

criticism[ˈkrɪtɪsɪz(ə)m] *n*

- критика
 - slashing [violent, bitter] criticism - уничтожающая [яростная, резкая] критика
 - beneath criticism - ниже всякой критики
 - to be open to criticism - а) давать повод для критики; б) не возражать против критики
- 1) литературно-художественная критика
 - literary [drama] criticism - литературная [театральная] критика
- 2) критический разбор; критическая статья
3. *филос.* критицизм, критическая философия кантианство

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criti-cism [criticism criticisms] *BrE* [ˈkrɪtɪsɪzəm] ^u *NAmE* [ˈkrɪtɪsɪzəm] ^u **noun**

1. uncountable, countable the act of expressing disapproval of sb/sth and opinions about their faults or bad qualities; a statement showing disapproval

- The plan has attracted criticism from consumer groups.
- People in public life must always be **open to criticism** (= willing to accept being criticized) .
- Ben is very sensitive, he just can't **take criticism** .
- to offer sb **constructive criticism** (= that is meant to be helpful)
- I didn't mean it as a criticism .
- **criticisms levelled at** (= aimed at) journalists
- ~ **of sb/sth** There was **widespread criticism** of the government's handling of the disaster.
- ~ **that...** My only criticism of the house is that it is on a main road.

Opp: ↑praise

2. uncountable the work or activity of making fair, careful judgements about the good and bad qualities of sb/sth, especially books, music, etc

- literary criticism

Word Origin:

early 17th cent.: from ↑critic or Latin criticus + ↑-ism.

Thesaurus:**criticism** **noun****1. U, C**

- There is widespread criticism of the airline's fees.
- disapproval** • • **attack** • • **assault** • • **condemnation** • |formal **censure** • • **denunciation** • |informal **flak** • |AmE, informal **rap** • criticism/disapproval/condemnation/censure/denunciation of sb/sth
- criticism/an attack/condemnation/flak from sb/sth
- (a) **public** criticism/disapproval/attack/condemnation/censure/denunciation
- make** a/an criticism/attack/assault/denunciation

2. U

- a book of art/literary/music criticism
- critique** • • **review** • • **assessment** • • **evaluation** • • **appraisal** • a/an objective/careful criticism/assessment/evaluation/appraisal
- a/an **searching** criticism/critique/assessment/appraisal
- give** a/an critique/review/assessment/appraisal

Example Bank:

- Criticism centred on the lack of information provided
- Criticism was levelled at senior managers.
- He finds it hard to take criticism .
- None of what has been said should be taken to imply criticism .
- Scientists have raised strong criticisms of creationist ideas.
- She countered my criticisms by saying we had no choice in the matter.
- She made a number of valid criticisms .
- She sought to deflect criticism by blaming her family.
- Teachers need honest feedback and constructive criticism .
- The film star faced a barrage of criticism for his behaviour
- The government came under fierce criticism for its policies.
- The harshest criticism came from right-wing ideologists.
- The main criticism about the information provided is that it arrives too late.
- The proposal is open to several important criticisms .
- The report levels criticism at senior managers.
- There has been serious criticism of the teaching methods used in the school.
- They received criticism for continuing to supply the faulty goods.
- Two successive defeats have brought fresh criticism .
- We are bound to face criticism from both sides.
- We came in for some sharp criticism over this decision.
- criticisms against the Church

- criticisms against the European single currency
- to offer criticism and receive it
- Ben is very sensitive, he just can't take criticism.
- He teaches a course on textual criticism.
- I didn't mean it as a criticism.
- I don't mind a little constructive criticism, but there are limits to what I am willing to do.
- My only criticism of the house is that it is on a busy main road.
- People in public life must always be open to criticism.
- She has written several works of literary criticism.
- The book takes an unorthodox approach to art criticism.
- There have been criticisms levelled at journalists for not always looking deeply enough into certain issues.
- There was widespread criticism of the government's handling of the disaster.

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[Word Family: *noun*: ↑critic, ↑criticism; *verb*: ↑criticize; *adverb*: ↑critically ≠ ↑uncritically; *adjective*: ↑critical ≠ ↑uncritical]

1. remarks that say what you think is bad about someone or something **OPP** praise

criticism of

- " My main criticism of the scheme is that it does nothing to help families on low incomes.
- " Despite strong criticism, the new system is still in place.
- " There has been widespread criticism of the decision.
- " We try to give students constructive criticism.
- " Another criticism levelled at him was that his teaching methods were old-fashioned.
- " The government's economic strategy has attracted a lot of criticism.
- " You must learn to accept criticism.
- " Many employees find it hard to take even mild criticism.
- " His actions provoked severe criticism from civil rights groups.
- " the storm of criticism that followed his announcement

2. writing which expresses judgments about the good or bad qualities of books, films, music etc:

" literary criticism

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COLLOCATIONS

adjectives

- **strong/severe/heavy criticism** This decision attracted heavy criticism from environmental groups.
- **fierce/bitter/harsh/sharp criticism** (=involving angry feelings) The prison system has been the object of fierce criticism.
- **public criticism** As a politician, you have to get used to public criticism.
- **constructive criticism** (=aimed at improving something or someone in a helpful way) Praise and constructive criticism are both very useful.
- **widespread criticism** There was widespread criticism of his speech.
- **growing/mounting criticism** The government was faced with mounting criticism at home and abroad.
- **outspoken criticism** (=said very openly and directly) I was surprised by his outspoken criticism of the system.
- **implied criticism** (=suggested indirectly, rather than said openly) She sensed the implied criticism in his remarks.

verbs

- **draw/attract/provoke criticism** (=be criticized) The plan has drawn criticism from some groups.
- **come under criticism/come in for criticism** (=be criticized) The deal came under fierce criticism from other American airlines.
- **meet (with) criticism** (=be criticized) His theory met with harsh criticism from colleagues.
- **face criticism** He has often faced criticism in the local press.
- **accept/take criticism** (=allow it and learn from it) Very few people know how to accept criticism.
- **level criticism at somebody/something** (=aim it at someone or something) A great deal of criticism was levelled at the company.
- **single somebody out for criticism** (=to criticize one person, organization etc specifically) The goalkeeper was singled out for criticism.

phrases

- **be the subject of criticism/be subjected to criticism** (=be criticized by people) The club has been the subject of criticism since last October.
- **be open to criticism** (=be willing or able to accept it) Management have decided this and I don't think they're open to criticism.
- **be sensitive to criticism** (=to react to criticism, often in a bad way) He was highly sensitive to criticism in the press.
- **a storm/barrage of criticism** (=a lot of criticism) His comments provoked a barrage of criticism.

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