

**retort**

I

1. [rɪˈtɔ:t] *n*
  - 1) **возражение; резкий ответ**  
 the courteous retort - *шутл.* куртуазный ответ  
 in retort - а) в ответ, б) в отместку  
 a retort against the new proposal - возражение против нового предложения  
 to make an insolent retort - дерзко ответить
  - 2) **находчивый ответ, остроумная реплика**
2. [rɪˈtɔ:t] *v*
  1. **отвечать резко и остроумно**
  2. **отвечать тем же; отвечать колкостью на колкость, оскорблением на оскорбление; бить противника его же оружием**  
 to retort an argument against smb. - бить кого-л. его же доводами
  3. **опровергать**  
 to retort a charge - опровергнуть обвинение

II

1. [rɪˈtɔ:t] *n*
  1. *хим.* реторта
  2. *тех.* муфель
  3. *фото, кино* заряженная кассета
2. [rɪˈtɔ:t] *v хим.*  
 перегонять в реторте

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**re-tort** [retort retorts retorted retorting] **verb, noun** BrE [rɪˈtɔ:t] <sup>1</sup> NAmE [rɪˈtɔ:rt]

**verb**

to reply quickly to a comment, in an angry, offended or humorous way

- **+ speech** 'Don't be ridiculous!' Pat retorted angrily.
- **~ that...** Sam retorted that it was my fault as much as his.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	retort
	BrE /rɪˈtɔ:t/
	NAmE /rɪˈtɔ:rt/
he / she / it	retorts
	BrE /rɪˈtɔ:ts/
	NAmE /rɪˈtɔ:rts/
past simple, past participle	retorted
	BrE /rɪˈtɔ:tɪd/
	NAmE /rɪˈtɔ:rtɪd/
-ing form	retorting
	BrE /rɪˈtɔ:tɪŋ/
	NAmE /rɪˈtɔ:rtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

**v. and n. sense 1** late 15th cent. 'hurl back an accusation or insult' Latin **retort-** 'twisted back, cast back' **retorquere** re- 'in return' **torquere** 'to twist'

**n. sense 2** early 17th cent. French **retorte** medieval Latin **retorta** **retorquere** 'twist back'

Example Bank:

- 'How dare you!' he retorted angrily.
- 'Don't be ridiculous!' Pat retorted angrily.

**noun**



1. a quick, angry or humorous reply  
**Syn:** ↑rejoinder, **Syn:** ↑riposte  
 • She bit back (= stopped herself from making) a sharp retort.
2. a closed bottle with a long narrow bent ↑spout that is used in a laboratory for heating chemicals

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Example Bank:

- He opened his mouth to make a caustic retort.
- He was stung into an angry retort.
- Her remark drew angry retorts from the unemployed workers.

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I. **retort**<sup>1</sup> /rɪ'tɔːt/\$-ɔːrt BrE \* AmE \* verb [transitive]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of *retorquere* 'to twist back, throw back', from *torquere* 'to twist']  
to reply quickly, in an angry or humorous way:

" 'It's all your fault!' he retorted.

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THESAURUS

- **answer** to say something to someone when they have asked you a question or spoken to you: You don't have to answer the question if you don't want to. | I said hello to her, but she didn't answer.
- **reply** to answer someone. Used especially in written English to report what someone said: 'I'm so sorry,' he replied. | We asked Jane to help, but she replied that she was too busy.
- **respond** *formal* to answer someone: How do you respond to the allegation that you deliberately deceived your employers?
- **give somebody an answer** to answer someone by telling them what you have decided or giving them a piece of information they asked for: He asked me to marry him, but I didn't give him an answer straight away.
- **get back to somebody** to answer someone at a later time especially by telephoning them, usually because you need to think about their question or find out more information: She's promised to get back to me as soon as she hears any more news from the hospital.
- **retort** *written* to answer someone angrily, especially because they have annoyed you or criticized you: 'You're not afraid?' Brenda asked. 'Of course not,' he retorted angrily.

II. **retort**<sup>2</sup> BrE \* AmE \* noun [countable]

[Sense 1: Date: 1500-1600; Origin: ⇨ ↑retort<sup>1</sup>]

[Sense 2: Date: 1600-1700; Language: French; Origin: *retorte*, from Latin *retorquere* ( ⇨ ↑retort<sup>1</sup>); because of its bent shape]

1. a short angry or humorous reply:

" He was about to make a sharp retort.

2. a bottle with a long narrow bent neck, used for heating chemicals

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THESAURUS

- **answer** something you say when someone asks you a question or speaks to you: I asked if he wanted to come, but I didn't get an answer. | If you're asking me for money, the answer's no!
- **reply** an answer. Used especially in written English to report what someone said: She asked how he felt, and received the reply, 'Awful!' | 'Finished now?' 'No,' came the reply.
- **response** an answer that clearly shows your reaction to a question, suggestion etc: Wagner's responses showed that he had thought carefully about the issues. | 'Sure. Why not?' was his response to most of Billie's suggestions.
- **retort** *written* an angry answer given when someone has annoyed you or criticized you: Isabelle began an angry retort and then stopped herself.
- **comeback** a quick answer that is clever, funny, or rude: He walked out before I could think of a snappy comeback.
- **riposte** *formal* a quick and clever answer: Anna produced the perfect riposte.
- **rejoinder** *formal* a quick answer, especially a clever or rude one: If he confronts them, he'll run the risk of a sharp rejoinder.

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RANGE: **10k** RETORT <sup>1246</sup>

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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51 **107490**<sup>51</sup> *vvi*

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