

scold

1. [skəʊld] *n*
 1. сварливая баба; мегера, ведьма
his wife is a scold - ≅ жена постоянно его пилит
 2. сквернослов; женщина, имеющая привычку непристойно ругаться
common scold - женщина, постоянно нарушающая общественный порядок (сквернословием)
scold's bit /bridle/ - *уст.* кляп (используемый в качестве наказания за ругань)
 3. *диал.* брань, ругань; нагоняй
2. [skəʊld] *v*
 - 1) 1) журить, бранить; ругать
to scold a naughty child - (по)журить непослушного ребёнка
to scold a servant - бранить слугу
to scold smb. for smth. /for doing smth./ - ругать кого-л. за что-л.
 - 2) браниться, ругаться
to scold and grumble on the most trivial pretext - браниться и ворчать по всяким пустякам
to be more ready to laugh than to scold - быть весёлого нрава
 2. брюзжать, ворчать
to be always scolding - постоянно брюзжать
 3. *уст.* грубо и крикливо ссориться, сквернословить (*обыкн. о женщинах*)

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scold [scold scolds scolded scolding] *BrE* [skəʊld] ^ˈ *NAmE* [skoʊld] ^ˈ *verb*

transitive, intransitive ~ **sb (for sth/for doing sth) | (+ speech) (formal)**
to speak angrily to sb, especially a child, because they have done sth wrong

Syn: ↑rebuke

- He scolded them for arriving late.

Derived Word ↑scolding

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	scold
	<i>BrE</i> /skəʊld/
	<i>NAmE</i> /skoʊld/
he / she /it	scolds
	<i>BrE</i> /skəʊldz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /skoʊldz/
past simple, past participle	scolded
	<i>BrE</i> /skəʊldɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /skoʊldɪd/
-ing form	scolding
	<i>BrE</i> /skəʊldɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /skoʊldɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (as a noun): probably from Old Norse *skáld* 'skald'.

Thesaurus:

- scold** *verb* **T** (written)
- Rose scolded the child gently for her behaviour.
- especially BrE, spoken tell sb off** • |**formal rebuke** • • **reprimand** • • **chide** • • **castigate** • • **berate** • • **reproach** • |**disapproving lecture** •
- scold/tell sb off/rebuke/reprimand/chide/castigate/berate/reproach sb **for** sth
 - scold/rebuke/chide/castigate/berate/reproach **yourself**
 - scold/tell sb off/rebuke/reprimand/castigate/berate sb **severely**
 - scold/rebuke/reprimand/chide sb **gently**
- Scold or tell sb off?** There is no verb for telling sb that you disapprove of their actions that is neither formal nor informal. **Scold** is used especially in written stories; **tell sb off** is the most frequent word in spoken British English.

Example Bank:

- Rose scolded the child gently for her bad behaviour.
- 'Don't be such a baby!' he scolded.

Example Bank:

- She got a scolding from her mother

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scold /skəʊld \$ skoʊld/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [transitive]

- [Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Probably from a Scandinavian language]
- to angrily criticize someone, especially a child, about something they have done **SYN tell off.**
- ˈ Do not scold the puppy, but simply and firmly say 'no.'
 - scold somebody for (doing) something**
 - ˈ Her father scolded her for upsetting her mother.

—scolding *noun* [uncountable and countable]:

" I got a scolding from my teacher.

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In everyday English, people usually say **tell** someone **off** rather than **scold** someone:

- She told us off for making a mess.

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THESAURUS

- **reprimand** *formal* to tell someone that they have done something wrong or illegal and are being punished for it – used especially in official contexts: The police officers were officially reprimanded for their behaviour. | The Swiss authorities severely reprimanded the banks for accepting \$660million from the former Nigerian dictator Sani Abacha. | Debra remembered as a very young child being reprimanded by her father.
- **scold** *formal* if a parent, teacher, or other adult scolds a child, they talk to them angrily because they have done something wrong. **Scold** sounds rather formal and old-fashioned. In everyday English people usually say **tell somebody off**: I dreaded the thought of going home and being scolded by my father.
- **tell somebody off** to talk angrily to someone because they have done something wrong. **Tell somebody off** is more common in British English than American English: Dad told me off for getting home late.
- **give somebody a talking-to** *informal* to talk angrily to a child because they have done something wrong: The boy was giving a good talking-to and sent home.
- **lecture** to talk angrily to someone for a long time about something they have done wrong, especially in a way that they think is not necessary or fair: Stop lecturing me, will you! | He began to lecture her about her duties as a citizen.
- **rebuke** *formal* to tell someone that they should not have done something: She rebuked him for being late. | Sheerman rebuked his colleague for suggesting that he was too stupid to understand what he was saying.
- **reproach** *formal* to talk to someone in a way that shows you are disappointed at what they have done. **Reproach** sounds much gentler than criticizing someone or reprimanding them: He felt he had to reproach his friend for his excessive drinking.
- **berate** *formal* to publicly criticize someone for a long time, in a way that shows you strongly disapprove of what they have done: She berated the paper for its 'misleading front-page story.' | Kennedy berated the Eisenhower administration and its vice president Richard Nixon, during the 1960 campaign.

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