

explanation[ˌɛkspləˈneɪʃ(ə)n] *n*

1. 1) объяснение; пояснение; разъяснение

the explanation of difficulties - разъяснение трудностей

after repeated explanations - после неоднократных объяснений

by way of explanation - в пояснение, для ясности

he said a few words by way of explanation - он коротко пояснил свою мысль

it needs no explanation that ... - нет нужды пояснять, что ...

2) объяснение, разговор, выяснение отношений

they had an explanation - они объяснились между собой, между ними произошло объяснение

2. объяснение, оправдание

legal explanation - юридическое обоснование

satisfactory explanation - удовлетворительное объяснение

in explanation of his conduct - в оправдание своего поведения

an explanation of their delay was demanded - от них потребовали объяснения причин задержки

3. толкование, истолкование

differing explanations - разные толкования

the explanation proved to be erroneous - толкование оказалось ошибочным

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ex·plan·ation [explanation explanations] *BrE* [ˌɛkspləˈneɪʃn] *NAme*[ˌɛkspləˈneɪʃn] *noun*1. **countable, uncountable** a statement, fact, or situation that tells you why sth happened; a reason given for sth

• The most likely explanation is that his plane was delayed.

• to **offer/provide an explanation**• ~ **(for sth)** I can't think of any possible explanation for his absence.• ~ **(for doing sth)** She didn't **give an** adequate **explanation** for being late.• ~ **(of sth)** The book opens with an explanation of why some drugs are banned.• ~ **(as to why...)** an explanation as to why he had left early• She left the room abruptly **without explanation**.

• 'I had to see you,' he said, by way of explanation.

2. **countable** a statement or piece of writing that tells you how sth works or makes sth easier to understand

• For a full explanation of how the machine works, turn to page 5.

• The teacher gave the children a detailed explanation of the story.

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• What explanation can you give for your appalling behaviour?

reason • **excuse** • **motive** • **grounds** • **justification** • **cause** • **pretext** • **BrE defence** • **AmE defense** • **law plea** •a/an explanation/reason/excuse/motive/grounds/justification/cause/pretext/defence **for** sththe **obvious** explanation/reason/excuse/motive/grounds/justification/cause/pretext/defence**have** a/an explanation/reason/excuse/motive/grounds/justification/cause/pretext/defenceSynonyms:**reason**

explanation • grounds • basis • excuse • motive • justification • pretext

These are all words for a cause or an explanation for sth that has happened or that sb has done.

reason • a cause or an explanation for sth that has happened or that sb has done; a fact that makes it right or fair to do sth: ▪ He said no but he didn't give a reason.**explanation** • a statement, fact or situation that tells you why sth has happened; a reason given for sth: ▪ The most likely explanation is that his plane was delayed. ◊▪ She left the room abruptly without explanation.**grounds** • (*rather formal*) a good or true reason for saying, doing or believing sth: ▪ You have no grounds for complaint.**basis** • (*rather formal*) the reason why people take a particular action: ▪ On what basis will this decision be made?**excuse** • a reason, either true or invented, that you give to explain or defend your behaviour, a good reason that you give for doing sth that you want to do for other reasons: ▪ Late again! What's your excuse this time? ◊▪ It gave me an excuse to take the car.**motive** • a reason that explains sb's behaviour ▪ There seemed to be no motive for the murder.**justification** • (*rather formal*) a good reason why sth exists or is done: ▪ I can see no possible justification for any further tax increases.**grounds or justification?****Justification** is used to talk about finding or understanding reasons for actions, or trying to explain why it is a good idea to do sth.It is often used with words like *little, no, some, every, without, and not any*. **Grounds** is used more for talking about reasons that already exist, or that have already been decided, for example by law: *moral/economic grounds*.**pretext** • (*rather formal*) a false reason that you give for doing sth, usually sth bad, in order to hide the real reason: ▪ He left the party early on the pretext of having to work.(a/an) reason/explanation/grounds/basis/excuse/motive/justification/pretext **for** sththe reason/motive **behind** sth

on the grounds/basis/pretext of/that...

(a) **good/valid** reason/explanation/grounds/excuse/motive/justification

Example Bank:

- 'I've worked with them before, you see,' he added, in explanation.
- A more credible explanation now occurred to her.
- An explanation is clearly called for.
- Another quite plausible explanation presented itself.
- He entered into a technical explanation about software and programming.
- He only offered a partial explanation for his lateness.
- He provided no explanation as to why he was late.
- Her success has been so remarkable as to defy explanation.
- I can think of one possible explanation for her behaviour.
- I had no explanation for her strange behaviour.
- I suppose you deserve an explanation.
- I think you owe me an explanation.
- It's the only explanation that makes any kind of sense.
- No further explanation is necessary.
- No single clear explanation emerged from the experiments.
- Several possible explanations exist.
- She launched into a detailed explanation of every aspect of her work.
- She left suddenly and without explanation.
- She wrote to the company demanding an explanation.
- The causal explanation must be that old age causes poverty, not that poverty causes people to be old.
- The men left quickly with no attempt at explanation.
- The simplest explanation for his achievements lies in his greater ability and superiority over his contemporaries at college.
- There is no generally accepted explanation of this practice.
- There is probably some perfectly logical explanation for their absence.
- There was no apparent explanation for the attack.
- There's sure to be a perfectly innocent explanation for all this— though I admit it looks bizarre.
- We are still waiting for a full explanation from the teacher concerned.
- one explanation advanced by Marxist historians
- post hoc explanations of historical changes that would have made no sense to anyone living at the time
- the common explanations for cancer
- He gave a somewhat confused explanation as to why he had left early.
- I can't think of any possible explanation for his absence.
- She didn't give an adequate explanation for being late.
- She left the room abruptly without explanation.

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ex **pl** **na** **tion** **S3** **W2** /ˌɛkspləˈneɪʃən/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun**

[Word Family: **adjective**: ↑unexplained, ↑explanatory, ↑explicable ≠ ↑inexplicable; **noun**: explaining, ↑explanation; **verb**: ↑explain; **adverb**: ↑inexplicably]

1. [**uncountable and countable**] the reasons you give for why something happened or why you did something

explanation of/for

" Can you think of any explanation for this failure?

without explanation

" The concert was cancelled without explanation.

2. [**countable**] a statement or piece of writing intended to describe how something works or make something easier to understand

provide/give an explanation

" The ability to give clear explanations is the most important quality of the ideal teacher.

explanation of

" I'll try and give you a quick explanation of how the machine works.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **have an explanation** Does the hospital have any explanation for why he died?
- **give an explanation** The police gave no explanation for their actions.
- **provide/offer an explanation** This theory may provide an explanation for the origins of the universe.
- **ask for/demand an explanation** When I asked for an explanation, the people at the office said they didn't know. | Furious parents are demanding an explanation from the school.
- **wait for an explanation** (=expect an explanation) She continued to stare at him in silence, waiting for an explanation.
- **find/think of/come up with an explanation** Scientists have been unable to find an explanation for this phenomenon.
- **owe (somebody) an explanation** I think you owe me some kind of explanation.
- **accept an explanation** (=believe that it is true or correct) The court accepted her explanation.
- **need/require an explanation** We think the minister's decision requires an explanation.

■ adjectives

- **a possible explanation** Can anyone think of a possible explanation for why this is happening?
- **the most likely/probable explanation** (=one that is probably true) The most likely explanation is that John missed the bus. |

The most probable explanation is that the water was contaminated.

- **an obvious explanation** (=one that is easy to see or notice) There is no obvious explanation for his strange behaviour.
- **a reasonable/plausible explanation** (=one that is easy to believe) Pilot error is the most plausible explanation for the crash.
- **a satisfactory/adequate explanation** (=one that explains something completely) A bank must offer an adequate explanation of all its charges.
- **a convincing/credible explanation** (=one that you can believe is true) The author fails to provide a convincing explanation for the main character's motives.
- **a logical/rational explanation** (=one that is based on facts) Physics finally gave us a rational explanation for the atom's strange behaviour.
- **further explanation** (=additional reasons) He gave no further explanation for leaving, and she did not ask for any.

phrases

- **there is no apparent explanation** (=used when there is no explanation that you can think of) There was no apparent explanation for the attack.

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THESAURUS

- **reason** why something happens, or why someone does something: What was the reason for the delay? | I don't know the reason why he left his last job.
- **explanation** a set of reasons that helps you to understand why something happens, especially when it seems difficult to understand: There are various possible explanations for climate change. | Is there any explanation for his behavior?
- **motive** a reason that makes someone decide to do something – often used about crimes: Police say that there is no obvious motive for the attack.
- **justification** a good reason for doing something that seems wrong: There is never any justification for torture or abuse. | They try to use the situation in the Middle East as a justification for killing innocent civilians. | There's no justification for this type of behaviour.
- **grounds** a reason that makes it right or fair to do something, especially according to legal, official, or moral rules: The court will decide if she has grounds for divorce. | They claim the war is justified on moral grounds (=because of moral reasons).
- **basis** the main ideas or reasons on which something is based: The doctor makes his decisions purely on the basis of clinical observation. | What do you think is the basis for this advice?
- **rationale** /,ræʃə'nɑːl/\$ -'næəl/ *formal* a set of reasons that are used to explain why someone does something in a particular way: the rationale behind the government's economic reforms | This chapter explains the nature of yearly plans, and provides a rationale for their use.

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