

**react**

[rɪ'ækt] *v*

1. (*часто to*) реагировать; отзываться  
 children react to kind treatment - лаской можно многого добиться от детей  
 I suggested that he might help, but he did not react at all - я высказал мысль, что он мог бы помочь, но он на это никак не отозвался  
 how does your patient react to the course of treatment? - как ваш пациент реагирует на курс лечения?
2. (on, upon) влиять, действовать; воздействовать; вызывать (ответную) реакцию  
 to react upon each other - взаимодействовать  
 the applause reacted upon the orator - аплодисменты подействовали на /ободрили/ оратора
3. (against) противодействовать; оказывать сопротивление, сопротивляться, устремляться обратно *или* назад (*от чего-л.*)  
 to react against the environment - сопротивляться влиянию обстановки  
 to react against the oppressive political system - бороться против жестокой политической системы
4. *хим.* вызывать реакцию *или* вступать в реакцию
5. *воен.* отвечать (*на атаку*); оказывать сопротивление

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**react** **AW** [react reacts reacted reacting] *BrE* [rɪ'ækt] <sup>us</sup> *NAmE* [rɪ'ækt] <sup>us</sup> **verb**

1. **intransitive ~ (to sth) (by doing sth)** to change or behave in a particular way as a result of or in response to sth
  - Local residents have reacted angrily to the news.
  - I nudged her but she didn't react.
  - You never know how he is going to react.
  - The market reacted by falling a further two points.
2. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** to become ill/sick after eating, breathing, etc. a particular substance
  - People can react badly to certain food additives.
3. **intransitive ~ (with sth) | ~ (together) (chemistry)** (of substances) to experience a chemical change when coming into contact with another substance
  - Iron reacts with water and air to produce rust.
  - When an acid and an alkali react together the result is a salt and water.

Derived ↑react against somebody

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	react
	<i>BrE</i> /rɪ'ækt/
	<i>NAmE</i> /rɪ'ækt/
he / she / it	reacts
	<i>BrE</i> /rɪ'æktz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /rɪ'æktz/
past simple, past participle	reacted
	<i>BrE</i> /rɪ'æktɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /rɪ'æktɪd/
-ing form	reacting
	<i>BrE</i> /rɪ'æktɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /rɪ'æktɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 17th cent.: from ↑re- (expressing intensive force or reversal) + ↑act, originally suggested by medieval Latin **react-** 'done again', from the verb **reagere**.

Thesaurus:

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- Local residents have reacted angrily to the news.
- respond** • • **take** • • **receive** • • **meet sth with sth** • |especially written **greet** •
- react/respond **by** doing sth
- react/respond/meet sth/greet sth **with anger**
- react/receive sth/meet sth/greet sth **with dismay**
- react/respond/take sth/receive sth **well/badly**

**React or respond?** **Respond** often describes more detached, less emotional behaviour. **Respond** is used more frequently with adverbs like **immediately**, **promptly** and **quickly**; **react** is used more frequently with adverbs like **angrily**, **violently** and **strongly**.

Example Bank:

- Her family reacted with horror when she told them.
- His insensitive remarks hurt and she reacted accordingly.
- Many young people react against traditional values.
- Silicon reacts chemically like carbon.
- The committee reacted positively to the proposals.
- The government reacted by increasing taxation.
- The industry has been slow to react to these breakthroughs in technology.

- The police must be able to react swiftly in an emergency.
- people who react positively to change
- I nudged her but she didn't react.

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re **act** **S3 W3 AC** /ri'ækt/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* [intransitive]

[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑reaction, ↑reactor, ↑reactionary, ↑overreaction **verb**: ↑react, ↑overreact **adjective**: ↑reactionary, ↑reactive]

**1. BEHAVIOUR/FEELINGS** to behave in a particular way or show a particular emotion because of something that has happened or been said ⇒ **respond**

### react to

- " How did Wilson react to your idea?
- " He reacted angrily to the suggestion that he had lied.
- " She reacted very badly (=was very upset) when her parents split up.
- " You have to react quickly to circumstances.

### react by doing something

- " The government reacted by declaring all strikes illegal. ⇒ ↑overreact

**2. CHEMICALS** *technical* if a chemical substance reacts, it changes when it is mixed with another chemical substance

### react with

- " The calcium reacts with sulphur in the atmosphere.

**3. PRICES** if prices or financial markets react to something that happens, they increase or decrease in value because of it

### react to

- " Oil prices reacted sharply (=reacted a lot) to news of the crisis in the Middle East.
- " The market reacted favourably to the announcement.

**4. BECOME ILL** to become ill when a chemical or drug goes into your body, or when you eat a particular kind of food ⇒ **respond**

### react to

- " Quite a lot of children react badly to antibiotics.

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## COLLOCATIONS

### adverbs

- **react badly** (=become annoyed, upset etc) Do you react badly to criticism?
- **react angrily/violently** The Prime Minister reacted angrily to these accusations.
- **react strongly** Scott reacted strongly when he felt he was being treated unjustly.
- **react quickly/swiftly** The goalkeeper had to react quickly.
- **react differently** People react differently to stress.
- **react positively/negatively** (=with positive/negative emotions or opinions) We want versatile people who react positively to change.
- **react cautiously** (=carefully, so that you avoid danger or risk) The United States has reacted cautiously to the offer.
- **react instinctively** (=without thinking or needing to think) She reacted instinctively and reached for her gun.

**react against something** *phrasal verb*

to show that you dislike someone else's ideas or ways of doing something, by deliberately doing the opposite:

- " He reacted strongly against his religious upbringing.

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