

**respond**

I

1. [rɪˈspɒnd] *n*
  - 1) *редк.* ответ, отклик
  - 2) = responsory
2. [rɪˈspɒnd] *v*
  1. 1) отвечать
  - 2) отвечать, делать что-л. в ответ  
to respond with a blow - ответить ударом
  2. реагировать, отзываться (*на что-л.*)  
to respond to kindness - отозваться на доброе отношение  
to respond to treatment - поддаваться лечению  
they show no sign of responding to our proposals - они пока что никак не откликнулись на наше предложение  
to this kind of teaching the class has always responded badly - на такой метод преподавания учащиеся всегда реагируют плохо /отрицательно
3. *юр.*
  - 1) нести ответственность, отвечать, быть ответственным
  - 2) подавать возражение по иску *или* апелляции
  - 3) *амер.* возмещать (*расходы и т. п.*)
  - 4) *редк.* соответствовать, быть подходящим
  5. *ав.* слушаться рулей управления

II

[rɪˈspɒnd] *n архит.*  
полупило́н, пиля́стр (*арки*)

**respond**

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**re-respond** **AW** [respond responds responded responding] **BrE** [rɪˈspɒnd]

**NAmE** [rɪˈspɑːnd]

**verb**

1. **intransitive, transitive** (rather formal) to give a spoken or written answer to sb/sth  
**Syn:** ↑reply
  - I asked him his name, but he didn't respond.
  - ~ **(to sb/sth) (with sth)** She never responded to my letter.
  - More than fifty people responded to the advertisement
  - **+ speech** 'I'm not sure,' she responded.
  - ~ **that...** When asked about the company's future, the director responded that he remained optimistic.
2. **intransitive** ~ **(to sth) (with sth/by doing sth)** to do sth as a reaction to sth that sb has said or done  
**Syn:** ↑react
  - How did they respond to the news?
  - The government responded by banning all future demonstrations.
3. **intransitive** ~ **(to sth/sb)** to react quickly or in the correct way to sth/sb
  - The car responds very well to the controls.
  - You can rely on him to respond to a challenge.
4. **intransitive** ~ **(to sth)** to improve as a result of a particular kind of treatment
  - The infection did not respond to the drugs.

**Verb forms:** verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	respond
	BrE /rɪˈspɒnd/
	NAmE /rɪˈspɑːnd/
he / she / it	responds
	BrE /rɪˈspɒndz/
	NAmE /rɪˈspɑːndz/
past simple, past participle	responded
	BrE /rɪˈspɒndɪd/
	NAmE /rɪˈspɑːndɪd/
-ing form	responding
	BrE /rɪˈspɒndɪŋ/
	NAmE /rɪˈspɑːndɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

late Middle English (as a noun): from Old French, from **respondre** 'to answer', from Latin **respondere**, from **re-** 'again' + **spondere** 'to pledge'. The verb dates from the mid 16th cent.

**Thesaurus:**

**respond** **verb**

1. I, T

• I asked him his name, but he didn't respond.

**answer** • **reply** • **write back** • **acknowledge** • **informal get back to sb** • **written retort** •

respond/reply/write back/get back **to** sb/sth

respond/answer/reply/acknowledge sth/get back to sb/retort **with** sth

respond/answer/reply/write back/retort **that...**

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

2. I
- Members of the public responded immediately to the charity's appeal for funds.

**react** • • **take** • • **receive** • • **meet sth with sth** • |especially written **greet** •  
 respond/react **by** doing sth  
 respond/react/meet sth **with** sth  
 respond/react/meet sth/greet sth **with anger**

**Respond or react?** **Respond** often describes more detached, less emotional behaviour. **Respond** is used more frequently with adverbs like **immediately**, **promptly** and **quickly**; **react** is used more frequently with adverbs like **angrily**, **violently** and **strongly**.

Which Word?:

**answer / reply**

Verbs

Answer and reply are the most common verbs used for speaking or writing as a reaction to a question, letter, etc. Note that you answer a person, question or letter, not answer to them, but you reply to somebody or something: ▫ I'm writing to answer your questions ◊ ▫ I'm writing to reply to your questions. ◊ ▫ I'm writing to answer to your questions. Answer can be used with or without an object: ▫ I haven't answered her email yet. ◊ ▫ I knocked on the door but nobody answered. Reply is often used with the actual words spoken: ▫ 'I won't let you down,' he replied. Respond is less common and more formal: ▫ The directors were unwilling to ▫ respond to ▫ questions. You can only answer a door or a phone. see also ↑rejoin, ↑retort, ↑get back to somebody Nouns Note the phrases in answer to and in reply to: ▫ I'm writing in answer to your letter. see also ↑response, ↑rejoinder, ↑retort

Example Bank:

- Companies have to respond to the changing economic climate.
- He responded politely to her questions.
- He responded with a smile when she spoke.
- His condition failed to respond to the treatment.
- She wasn't sure how he was likely to respond.
- The demonstrators threw stones and the police responded with tear gas.
- The government needs to listen to the public and respond accordingly.
- The government responded by tightening the law on gun ownership.
- The music seems to respond emotionally to the landscape.
- The plants readily respond to these stimuli.
- The system enables teachers to respond flexibly to the needs of their students.
- The teams responded magnificently to the challenge.
- The terrorists declared all-out war on the government and the government responded in kind.
- Their son is responding well to the treatment.
- We do not have a strategy. We merely respond to ideas from local people.
- We respond to business problems in creative ways.
- You can respond via email or phone.
- 'I'm not sure,' she responded.
- I asked him his name, but he didn't respond.
- Members of the public responded immediately to the charity's appeal for funds.
- When asked about the company's future, the director responded that he remained optimistic.

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**re** **spond** **S2** **W2** **AC** /rɪˈspɒnd \$ rɪˈspɑːnd **BrE** **AmE** verb

[Word Family: noun: ↑respondent, ↑response, ↑responsiveness; verb: ↑respond; adverb: ↑responsively, adjective: ↑responsive ≠ ↑unresponsive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: respondere 'to promise in return, answer', from spondere; ⇨ ↑sponsor<sup>1</sup>]

1. [intransitive] to do something as a reaction to something that has been said or done **SYN react**

**respond to**  
 ▫ Responding to the news, Mr Watt appealed for calm.

**respond by doing something**  
 ▫ The US responded by sending troops into Laos.

**respond with**  
 ▫ Villagers responded with offers of help.

2. [intransitive and transitive] to say or write something as a reply

**respond that**  
 ▫ He responded that he didn't want to see anyone.

**respond to**  
 ▫ Dave didn't respond to any of her emails.

3. [intransitive] to improve as a result of a particular kind of treatment

respond to

- " She has responded well to treatment.
- " Colds do not respond to antibiotics.

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### THESAURUS

- **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.

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