

berate

[bɪ'reɪt] *v*
ругать, бранить, поносить**berate**

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be-rate [berate berates berated berating] *BrE* [bɪ'reɪt] ^ˈ *NAmE* [bɪ'reɪt] ^ˈ**verb** ~ **sb/yourself** (formal)

to criticize or speak angrily to sb because you do not approve of sth they have done

- She berated herself for being a bad mother.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	berate
	<i>BrE</i> /bɪ'reɪt/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɪ'reɪt/
he / she / it	berates
	<i>BrE</i> /bɪ'reɪts/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɪ'reɪts/
past simple, past participle	berated
	<i>BrE</i> /bɪ'reɪtɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɪ'reɪtɪd/
-ing form	berating
	<i>BrE</i> /bɪ'reɪtɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɪ'reɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:mid 16th cent.: from †**be-** 'thoroughly' + **rate** 'to scold someone angrily'.Example Bank:

- The minister was berated by angry demonstrators as he left the meeting.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

be-rate /bɪ'reɪt/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **verb** [transitive + for]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: rate 'to berate' (14-20 centuries)]

formal to speak angrily to someone because they have done something wrong

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- **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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