

dignify

[ˈdɪɡnɪfaɪ] *v*

1. 1) воздавать почести, возвеличивать
- 2) возводить в достоинство, в сан
- 3) облагораживать
2. удостаивать имени; величать

he dignifies a small shop with the name of stores - он величает маленький магазинчик универмагом

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dig·ni·fy [dignify dignifies dignified dignifying] *BrE* [ˈdɪɡnɪfaɪ] ^m *NAmE*

[ˈdɪɡnɪfaɪ] ^m *verb* (dig·ni·fies, dig·ni·fy·ing, dig·ni·fied) (formal)

1. ~ **sb/sth** to make sb/sth seem impressive
 - The mayor was there to dignify the celebrations.
2. ~ **sth** to make sth appear important when it is not really
 - I'm not going to dignify his comments by reacting to them.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	dignify
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈdɪɡnɪfaɪ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈdɪɡnɪfaɪ/
he / she /it	dignifies
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈdɪɡnɪfaɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈdɪɡnɪfaɪz/
past simple, past participle	dignified
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈdɪɡnɪfaɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈdɪɡnɪfaɪd/
-ing form	dignifying
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈdɪɡnɪfaɪɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈdɪɡnɪfaɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French *dignefier*, from late Latin *dignificare*, from Latin *dignus* 'worthy'.

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dig·ni·fy /ˈdɪɡnɪfaɪ, ˈdɪɡnɪfaɪ/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *verb* (past tense and past participle **dignified**, present participle **dignifying**, third person singular **dignifies**) [transitive]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: dignifier, from Latin dignus 'deserving admiration']

to make something or someone seem better or more important than they really are, especially by using a particular word to describe them

dignify somebody/something with something

I cannot dignify him with the name 'physician'.

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