

complain[kəmˈpleɪn] *v*

1. жаловаться; выражать недовольство

he is always complaining - он всегда недоволен /жалуется/

to complain of the food - быть недовольным питанием

we have nothing to complain about - нам не на что жаловаться

2. *юр.*1) подавать жалобу, иск; возбуждать уголовное дело (*против кого-л.*)

she complained to the police about her neighbours - она пожаловалась в полицию на своих соседей

2) *ком.* подавать рекламацию или претензию (*на низкое качество продукции*)3. *поэт.* жалобно стонать, стенать**complain**

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com·plain [complain complains complained complaining] *BrE* [kəmˈpleɪn]*NAmE* [kəmˈpleɪn] *verb intransitive, transitive*

to say that you are annoyed, unhappy or not satisfied about sb/sth

• ~ (to sb) (about/of sth) I'm going to complain to the manager about this.

• The defendant complained of intimidation during the investigation.

• She never complains, but she's obviously exhausted.

• (*informal*) 'How are you?' 'Oh, I can't complain (= I'm all right) .'• ~ (that)... He **complained bitterly** that he had been unfairly treated.• + **speech** 'It's not fair,' she complained.Derived ↑complain of somethingVerb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	complain
	<i>BrE</i> /kəmˈpleɪn/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kəmˈpleɪn/
he / she / it	complains
	<i>BrE</i> /kəmˈpleɪnz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kəmˈpleɪnz/
past simple, past participle	complained
	<i>BrE</i> /kəmˈpleɪnd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kəmˈpleɪnd/
-ing form	complaining
	<i>BrE</i> /kəmˈpleɪnɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kəmˈpleɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:late Middle English: from Old French *complaindre*, from medieval Latin *complangere* 'bewail', from Latin *com-* (expressing intensive force) + *plangere* 'to lament'.Thesaurus:**complain** *verb I, T*

• He complained that he had been unfairly treated.

protest • **object** • **disapproving grumble** • **whine** • **carp** • **informal, disapproving moan** •complain/protest/grumble/whine/carp/moan **about** sthcomplain/protest/grumble/moan **at** sthcomplain/protest/object/grumble/whine/moan **that...**Synonyms:**complain**

protest • object • grumble • moan • whine

These words all mean to say that you are annoyed, unhappy or not satisfied about sb/sth.

complain • to say that you are annoyed, unhappy or not satisfied about sb/sth: ▫ I'm going to complain to the manager about this.**protest** • to say or do sth to show that you disagree with or disapprove of sth, especially publicly; to give sth as a reason for protesting: ▫ Students took to the streets to protest against the decision.**object** • to say that you disagree with or disapprove of sth; to give sth as a reason for objecting: ▫ If nobody objects, we'll postpone the meeting till next week. ◇ ▫ He objected that the police had arrested him without sufficient evidence.**grumble** • (*rather informal, disapproving*) to complain about sb/sth in a bad-tempered way: ▫ They kept grumbling that they were cold.**moan** • (*BrE, rather informal, disapproving*) to complain about sb/sth in an annoying way: ▫ What are you moaning on about now?**whine** • (*rather informal, disapproving*) to complain in an annoying, crying voice: ▫ Stop whining! ◇ ▫ 'I want to go home,' whined Toby.**Whine** is often used to talk about the way that young children complain.to complain/protest/grumble/moan/whine **about** sthto complain/protest/grumble/moan **at** sthto complain/protest/object/grumble/moan/whine **to** sbto complain/protest/object/grumble/moan/whine **that...**Example Bank:

- All the guests complained about the noise.
- He really has no right to complain.
- I'm going to complain to the authorities about this!
- It was entirely my own idea, so I can hardly complain.
- She complained at the unfairness of it all.
- She complained bitterly about the lack of help she received.
- 'How are you?' 'Oh, I can't complain.'
- 'It's not fair,' she complained.
- She never complains, but she's obviously exhausted.

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complain **S2 W3** /kəm'pleɪn/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: complaindre, from Vulgar Latin complangere, from Latin com- (⇒ COM-) + plangere (PLAINT)]

1. **[I, T not in passive]** to say that you are annoyed, not satisfied, or unhappy about something or someone ⇒ **complaint**:

Residents are complaining because traffic in the area has increased.

'You never ask my opinion about anything,' Rod complained.

complain (that)

She complained that no one had been at the airport to meet her.

complain about

She often complains about not feeling appreciated at work.

complain of

Several women have complained of sexual harassment.

complain to

Neighbours complained to the police about the dogs barking.

Employees complained bitterly about working conditions.

2. **(I/you/he etc) can't complain** *spoken* used to say that a situation is satisfactory, even though there may be a few problems:

I make a good living. I can't complain.

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COLLOCATIONS

adverbs

- **complain bitterly** (=in a very angry way) My grandfather's always complaining bitterly about how expensive things are.
- **complain loudly** The kids were complaining loudly about the heat.
- **constantly complain** She was constantly complaining about her job.

phrases

- **have the right to complain** You have the right to complain if you're not satisfied with the service you're getting.
- **have (good) reason to complain** We felt we had good reason to complain about the food at the hotel.
- **have little/no reason to complain** The school is good and parents have little reason to complain.
- **have cause to complain** Patients sometimes have cause to complain about the hospital treatment they receive.
- **be in a position to complain** (=have a good reason to complain) If you feel you are bullied at work, you are certainly in a position to complain.
- **be the first to complain** (=be quick to complain) He's the first to complain if he thinks something is unfair.

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THESAURUS

- **complain** to say that you are annoyed, unhappy, or not satisfied about something or someone: Several customers complained about the service they received. | 'I wish you'd stop telling me what to do,' she complained.
- **make a complaint** to formally complain about something to someone in authority: His parents made a complaint to the head teacher.
- **protest** to complain about something that you think is wrong, especially publicly: Demonstrators were protesting against the war.
- **object** to say that you oppose or disapprove of something: Local residents have objected to the plan. | Some teachers objected to the scheme.
- **grumble** to keep complaining in a bad-tempered way about something: Rail travellers have been grumbling about the increase in ticket prices. | What's he grumbling about now?
- **moan/whine** *informal* (also **whinge** /wɪndʒ/ *British English informal*) to keep complaining in an annoying way: Everyone was moaning about the hotel food. | Stop whingeing and get on with your work!
- **kick up/make a fuss** to complain or become angry about something, especially something that is not very important: The soup wasn't hot enough, but he didn't want to make a fuss. | He kicked up such a fuss that they were offered another room.

complain of something *phrasal verb formal*

to say that you feel ill or have a pain in a part of your body:

Dan's been complaining of severe headaches.

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