear and reproach - рыцарь без страха и упрёка

2. позор, срам

- to bring reproach on smb. - навлекать на кого-л. позор
- to live in reproach and ignominy - покрыть себя позором и бесчестьем
- these slums are a reproach to the town - эти трущобы - позор для города

2. [rɪˈprəʊtʃ] v

упрекать; укорять; бранить; попрекать

- I have nothing to reproach myself with - мне не в чем себя упрекнуть
- his eyes reproach me - в его глазах я читаю упрёк
- you shouldn't reproach the children for forgetting birthdays - не надо выговаривать детям за то, что они забывают, у кого когда день рождения

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re-proach [reproach reproaches reproached reproaching] noun, verb BrE

[rɪˈprəʊtʃ] ¹ NAmE [rɪˈpraʊtʃ] ²

noun (formal)

1. **uncountable** blame or criticism for sth you have done
 - His voice was full of reproach.
 - The captain's behaviour is **above/beyond reproach** (= you cannot criticize it) .
2. **countable** a word or remark expressing blame or criticism
 - He listened to his wife's bitter reproaches.
3. **uncountable** a state of shame or loss of honour
 - Her actions brought reproach upon herself.
4. **singular ~ (to sb/sth)** a person or thing that brings shame on sb/sth

Syn: ↑discredit

- Such living conditions are a reproach to our society .

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **reprochier** (verb), from a base meaning **'bring back close'**, based on Latin **prope** **'near'** .

Example Bank:

- He glanced at her with reproach.
- Her conduct had always been beyond reproach.
- Her voice was full of reproach.
- Paul saw this as a reproach to himself.
- She had never uttered a word of reproach.
- There was mild reproach in his tone.
- There was no reproach about his failure to turn up.
- He listened to his wife's bitter reproaches.

verb (formal)

1. **~ sb (for sth/for doing sth) | ~ sb (with sth/with doing sth) | ~ (sb) + speech** to blame or criticize sb for sth that they have done or not done, because you are disappointed in them
 - She was reproached by colleagues for leaking the story to the press.
2. **~ yourself (for sth/for doing sth) | ~ yourself (with sth)** to feel guilty about sth that you think you should have done in a different way
 - He reproached himself for not telling her the truth.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	reproach
	BrE /rɪˈprəʊtʃ/
	NAmE /rɪˈpraʊtʃ/
he / she / it	reproaches
	BrE /rɪˈprəʊtʃɪz/
	NAmE /rɪˈpraʊtʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	reproached
	BrE /rɪˈprəʊtʃt/
	NAmE /rɪˈpraʊtʃt/
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	BrE /rɪˈprəʊtʃɪŋ/
	NAmE /rɪˈpraʊtʃɪŋ/

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I. **reproach**¹ /rɪ'prəʊtʃ \$ -'proutʃ/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun formal*

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: reproche, from reprochier 'to reproach', from Vulgar Latin repropiare, from Latin prope 'near']

1. **[uncountable]** criticism, blame, or disapproval:
 'You don't need me,' she said quietly, without reproach.
2. **[countable]** a remark that expresses criticism, blame, or disapproval:
 He argued that the reproaches were unfair.
3. **above/beyond reproach** impossible to criticize **SYN perfect**:
 His behaviour throughout this affair has been beyond reproach.
4. **a reproach to somebody/something** something that should make a person, society etc feel bad or ashamed:
 These derelict houses are a reproach to the city.

II. **reproach**² *BrE* *AmE* *verb [transitive]*

1. **formal** to blame or criticize someone in a way that shows you are disappointed at what they have done
reproach somebody for/with something
 He publicly reproached his son for his behavior.
2. **reproach yourself** to feel guilty about something that you think you are responsible for
reproach yourself for/with
 You've got nothing to reproach yourself for – it was his own decision.

THESAURUS

- **reprimand formal** to tell someone that they have done something wrong or illegal and are being punished for it – used especially in official contexts: The police officers were officially reprimanded for their behaviour. | The Swiss authorities severely reprimanded the banks for accepting \$660million from the former Nigerian dictator Sani Abacha. | Debra remembered as a very young child being reprimanded by her father.
- **scold formal** if a parent, teacher, or other adult scolds a child, they talk to them angrily because they have done something wrong. **Scold** sounds rather formal and old-fashioned. In everyday English people usually say **tell somebody off**: I dreaded the thought of going home and being scolded by my father.
- **tell somebody off** to talk angrily to someone because they have done something wrong. **Tell somebody off** is more common in British English than American English: Dad told me off for getting home late.
- **give somebody a talking-to informal** to talk angrily to a child because they have done something wrong: The boy was giving a good talking-to and sent home.
- **lecture** to talk angrily to someone for a long time about something they have done wrong, especially in a way that they think is not necessary or fair: Stop lecturing me, will you! | He began to lecture her about her duties as a citizen.
- **rebuke formal** to tell someone that they should not have done something: She rebuked him for being late. | Sheerman rebuked his colleague for suggesting that he was too stupid to understand what he was saying.
- **reproach formal** to talk to someone in a way that shows you are disappointed at what they have done. **Reproach** sounds much gentler than criticizing someone or reprimanding them: He felt he had to reproach his friend for his excessive drinking.
- **berate formal** to publicly criticize someone for a long time, in a way that shows you strongly disapprove of what they have done: She berated the paper for its 'misleading front-page story.' | Kennedy berated the Eisenhower administration and its vice president Richard Nixon, during the 1960 campaign.

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