

**comment**1. ['kɒment] *n*

## 1. комментарий, объяснительное примечание, толкование

to make comments on a text - комментировать текст, делать комментарий к тексту

to call for comments - вызывать замечания критиков

comment is needless - комментарии излишни

no comment! - ≙ мне нечего ответить/сказать!; по этому поводу заявлений делать не буду! (*стандартный ответ на вопросы журналистов*)the judge's comment - *юр.* замечание /мнение/ судьи

## 2. комментирование

## 3. критическое замечание; критика

what comments have you about my son's behaviour? - какие у вас есть замечания по поводу поведения моего сына?

## 4. толки, пересуды

his strange behaviour has been causing comment in the neighbourhood - его странное поведение вызвало толки в округе

## 5. сообщаемое о предмете, новое

topic and comment are often used in linguistic literature to denote the theme and the rheme - слова topic и comment часто употребляются в лингвистической литературе в значении «тема» и «рема»

2. ['kɒment] *v*

## 1. комментировать; толковать, объяснять

to comment on a text - комментировать текст

## 2. 1) высказываться; сообщать своё мнение

everyone commented on her new hat - все обсуждали её новую шляпу

she commented that it was time for us to go home - она заметила, что нам всем пора идти домой

## 2) делать критические замечания

several people commented on his absence - многие высказали недовольство по поводу его отсутствия

## 3) давать отрицательную оценку, характеристику

**comment**

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**com·ment** *AW* [**comment** **comments** **commented** **commenting**] *noun, verb BrE*['kɒment] <sup>us</sup> *NAmE* ['kɑːmɛnt] <sup>us</sup>*noun*1. **countable, uncountable** ~ (**about/on sth**) something that you say or write which gives an opinion on or explains sb/sth

- Have you any comment to make about the cause of the disaster?
- She **made** helpful **comments** on my work.
- The director was not available for comment.
- He handed me the document without comment.
- (**computing**) Please email us or **leave a comment** on our website.
- (**especially BrE**) What she said was **fair comment** (= a reasonable criticism) .

2. **singular, uncountable** criticism that shows the faults of sth

- The results are a clear comment on government education policy.
- There was a lot of comment about his behaviour

Word Origin:late Middle English (in the sense 'explanatory piece of writing'): from Latin **commentum** 'contrivance' (in late Latin also 'interpretation'), neuter past participle of **comminisci** 'devise'.Thesaurus:**comment** *noun C*

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**remark** • **statement** • |**formal observation** •a/an comment/remark/observation/statement **about** stha/an comment/observation/statement **on** sth**make** a comment/remark/observation/statement**Comment, remark or observation?** A **comment** can be official or private. An **observation** may be more considered than a **remark**, but both are always unofficial.Synonyms:**statement**

comment • announcement • remark • declaration • observation

These are all words for sth that you say or write, especially sth that gives information or an opinion.

**statement** • something that you say or write that gives information or an opinion, often in a formal way: ▫ A government spokesperson made a statement to the press.**comment** • something that you say or write that gives an opinion on sth or is a response to a question about a particular situation: ▫ She made helpful comments on my work.**announcement** • a spoken or written statement that informs people about sth: ▫ the announcement of a peace agreement**remark** • something that you say or write that gives an opinion or thought about sb/sth: ▫ He made a number of rude remarks about the food.**declaration** • (**rather formal**) an official or formal statement, especially one that states an intention, belief or feeling, or that gives information: ▫ the declaration of war

**observation** • (rather formal) a comment, especially one based on sth you have seen, heard or read: ▪ He began by making a few general observations about the report.  
**comment, remark or observation?**  
 A **comment** can be official or private. A **remark** can be made in public or private but is always unofficial and the speaker may not have considered it carefully. An **observation** is unofficial but is usually more considered than a remark.  
 a(n) statement/comment/announcement/remark/declaration/observation **about** sth  
 a(n) statement/comment/observation **on** sth  
 a(n) **public/official** statement/comment/announcement/declaration  
 to **make** a(n) statement/comment/announcement/remark/declaration/observation  
 to **issue** a(n) statement/announcement/declaration

Example Bank:

- Editorial comment in the press tended to support the government in this matter.
- Feel free to post your comments if you have any.
- He made a few casual comments to her about her hair and now she's chopped it all off!
- Her novels were a vehicle for shrewd social comment.
- Highly critical comments have been made about the conduct of some ministers.
- His visits were the source of much comment.
- I would prefer not to pass comment before I have more information on the case.
- If you have any comments, please send them to the above address.
- KPJ officials declined comment.
- She accepted his diagnosis without comment.
- She directed all her comments at Steve.
- She made a cryptic comment about how the film mirrored her life.
- The article attracted much adverse comment.
- The attack is a sad comment on the public's understanding of mental illness.
- The minister was unavailable for comment last night.
- The school has invited comments from parents about the new curriculum.
- The spokesman was not available for comment last night.
- This idea deserves more than passing comment.
- Viewers are encouraged to phone in questions and comments.
- We have received many helpful comments from fellow-sufferers
- We welcome comments from readers.
- What she said was (a) fair comment.
- When asked about the allegations, the chairman replied 'no comment'.
- a book with critical comment on the various strands of feminism
- a general comment on the weather

Idiom: ↑no comment

**verb intransitive, transitive ~ (on/upon sth)**

to express an opinion about sth

- I don't feel I can comment on their decision.
- He refused to comment until after the trial.
- We were just commenting on how well you look.
- ~ **that...** A spokesperson commented that levels of carbon dioxide were very high.
- + **speech** 'Not his best performance,' she commented to the woman sitting next to her.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	comment
	BrE / 'kɒment/
	NAme / 'kɑ:ment/
he / she / it	comments
	BrE / 'kɒments/
	NAme / 'kɑ:ments/
past simple, past participle	commented
	BrE / 'kɒmentɪd/
	NAme / 'kɑ:mentɪd/
-ing form	commenting
	BrE / 'kɒmentɪŋ/
	NAme / 'kɑ:mentɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

**comment** verb I, T

- They commented on how well she looked.

**remark** • |formal **observe** • • **note** •

comment/remark **on** sth

comment/remark/observe **to** sb

comment/remark/observe/note **that...**

**Comment, remark or observe?** You can only use **refuse to** with **comment**:

• He refused to comment until after the trial.

✗ He refused to remark/observe until after the trial.

### Synonyms:

**comment**

note • remark • observe

These words all mean to say or write a fact or opinion.

**comment** • to express an opinion or give facts about sth: ▪ He refused to comment until after the trial.

**note** • (rather formal) to mention sth because it is important or interesting: ▪ He noted in passing that the company's record on safety issues was not good.

**remark** • to say or write what you have noticed about a situation: ▪ Critics remarked that the play was not original.

**observe** • (formal) to say or write what you have noticed about a situation: ▪ She observed that it was getting late.

**comment, remark or observe?**

If you **comment on** sth you say sth about it; if you **remark on** sth or **observe** sth, you say sth about it that you have noticed: there is often not much difference between the three. However, while you can **refuse to comment** (without **on**), you cannot 'refuse to remark' or 'refuse to observe' (without **on**): He refused to remark/observe until after the trial.

to comment/note/remark/observe **that...**

to comment on/note/remark/observe **how...**

to comment/remark **on** sth

to comment/remark/observe **to** sb

'It's long,' he commented/noted/remarked/observed

### Example Bank:

• He commented favourably on the proposals.

• He refused to comment on the proposals.

• People were commenting about her abilities.

• She commented to me that she liked it.

## comment

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **comment**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W2 AC** /'kɒmɪnt \$ 'kɑːmɪnt- BrE " AmE " noun

[Word Family: noun: ↑comment, ↑commentary; verb: ↑comment]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Late Latin; Origin: commentum, from Latin, 'invention'; from comminisci 'to invent']

1. [uncountable and countable] an opinion that you express about someone or something **SYN remark**

**comment on/about**

" his comments about asylum seekers

" He was fined for making abusive comments to the referee.

**no comment** (=used by people in public life when they do not want to answer questions)

2. [uncountable] criticism or discussion of something someone has said or done:

" The speech received much comment in the press.

3. **be a comment on something** to be a sign of the bad quality of something:

" The number of adults who cannot read is a sad comment on the quality of our schools.

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### COLLOCATIONS

#### ■ verbs

▪ **make a comment** Everyone was making appreciative comments about the delicious food.

▪ **have a comment** (=want to make a comment) Do you have any comments on that, David?

▪ **pass (a) comment** *British English* (=give an opinion) He looked at my photos but he didn't pass comment.

▪ **invite comment(s)** (=ask people to give an opinion) The website invites comments from people who visit it.

▪ **welcome comments** (=be glad to hear people's opinions) We would welcome your comments and suggestions.

▪ **receive comments** It is very helpful to receive comments from the public.

#### ■ adjectives

▪ **a brief/quick comment** I just want to make a very brief comment.

▪ **a helpful/constructive comment** (=one that helps you make progress) Pay close attention to your teacher's constructive comments.

▪ **a positive/negative comment** There were some very positive comments in the report.

▪ **a critical comment** The school has received critical comments from inspectors.

▪ **(a) fair comment** (=a criticism that is reasonable) I accepted as fair comment 90% of what he said.

▪ **a snide comment** (=unkind and made in a secret or indirect way) She made some really snide comments about you when you weren't here.

▪ **a disparaging/derogatory comment** (=criticizing someone or something in an unpleasant way) Never make disparaging comments about a colleague's work.

▪ **a scathing/damning comment** (=a very critical one) There were a lot of scathing comments about the film.

▪ **an appreciative comment** (=showing that you think something is good or nice) Appreciative comments may improve your staff's performance.

▪ **a sarcastic comment** (=in which you say the opposite of what you mean, as an unkind joke) I tried to stay calm, despite his sarcastic comments.

- **a casual comment** (=not very serious or important) I only made a casual comment about finding the work a bit boring.
- **a passing comment** (=a quick comment made without thinking about it very carefully) She got upset about a passing comment I made about her clothes.
- **a shrewd comment** (=good at judging people or situations) His newspaper article is always full of shrewd comments.
- **a wry comment** (=saying that something is bad in an amusing way) 'Perhaps the food could be improved,' was the wry comment of one prisoner.
- **a bitter comment** (=an angry one) Several pensioners passed some bitter comments.
- **a public comment** The jury are forbidden from making public comments.

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- **comment** something that you say or write in order to give your opinion: Does anyone have any comments? | Readers are invited to send in their comments and suggestions.
- **remark** something that you say: Just ignore them if they start making rude remarks. | I'm not sure what he meant by that last remark.
- **point** something that someone mentions about a subject in a discussion, argument, article etc: That's an interesting point, Steve. | He raises (=mentions) a number of important points in his paper.
- **observation** a comment in which you say what you think or have noticed about something: Karl Marx made the observation that history repeats itself first as tragedy, second as farce.
- **aside** a comment made in a low voice, that you intend only certain people to hear: 'Is that true?', she whispered in an aside to Don.
- **quip** /kwɪp/ a clever and amusing comment: She knew she should reply with some light-hearted quip.
- **dig** *informal* a comment you make to annoy or criticize someone: I'm tired of her little digs at me.
- **taunt** /tɔːnt/\$ tɒnt a comment intended to make someone angry or upset: The fans made racist taunts throughout the game.

## II. comment<sup>2</sup> S3 W3 AC BrE<sup>m</sup> AmE<sup>m</sup> verb [intransitive and transitive]

[Word Family: noun: ↑comment, ↑commentary; verb: ↑comment]

to express an opinion about someone or something **SYN** remark

**comment on**

- People were always commenting on his size.

**comment that**

- Smith's lawyer commented that the decision was 'outrageous'.

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## THESAURUS

### ■ to say something

- **say** to tell someone something, using words: 'I really ought to go,' she said. | Lauren said she'd probably be late.
- **state** to say something, especially in a definite or formal way – used in official contexts: The witness stated that he had never seen the woman before. | Please state your name and address.
- **announce** to publicly tell people about something: The chairman announced his resignation. | The results will be announced tomorrow. | We will announce the winners next Sunday. | They were announcing the train times over the loudspeaker system.
- **declare** to say something very firmly: 'My personal life is none of your business,' she declared.
- **mention** to talk about someone or something, especially without giving many details: Did Tom mention anything about what happened at school? | Your name was mentioned!
- **express** to let someone know your feelings by putting them into words: Young children often find it difficult to express their emotions.
- **comment** to say what your opinion is about someone or something: The prime minister was asked to comment on the crisis.
- **note/remark** *formal* to say that you have noticed that something is true – used especially in formal writing: We have already noted that most old people live alone. | Someone once remarked that the problem with computers is that they only give you answers.
- **add** to say something more, after what has already been said: He added that he thought it could be done fairly cheaply.
- **point out** to mention something that seems particularly important or relevant: Dr Graham points out that most children show some signs of abnormal behaviour. | It's worth pointing out that few people actually die of this disease.
- **air** to talk about your opinions, worries, or the things you disagree about: **air your views/grievances/differences**: The programme will give listeners the chance to air their views about immigration. | Workers were able to air their grievances.
- **voice** to talk publicly about your feelings or about whether you approve or disapprove of something *formal*: **voice concern/support/doubt/fears etc**: The president has already voiced his support for the proposal. | She voiced concern for the safety of the hostages.

## comment

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RANGE: **1k COMMENT** 47806

comment 19912

commentaries 752

commentary 4337

commented 3684

commenting 1366

comments 17755

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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4627 **6415**<sup>5661</sup> *vvi*

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20 **160778**<sup>24</sup> *nnu*  
6 **341130**<sup>6</sup> *jj*

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