

# decry

[dɪˈkraɪ] *v*

1. открыто осуждать; порицать; поносить; хулить  
to decry the pressures of the entrance examinations - открыто критиковать напряжённую обстановку вступительных экзаменов
2. обесценивать (*валюту, особ. старые или иностранные монеты*)

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**decry** [decry decries decried decrying] *BrE* [dɪˈkraɪ] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [dɪˈkraɪ] <sup>m</sup> *verb*

(de-cries, de-cry-ing, de-cried, de-cried) ~ **sb/sth (as sth)** (formal)

to strongly criticize sb/sth, especially publicly

**Syn:** ↑condemn

- The measures were decried as useless.

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	decry
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪˈkraɪ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪˈkraɪ/
he / she /it	decries
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪˈkraɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪˈkraɪz/
past simple, past participle	decried
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪˈkraɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪˈkraɪd/
-ing form	decrying
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪˈkraɪɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪˈkraɪɪŋ/

## Word Origin:

early 17th cent. (in the sense 'decrease the value of coins by royal proclamation'): from ↑de- 'down' + ↑cry, on the pattern of French *décrier* 'cry down'.

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**de**crɪ /dɪˈkraɪ/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> *verb* (past tense and past participle **decried**, present

participle **decrying**, third person singular **decries**) [transitive]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: French; Origin: *décrier* 'to cry down']

*formal* to state publicly that you do not approve of something **SYN** condemn

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **9980**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **7958**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **8k** **DECRY** 1182

decry 325

decries 154

decried 482

decrying 221

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201 **52096**<sup>206</sup> *vv0*

117 **69213**<sup>119</sup> *vvi*