

**criticize**

['kɹɪtɪsaɪz] v

- критиковать  
to criticize an author [a play, a picture] - критиковать автора /писателя/ [пьесу, картину]
- осуждать, порицать; давать отрицательную оценку

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**criti-cize** (BrE also -ise) [**criticize criticizes criticized criticizing**] BrE ['kɹɪtɪsaɪz]

" NAmE ['kɹɪtɪsaɪz] " verb

- intransitive, transitive** to say that you disapprove of sb/sth; to say what you do not like or think is wrong about sb/sth
  - All you ever do is criticize!
  - ~ **sb/sth** The decision was criticized by environmental groups.
  - ~ **sb/sth for sth** The government has been criticized for not taking the problem seriously.

**Opp:** ↑praise

- transitive ~ sth** (BrE) to judge the good and bad qualities of sth
  - We were taught how to criticize poems.

See also: ↑-ise

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	criticize
	BrE / 'kɹɪtɪsaɪz/
	NAmE / 'kɹɪtɪsaɪz/
he / she / it	criticizes
	BrE / 'kɹɪtɪsaɪzɪz/
	NAmE / 'kɹɪtɪsaɪzɪz/
past simple, past participle	criticized
	BrE / 'kɹɪtɪsaɪzd/
	NAmE / 'kɹɪtɪsaɪzd/
-ing form	criticizing
	BrE / 'kɹɪtɪsaɪzɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'kɹɪtɪsaɪzɪŋ/

**Thesaurus:****criticize** (BrE also -ise) verb T, I

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**attack** • **condemn** • **denounce** • **blame** • |formal **censure** • **castigate** • **rebuke** •**Opp:** praise

- criticize/attack/condemn/denounce/blame/censure/castigate/rebuke sb/sth **for sth**
- criticize/attack/condemn/denounce/blame/censure the **government/president**
- criticize/attack/condemn/denounce/censure a **decision**

**Example Bank:**

- She has openly criticized the government
- The film was criticized on the grounds that it glorifies violence.
- The law was widely criticized as racist.
- Their record on human rights has been justifiably criticized.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**criti-cize** W3 BrE " AmE " (also **criticise** British English) /'kɹɪtɪsaɪz, 'kɹɪtɪsaɪz/ verb

[Word Family: noun: ↑critic, ↑criticism; verb: ↑criticize; adverb: ↑critically ≠ ↑uncritically; adjective: ↑critical ≠ ↑uncritical]

- [**intransitive and transitive**] to express your disapproval of someone or something, or to talk about their faults **OPP praise:**  
Ron does nothing but criticize and complain all the time.

**be strongly/sharply/heavily criticized**

- The decision has been strongly criticized by teachers.
- The new law has been widely criticized.

**criticize somebody/something for (doing) something**

- He has been criticized for incompetence.
- Doctors have criticized the government for failing to invest enough in the health service.

**criticize somebody/something as something**

- The report has been criticized as inaccurate and incomplete.

- [**transitive**] **formal** to express judgments about the good and bad qualities of something:

- We look at each other's work and criticize it.

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**COLLOCATIONS**

## ■ adverbs

- strongly/severely/heavily criticize somebody/something** Public transport has been severely criticized in the report.
- sharply/harshly/fiercely criticize somebody/something (=in an angry way)** His attorney sharply criticized the police yesterday.
- be widely criticized** The proposal was widely criticized.
- publicly criticize somebody/something** The head coach publicly criticized the referee's decision.

- **roundly criticize somebody/something** (=strongly and severely) Their research has been roundly criticized.
- **openly criticize somebody/something** (=in a public and direct way) They openly criticized the government's handling of the crisis.
- **repeatedly /frequently/constantly criticize** The fashion industry is frequently criticized for presenting extremely thin models as beautiful.

### ■ phrases

- **be quick to criticize somebody/something** Some groups were quick to criticize the President.
- **criticize somebody/something on the grounds that** (=for the reason that) The survey was criticized on the grounds that the sample was too small.

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### THESAURUS

- **criticize** to say what you think is bad about someone or something: He was criticized for not being tough enough with the terrorists. | Stop criticizing my friends! | It's easy to criticize, but not so easy to offer helpful solutions.
- **be critical of somebody/something** to criticize someone or something, especially by giving detailed reasons for this: The report was highly critical of the police investigation. | The press have been critical of his leadership style.
- **attack** to criticize someone or something very strongly, especially publicly in the newspapers, on TV etc: They attacked the government's decision to undertake nuclear weapons tests.
- **lay into somebody/tear into somebody** to criticize someone very strongly for something they have done, especially by shouting at them: He started laying into one of his staff for being late.
- **tear somebody/something to shreds** to find a lot of things wrong with someone's arguments or ideas and make them seem very weak: The prosecution will tear him to shreds.
- **pan** to strongly criticize a film, play etc in the newspapers, on TV etc: Her first movie was panned by the critics.
- **be pilloried** *especially written* to be strongly criticized by a lot of people in the newspapers, on TV etc: He was pilloried in the right-wing press.
- **condemn** to say very strongly in public that you do not approve of something or someone, especially because you think they are morally wrong: Politicians were quick to condemn the bombing.

### ■ to criticize unfairly

- **find fault with somebody/something** to criticize things that you think are wrong with something, especially small and unimportant things: He's quick to find fault with other people's work.
- **pick holes in something** *informal* to criticize something by finding many small faults in it, in a way that seems unreasonable and unfair: Why are you always picking holes in my work?
- **knock** to criticize someone or something, in an unfair and unreasonable way: I know it's fashionable to knock Tony Blair, but I think he did a good job.
- **slag off** *British English informal* to criticize someone in an unfair and unpleasant way: He's always slagging you off behind your back.

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