

# justify

[ˈdʒʌstɪfaɪ] *v*

1. оправдывать, находить оправдание

the end justifies the means - цель оправдывает средства

to justify one's behaviour - оправдывать /объяснять/ своё поведение

how can you justify this? - как ты это объяснишь?

to be justified in doing smth. - иметь основания делать что-л

his indignation is justified - его возмущение оправдано, он имеет все основания возмущаться

2. подтверждать

to justify one's hopes - оправдать надежды

to justify (as) bail - *юр.* под присягой подтвердить кредитоспособность поручителя

3. *полигр.* выключать (*строку*)

4. *арх.* отпускать грехи

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**jus·tify** *AW* [justify justifies justified justifying] *BrE* [ˈdʒʌstɪfaɪ] *NAmE*

[ˈdʒʌstɪfaɪ] *v* (jus·ti·fies, jus·ti·fy·ing, jus·ti·fied, jus·ti·fied)

1. to show that sb/sth is right or reasonable

• ~ (sb/sth) **doing sth** How can they justify paying such huge salaries?

• ~ **sth** Her success had justified the faith her teachers had put in her.

2. ~ **sth/yourself (to sb)** | ~ (sb/sth) **doing sth** to give an explanation or excuse for sth or for doing sth

**Syn:** ↑defend

• The Prime Minister has been asked to justify the decision to Parliament.

• You don't need to justify yourself to me.

3. ~ **sth (technical)** to arrange lines of printed text so that one or both edges are straight

**see** the end justifies the means **at** ↑end *n.*

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	justify
	BrE / ˈdʒʌstɪfaɪ/
	NAmE / ˈdʒʌstɪfaɪ/
he / she / it	justifies
	BrE / ˈdʒʌstɪfaɪz/
	NAmE / ˈdʒʌstɪfaɪz/
past simple, past participle	justified
	BrE / ˈdʒʌstɪfaɪd/
	NAmE / ˈdʒʌstɪfaɪd/
-ing form	justifying
	BrE / ˈdʒʌstɪfaɪɪŋ/
	NAmE / ˈdʒʌstɪfaɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the senses 'administer justice to' and 'inflict a judicial penalty on'): from Old French *justifier*, from Christian Latin *justificare* 'do justice to', from Latin *justus*, from *jus* 'law, right'.

Thesaurus:

**justify** *verb* **T**

• How can the banks justify paying such huge bonuses?

**defend** •• **explain** •• **account for sth** •

justify/defend/explain/account for sth **to** sb

justify/explain/account for **what/why/how** ...

justify/defend/explain **yourself**

justify/defend/explain/account for **sb's behaviour / a decision**

Example Bank:

- Can you really justify the destruction of such a fine old building?
- He found it very difficult to justify his decision.
- How will you justify this pay cut to your employees?
- In 1865 a letter arrived that appeared to justify her faith.
- The decision is justified on the grounds that there is no realistic alternative.
- The events that followed served to justify our earlier decision.
- The extra effort involved would go a long way in helping to justify their high price tags.
- The meagre result hardly justified the risks they took to get it.
- The university could not easily justify spending the money on this.
- the many issues that make it easy to justify the purchase
- Can you justify that accusation?
- It would be difficult for an employer to justify dismissing someone on those grounds.
- The senator made a half-hearted attempt to justify the claim.
- You don't need to justify yourself to me.

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**justify** **S3 W3 AC** /'dʒʌstəfaɪ, 'dʒʌstɪfaɪ/ *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>e</sup> *verb* (past tense and past

participle **justified**, present participle **justifying**, third person singular **justifies**) [transitive]

[Word Family: adjective: ↑justifiable ≠ ↑unjustifiable, ↑justified ≠ ↑unjustified; verb: ↑justify; noun: ↑justification; adverb: ↑justifiably ≠ ↑unjustifiably]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: justifier, from Late Latin justificare, from Latin justus; ⇨ ↑just<sup>2</sup>]

1. to give an acceptable explanation for something that other people think is unreasonable:

Ministers must appear before Parliament and justify their actions.

**justify doing something**

How can we justify spending so much money on arms?

**justify yourself** (=prove that what you are doing is reasonable)

I don't have to justify myself to you or anyone else.

2. to be a good and acceptable reason for something:

Nothing justifies murdering another human being.

3. **technical** to arrange lines of words on a page or computer screen so that they form a straight edge on both the right and left sides

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15000 **1958**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **2k** JUSTIFY 18403

justify 6243

justifiable 674

justifiably 480

justification 3567

justifications 558

justified 4682

justifies 850

justifying 790

unjustified 388

unjustifiable 117

unjustifiably 54

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

4482 **6589**<sup>5450</sup> *vvi*

730 **24333**<sup>793</sup> *vv0*