

blame

1. [bleɪm] n

1. порицание, упрёк

to deserve blame - заслуживать порицания
 to incur blame for smth. - навлекать (*на себя*) упрёк за что-л.
 his conduct is free from blame - его поведение безупречно

2. вина, ответственность

the blame is partly mine - вина частично лежит на мне
 the blame lies with me - вина лежит на мне
 where does the blame lie for his failure? - в чём причина его неудачи?
 it is small blame to you - вы не очень виноваты
 to bear the blame - нести ответственность; принять на себя вину
 to lay /to cast, to put/ the blame (for smth.) upon smb., to lay the blame at smb.'s door - возложить вину (за что-л.) на кого-л.
 to take the blame upon oneself - взять на себя вину
 to shift the blame on smb. - свалить вину на кого-л.
 to shun the blame - избегать ответственности

2. [bleɪm] v

1) обвинять, порицать; винить

who is to blame? - кто виноват?
 you are to blame - вы должны нести ответственность
 I am in no way to blame - я совершенно не виноват
 to be much to blame - быть очень виноватым
 he is entirely to blame - он целиком виноват
 to blame smb. for smth. - винить кого-л. в чём-л., возлагать вину за что-л. на кого-л.
 he cannot be blamed for it - он в этом не виновен
 she blamed herself for having committed an error - она винила себя в том, что совершила ошибку
 I have nothing to blame myself for - мне не в чем себя упрекнуть
 she blamed it on him - она считала его виновным в этом

2) (on) относить (*что-л. плохое*) за счёт чего-л.

the fire can be blamed on a short circuit - пожар произошёл от короткого замыкания
 ◇ bad workers often blame their tools - *посл.* ≅ у худого пильщика пила виновата; плохому танцору ноги мешают

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blame [blame blames blamed blaming] verb, noun BrE [bleɪm] ¹ NAmE

[bleɪm]

verb

to think or say that sb/sth is responsible for sth bad

- ~ **sb/sth (for sth)** She doesn't blame anyone for her father's death.
- A dropped cigarette is being blamed for the fire.
- ~ **sth on sb/sth** Police are blaming the accident on dangerous driving.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	blame
	BrE /ˈbleɪm/
	NAmE /ˈbleɪm/
he / she / it	blames
	BrE /ˈbleɪmz/
	NAmE /ˈbleɪmz/
past simple, past participle	blamed
	BrE /ˈbleɪmd/
	NAmE /ˈbleɪmd/
-ing form	blaming
	BrE /ˈbleɪmɪŋ/
	NAmE /ˈbleɪmɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

blame verb T

- She blamed the police for failing to respond quickly.
- **criticize** • • **attack** • • **condemn** • • **denounce** • | **formal** **censure** • • **rebuke** • • **castigate** •
- blame/criticize/attack/condemn/denounce/censure/rebuke/castigate sb/sth **for** sth
- blame/criticize/attack/condemn/denounce/censure the **government** / **president**
- blame/criticize/attack/condemn/denounce/censure/rebuke/castigate sb/sth **publicly**

Example Bank:

- A spokesman said that bad weather was partly to blame for the delay.
- Blaming the victim is characteristic of any prejudice.
- He is widely blamed for masterminding the attacks.

- I don't blame Jack for the mistake.
- The government has been widely blamed for the crisis.
- Whenever something goes wrong, everyone blames it on me.
- You can hardly blame Peter for being angry with her.
- You can't really blame them for not telling you.
- Call her if you like but don't blame me if she's angry.
- If you lose your job you'll only have yourself to blame.
- She blamed the government for failing to respond to the crisis.
- She doesn't blame anyone for her father's death.

Idioms: ↑I don't blame you ▪ ↑don't blame me ▪ ↑only have yourself to blame ▪ ↑to blame

noun uncountable ~ (for sth)

responsibility for doing sth badly or wrongly; saying that sb is responsible for sth

- to **lay/put the blame** for sth on sb
- The government will have to **take the blame** for the riots.
- Why do I always **get the blame** for everything that goes wrong?
- I'm not interested in apportioning blame for the accident (= deciding how much each person involved was responsible for it).

compare ↑credit n. (7)

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blame noun U

- He refused to take the blame for their mistakes.

responsibility • **guilt** • **fault** •

Opp: credit

the blame/responsibility/guilt for sth

accept/share/absolve sb from/shift the blame/responsibility/guilt

the blame/responsibility/guilt/fault **lies with sb**

Example Bank:

- He was absolved of all blame.
- My brother broke the window, but I got the blame.
- The blame lies with the police, who failed to act quickly enough.
- The company refused to accept any blame for the damage.
- The government must share the blame for this confusion.
- The government tried to lay the blame at the door of the unions.
- They placed the blame squarely on the doctor.
- They tried to shift the blame onto someone else.
- I'm not interested in apportioning blame for the accident.
- She put the blame on me.

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I. **blame** ¹ **S2 W3** /bleɪm/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ verb [transitive]

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: blamer, from Late Latin blasphemare; ⇒ ↑blaspheme]

1. to say or think that someone or something is responsible for something bad:

- Don't blame me – it's not my fault.
- I blame his mother. She does everything for him.

blame somebody/something for something

- Marie still blames herself for Patrick's death.
- The report blames poor safety standards for the accident.
- The decision to increase interest rates was widely blamed (=blamed by many people) for the crisis.

blame something on somebody/something

- One of the computers is broken and she's blaming it on me.
- The crash was blamed on pilot error.

2. **somebody/something is to blame (for something)** used to say that someone or something is responsible for something bad:

- Officials believe that more than one person may be to blame for the fire.

partly/largely/entirely etc to blame

- Television is partly to blame.

REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say something **is** someone's **fault**, rather than saying they **are to blame**:

- *He was to blame for the accident.* → The accident was his fault.

3. **I don't blame you/you can hardly blame him etc** *spoken* used to say that you think it was right or reasonable for someone to do what they did:

- 'She's left her husband.' 'I don't blame her, after the way he treated her.'
- You can hardly blame him for not waiting.

4. **don't blame me** *spoken* used when you are advising someone not to do something but you think that they will do it in spite of your advice:

" Buy it then, but don't blame me when it breaks down.

5. **somebody only has himself/herself to blame** *spoken* used to say that someone's problems are their own fault:

" If he fails his exams, he'll only have himself to blame.

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THESAURUS

▪ **blame** *verb* [transitive] to say or think that someone or something is responsible for something bad that has happened:

Democrats have blamed Republicans for the failure to reach an agreement. | Police blamed bad weather for a series of accidents on the roads. | For many years I blamed myself for her death. | They blamed the failure of the business on the economic downturn.

▪ **put/place/lay the blame on somebody/something** to say who or what you think is responsible for something bad that has happened, often unfairly or wrongly: Don't try to put the blame on me! | Subsequent investigations placed the blame squarely on city officials. | Farmers have laid the blame for their problems entirely on EU policies.

▪ **say it's sb's fault** *especially spoken* to say that someone is responsible for something bad that has happened: Are you saying it's my fault that we lost the game?

▪ **hold somebody responsible** to say that someone is responsible for something bad that has happened, because it was their duty to prevent it from happening: He was held personally responsible for the failure of the project.

▪ **take the rap** *informal* (also **carry the can** *British English informal*) to be blamed and punished for something that you did not do, or that someone else is also responsible for: He expects his wife to take the rap for him. | Alan's colleagues decided to let him carry the can.

II. **blame** ² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *noun* [uncountable]

responsibility for a mistake or for something bad

blame for

" Do you accept any blame for what happened?

" I always get the blame (=am blamed) for his mistakes!

" She stole the money but she's trying to put the blame on (=blame) me.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

▪ **get the blame** (=be blamed) Sam knew that if something went wrong, he'd get the blame.

▪ **take/accept/shoulder the blame** (=say that something is your fault) No one was prepared to take the blame for the disaster. | Parents must shoulder the blame if their kids behave badly.

▪ **put/pin the blame on somebody** (also **lay/place the blame on somebody** *written*) (=blame someone, especially when it is not their fault) Don't try to put the blame on me. | Everyone laid the blame for the crisis on the government.

▪ **shift the blame (onto somebody)** (=blame someone else for something you did) She always tried to shift the blame onto her brother.

▪ **apportion/assign blame** *formal* (=find someone to blame for something) He seemed to want to apportion blame for her death.

▪ **share the blame** He admitted he shared the blame for their World Cup defeat.

▪ **the blame lies with somebody** (=used to say that someone is responsible for something bad) In this case, the blame lay with the police.

■ phrases

▪ **place the blame squarely/firmly on somebody** (=blame someone in a very definite way) A military investigation placed the blame squarely on city officials.

▪ **point the finger of blame at somebody** (=say that someone is responsible for something bad) I couldn't believe it when they started pointing the finger of blame at me.

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