

reply

1. [rɪˈplaɪ] n

- 1) ответ
 - in reply - в ответ
 - in reply to your letter - в ответ на ваше письмо
 - to make a reply - ответить, дать ответ
 - reply paid - с оплаченным ответом
 - the letter now under reply - письмо, на которое сейчас готовится ответ

- 2) *юр.* ответ истца на возражение по иску
- 3) *юр.* заключительное выступление адвоката в суде
- 4) отзыв (на переключке)

2. [rɪˈplaɪ] v

- 1) отвечать
 - to reply wittily - остроумно ответить
 - to reply to a question - ответить на вопрос
 - to reply for smb. - отвечать за /вместо/ кого-л.
 - to reply in the negative [positive] - ответить отрицательно [положительно]
 - to reply to roll-call - отозваться на переключке
 - none of my letters have been replied to - ни на одно своё письмо я не получил ответа

- 2) *юр.* отвечать на возражение по иску
- 3) предпринимать ответные действия
 - to reply to the enemy's fire - ответить на огонь противника

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reply [reply replies replied replying] *verb, noun* BrE [rɪˈplaɪ] ¹ NAmE [rɪˈplaɪ]

verb (re-plies, re-ply-ing, re-plied, re-plied)

1. **intransitive, transitive** to say or write sth as an answer to sb/sth
 - ~ (to sb/sth) (with sth) to reply to a question/an advertisement
 - He never replied to any of my letters.
 - She only replied with a smile.
 - + **speech** 'I won't let you down,' he replied confidently.
 - ~ **that...** The senator replied that he was not in a position to comment.
2. **intransitive** ~ (to sth) (with sth) to do sth as a reaction to sth that sb has said or done
 - Italy took an early lead but Brazil replied with two goals in the last five minutes.
 - The terrorists replied to the government's statement with more violence.

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
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| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | reply |
| | BrE /rɪˈplaɪ/ |
| | NAmE /rɪˈplaɪ/ |
| he / she / it | replies |
| | BrE /rɪˈplaɪz/ |
| | NAmE /rɪˈplaɪz/ |
| past simple, past participle | replied |
| | BrE /rɪˈplaɪd/ |
| | NAmE /rɪˈplaɪd/ |
| -ing form | replying |
| | BrE /rɪˈplaɪɪŋ/ |
| | NAmE /rɪˈplaɪɪŋ/ |

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Thesaurus:

reply *verb* I, T

- She didn't reply to my question.
- answer** • **acknowledge** • **respond** • **write back** • |informal **get back to sb** • |written **retort** •
- reply/respond/write back/get back **to** sb/sth
- reply/answer/respond **to** sb/sth
- reply to/answer to/acknowledge/respond **a/an** question/letter/email
- reply to/answer/respond to **a/an** ad/advertisement/accusation

Reply, answer or respond? You can **answer sb/sth** or just **answer**, but not 'answer to sb/sth'; you can **reply/respond to sb/sth** or just **reply/respond**, but not 'reply/respond sb/sth'. The words share many uses, but you can only **answer the phone/door/sb's prayers**, not: ✗ **reply/respond to the phone/the door/sb's prayers** You can **answer/respond to a call** but not: ✗ **reply to a call**

Which Word?:

answer / reply

Verbs

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see also ↑rejoin, ↑retort, ↑get back to somebody Nouns

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Example Bank:

- 'I know!' she replied matter-of-factly.
- 'I really don't care!' he replied nonchalantly.
- 'It was your fault!' she replied angrily.
- 'No, you're not!' Graham replied bluntly.
- 'OK,' he replied at length.
- Calvin was insulted and replied in kind= by insulting them back.
- Charles was insulted and replied in kind.
- He did not reply to my letter.
- He simply replied that he hadn't the faintest idea.
- She did not reply directly to the allegations.
- She didn't even bother to reply.
- She replied at length, but not to the point.
- She replied with a smile.
- Well, you weren't expecting him to reply personally, were you?
- 'I won't let you down,' he replied confidently.

noun countable, uncountable

an act of replying to sth/sb in speech, writing or by some action

- We had over 100 replies to our advertisement
- I asked her what her name was but she **made no reply** .
- (formal) I am writing **in reply to** your letter of 16 March.
- (BrE) **a reply-paid envelope** (= on which you do not have to put a stamp because it has already been paid for)
- (BrE) Morocco scored four goals without reply to win the game.

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reply noun C, U

- I haven't received a reply yet.

answer • • **response** • • **acknowledgement** • |written **retort** •

a/an reply/answer/response/retort **to** sb/sth

a/an reply/response/acknowledgement **from** sb

in reply/answer/response **to** sb/sth

get/receive a/an reply/answer/response/acknowledgement

give/write/elicit/produce/wait for a/an reply/answer /response **to** sb/sth

Reply, response or answer? **Response** is slightly more formal than **answer** and **reply**. It is used especially in written or business English.

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- 'I'm in here!' came the muffled reply.
- 'Mmm!' she grunted in reply.

- 'No comment' is his standard reply to most questions.
- 'No!' came the reply.
- A reply came back almost by return of post.
- A reply came back the next day.
- Grace could offer no reply.
- Have you had a reply to your letter yet?
- He made no reply, but simply walked away.
- Her reply was simple. 'No,' she said.
- His reply was short and to the point.
- I am grateful to you for having given me a right of reply to the article in your magazine about my company.
- I am writing in reply to your request for information on holidays in Italy.
- I await your reply with interest.
- I must write my letter in time for them to send back a reply.
- I'll post the replies later on my web page.
- It's easy to just hit the reply button.
- Many thanks for your thoughtful reply, we greatly appreciate it.
- No reply seemed to be forthcoming.
- Please complete the reply card and return it to us as soon as possible.
- She heard no reply.
- She quickly left the room before he had a chance to reply.
- She refused to give a straight reply, deciding rather to defer the question.
- The questionnaire produced 9 000 replies.
- The report elicited a formal reply from the department.
- They waited patiently for a reply but none seemed to be forthcoming.
- What did they say in reply?
 - a reply from the minister
 - my reply to your query
- He muttered a reply but I couldn't understand what he said.
- I asked her what her name was but she made no reply.
- I haven't received a reply from him yet.
- We had over 110 replies to our advertisement

reply

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I. **reply**¹ **W2** /rɪˈplaɪ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* (past tense and past participle **replied**, present participle **replying**, third person singular **replies**)

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: *replier* 'to fold again', from Latin *replicare*, from *plicare* 'to fold']

1. [**intransitive and transitive**] to answer someone by saying or writing something:

- ˈ I asked Clive where he was going, but he didn't reply.
- ˈ Sorry it took me so long to reply.
- ˈ 'Did you see Simon today?' 'Of course,' Nathalie replied with a smile.

reply to

- ˈ Has Ian replied to your letter yet?

reply that

- ˈ Mills replied that he was staying at his parents' flat.

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Reply is used especially in written English. In everyday English, people usually say **answer**:

- **You haven't replied to my question.** → You haven't **answered** my question.

2. [**intransitive**] to react to an action by doing something else

reply (to something) with something

- ˈ The rebel troops replied to government threats with increased violence.

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- **answer** to say something to someone when they have asked you a question or spoken to you: You don't have to answer the question if you don't want to. | I said hello to her, but she didn't answer.
- **reply** to answer someone. Used especially in written English to report what someone said: 'I'm so sorry,' he replied. | We asked Jane to help, but she replied that she was too busy.
- **respond** *formal* to answer someone: How do you respond to the allegation that you deliberately deceived your employers?
- **give somebody an answer** to answer someone by telling them what you have decided or giving them a piece of information they asked for: He asked me to marry him, but I didn't give him an answer straight away.
- **get back to somebody** to answer someone at a later time especially by telephoning them, usually because you need to think about their question or find out more information: She's promised to get back to me as soon as she hears any more news from the hospital.
- **retort** *written* to answer someone angrily, especially because they have annoyed you or criticized you: 'You're not afraid?' Brenda asked. 'Of course not,' he retorted angrily.

II. **reply**² **S3 W3** *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* (plural **replies**) [**countable**]

1. something that is said, written, or done as a way of replying **SYN answer**:

- ˈ I tried calling, but there was no reply.

reply to

" We still haven't received a reply to our letter.

" Stephen made no reply.

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2. **in reply (to something)** *formal* as a way of replying to something:

" I am writing in reply to your letter of 1st June.

3. **without reply** *British English* if a sports team gets a number of points or **goals** without reply, their opponents do not score

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▪ **answer** something you say when someone asks you a question or speaks to you: I asked if he wanted to come, but I didn't get an answer. | If you're asking me for money, the answer's no!

▪ **reply** an answer. Used especially in written English to report what someone said: She asked how he felt, and received the reply, 'Awful!' | 'Finished now?' 'No,' came the reply.

▪ **response** an answer that clearly shows your reaction to a question, suggestion etc: Wagner's responses showed that he had thought carefully about the issues. | 'Sure. Why not?' was his response to most of Billie's suggestions.

▪ **retort** *written* an angry answer given when someone has annoyed you or criticized you: Isabelle began an angry retort and then stopped herself.

▪ **comeback** a quick answer that is clever, funny, or rude: He walked out before I could think of a snappy comeback.

▪ **riposte** *formal* a quick and clever answer: Anna produced the perfect riposte.

▪ **rejoinder** *formal* a quick answer, especially a clever or rude one: If he confronts them, he'll run the risk of a sharp rejoinder.

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RANGE: **2k** REPLY ²¹⁴³⁹

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