

reason**1. ['ri:z(ə)n] n**

I

1. причина; основание

the reason of eclipses - причина затмений

what is the reason of the tides? - почему бывают приливы?

what is the reason of the dew? - почему выпадает роса?

she had a reason for laughing - у неё была причина для смеха

by reason of ..., for the reason that ... - по причине того, что ..., из-за того, что ...

the scheme failed by reason of bad organization - этот план провалился из-за плохой организации

for no other reason than that I forgot - *разг.* по той простой причине, что я забыл

for reasons beyond control - по независящим обстоятельствам

with reason - с основанием, по основательным причинам

not without reason - не без основания

with good reason - с полным правом /основанием/, совершенно обоснованно

he complains with reason - у него есть основания жаловаться

2. (субъективное) основание, мотив, соображение; оправдание

for economy reasons - по соображениям экономии

for family reasons - по семейным обстоятельствам

for reasons of State - *обыкн. ирон.* по государственным соображениям

reasons for and against doing smth. - соображения за и против какого-л. поступка

to give reasons for one's preference - обосновать свой выбор

to give reasons for doing smth. - а) объяснить свои поступки; б) изложить мотивы, по которым что-л. должно быть сделано

to prove with reasons - доказать аргументами, представить резонные соображения

I saw reason to suspect him - у меня были основания подозревать его

I have good reason to fear that ... - у меня все основания /я имею полное право/ опасаться, что ...

I have good reasons for doing [for saying] this - я имею полное право поступать так [так говорить]

did he give any reason? - он привёл какие-л. доводы?; он что-нибудь привёл в своё оправдание?

give me your reasons for refusing - мотивируйте свой отказ, изложите мотивы вашего отказа

alleging as his reason that ... - мотивируя тем, что ...

the reason behind the proposal - мотивировка предложения

for reasons best known to oneself - *разг.* по каким-то таинственным соображениям

I see no reason to do this - не вижу никакой необходимости делать это

all the more reason for going /why I should go/ - (мне) тем более следует уехать

the reason why I dislike him is ... - он мне не нравится потому, что ...

3. объяснение, обоснование; мотивированное заявлениеa woman's reason *см.* woman 1reasons adduced - *юр.* мотивы постановления судаto give /to yield, to render/ (a) reason - предоставить /дать/ объяснения (*своему поведению и т. п.*)**4. лог. малая посылка (силлогизма)**

II

1. разум, интеллектpure reason - *филос.* чистый разум

only man has reason - только человек - существо разумное

2. 1) здравый рассудок (в *противоп.* сумасшествию)

bereft of reason - умалишённый

to lose one's reason - сойти с ума, помешаться

his reason failed him utterly - его рассудок совершенно помутился

he was restored to reason - к нему вернулся рассудок (*о сумасшедшем*)**2) часто *разг.* здравый смысл, благоразумие, здравомыслие**

to bring smb. to reason - образумить кого-л.

to listen to /to hear/ reason - внять доводам рассудка; прислушаться к голосу разума

to speak /to talk/ reason - говорить /судить/ здраво

you can't make him listen to reason, he will not listen to reason - он и слышать ничего не хочет, его не убедишь

there is reason in what you say - в том, что вы говорите, есть здравый смысл

contrary to reason - идущий вразрез со здравым смыслом

it is quite within reason to suggest ... - благоразумно предположить ...; здраво рассуждая, можно предположить ...

in reason - а) в разумных пределах; б) в соответствии со здравым смыслом; разумно

everything in reason - всему есть мера

to pay anything in reason - заплатить любую разумную цену

it is not in reason to expect me to ... - было бы неразумно /странно/ ожидать, что я ...

I'm willing to do anything in reason - в разумных пределах я готов сделать всё

out of all reason - чрезмерный; \cong ни в какие ворота не лезет

the price is out of all reason - это несусветная цена

it cost me a sum out of all reason - я заплатил за это бешеные деньги

it stands to reason - а) разумеется; понятно; ясно, очевидно (*в ответах*); б) здравый смысл подсказывает

it stands to reason that ... - всякому здравомыслящему человеку понятно, что ...; отсюда явно следует, что ...

as in reason - как и следовало ожидать; как и следует

as reason was - как подсказывал здравый смысл

without rhyme or reason **см.** rhyme | ◇

3. **редк.** разумный поступок; (благо)разумное поведение

it is reason, reason is - это (будет) благоразумно

it is no /not/ reason - это (будет) неразумно

it is but reason that I should rejoice - вполне понятно, что я радуюсь

2. [ˈriːz(ə)n] **v**

1. 1) размышлять, рассуждать (логически); делать выводы, умозаключать

to reason about /of, on, upon/ a subject - обдумывать что-л.; размышлять /раздумывать, рассуждать/ о каком-л. предмете

to reason from premises - делать вывод из посылок; сделать логический вывод

to reason from past experience - сделать выводы из опыта прошлого

to reason that ... - прийти к выводу, что ...

we must reason from what is probable - мы должны исходить из вероятности

I reason in this way on the matter - я прихожу к такому выводу по этому вопросу; я так рассуждаю /сужу/ об этом деле

2) мыслить

the ability to reason makes man different from animals - способность мыслить отличает человека от животного

2. обсуждать; дебатировать дискутировать; рассуждать (**вслух**)

to reason what is to be done - обсуждать, что (нужно) сделать

to reason why [how] smth. was done - рассуждать о том, почему [как] что-л. было сделано

3. 1) (with) уговаривать, урезонивать (**кого-л.**)

we reasoned with him for an hour - мы целый час его урезонивали /пытались его убедить/

2) (into) уговорить, убедить (**в чём-л.**)

to reason smb. into smth. /into doing smth./ - уговорить кого-л. сделать что-л.

to reason smb. into obedience [into accepting a proposal] - уговорить кого-л. подчиниться [принять предложение]

3) (out of) разубеждать (**в чём-л.**)

to reason smb. out of smth. /out of doing smth./ - отговорить кого-л. от чего-л.; разубедить кого-л.

to reason smb. out of his fears - убедить кого-л. в неосновательности его опасений

to reason smb. out of a false belief - убедить кого-л. в неосновательности его убеждения

4. **преим. р. р.** обосновывать, аргументировать; доказывать

to reason that ... - аргументировать /мотивировать/ тем, что ...; приводить в качестве довода то, что ...

you must reason your case a bit more - вы должны лучше обосновать /аргументировать/ свою позицию

his speech was admirably reasoned - его выступление было прекрасно аргументировано

5. (with) **усл.**, **библ.** спорить или беседовать (**с кем-л.**)

◇ their's not to reason why (*Tennyson*) - не их дело рассуждать о причинах

reason

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

rea·son [reason reasons reasoned reasoning] **noun, verb** BrE [ˈriːzɪŋ] **NAmE**

[ˈriːzɪŋ]

noun

1. countable a cause or an explanation for sth that has happened or that sb has done

- ~ **(why...)** I'd like to know the reason why you're so late.
- Give me **one good reason** why I should help you.
- ~ **(that...)** We aren't going for the **simple reason** that we can't afford it.
- ~ **(for sth)** She gave no reasons for her decision.
- ~ **(for doing sth)** I have no particular reason for doubting him.
- He said no but he didn't **give a reason** .
- **For some reason** (= one that I don't know or don't understand) we all have to come in early tomorrow.
- The man attacked me **for no apparent reason** .
- She resigned for **personal reasons** .
- **For reasons of** security the door is always kept locked.
- He wants to keep them all in his office **for reasons best known to himself** .
- people who, **for whatever reason** , are unable to support themselves
- 'Why do you want to know?' ' **No reason** ' (= I do not want to say why) .
- 'Why did she do that?' 'She must **have her reasons** ' (= secret reasons which she does not want to tell) .
- (formal) He was excused **by reason of** (= because of) his age.

2. uncountable a fact that makes it right or fair to do sth

- ~ **(to do sth)** They have reason to believe that he is lying.
- We **have every reason** (= have very good reasons) to feel optimistic .
- You have no reason to accuse him of laziness.
- ~ **(why...)** There is no reason why we should agree to this.
- ~ **(for sth/for doing sth)** This result gives us **all the more reason** for optimism.
- She complained, **with reason** (= rightly) , that she had been underpaid.

3. uncountable the power of the mind to think in a logical way, to understand and have opinions, etc

- Only human beings are capable of reason (= of thinking in a logical way, etc.) .
- to lose your reason (= become mentally ill)
- the conflict between faith and reason

4. uncountable what is possible, practical or right

- I can't get her to **listen to reason** .
- Why can't they **see reason** ?
- to be open to reason (= to be willing to accept sensible advice)

- He's looking for a job and he's willing to do anything **within reason** .

more at there's no rhyme or reason to/for sth without rhyme or reason **at** ↑rhyme _{n.}

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **reisun** (noun), **raisoner** (verb), from a variant of Latin **ratio(n-)**, from the verb **rerī** 'consider'.

Thesaurus:

reason **noun**

1. C, U

- I'd like to know the reason why you're so late.

explanation • • **motive** • • **need** • • **cause** • • **grounds** • • **basis** • • **argument** • • **case** • • **excuse** • • **justification** • • **pretext** •

(a/an) reason/explanation/motive/need/cause/grounds/basis/argument/case/excuse/justification/pretext **for** sth

the reason/motive **behind** sth

the reason/grounds/basis/argument/excuse/justification/pretext **that...**

(a) **good/valid** reason/explanation/motive/cause/grounds/argument/case/excuse/justification

give/offer (sb) a/an reason/explanation/excuse/justification/pretext

2. U

- I can't get her to listen to reason.

logic • • **rationality** • • **reasoning** •

the reason/logic/rationality **in** sth

see/defy reason/(the) logic

Language Bank:

therefore

Ways of saying 'For this reason...'

- Today's children eat more junk food and get less exercise than previous generations of children. It is not surprising, **therefore** ▪, that rates of childhood obesity are on the increase.
- Children who grow up on a diet of junk food find it difficult to change this habit later in life. It is essential, **therefore** ▪, that parents encourage healthy eating from an early age.
- Children who grow up on a diet of junk food find it difficult to change this habit later in life. **For this reason** ▪, / **This is why** ▪ it is essential that children eat healthily from an early age.
- Eating habits formed in childhood tend to continue into adult life. **Thus** ▪, the best way to prevent heart disease among adults is to encourage healthy eating from an early age.
- Eating habits formed in childhood tend to continue into adult life, **hence** ▪ the importance of encouraging healthy eating from an early age.

Language Banks at ↑because of, ↑cause, ↑consequently, ↑emphasis, ↑vital

Synonyms:

reason

explanation • **grounds** • **basis** • **excuse** • **motive** • **justification** • **pretext**

These are all words for a cause or an explanation for sth that has happened or that sb has done.

reason • a cause or an explanation for sth that has happened or that sb has done; a fact that makes it right or fair to do sth: ▪ He said no but he didn't give a reason.

explanation • a statement, fact or situation that tells you why sth has happened; a reason given for sth: ▪ The most likely explanation is that his plane was delayed. ◇▪ She left the room abruptly without explanation.

grounds • (rather formal) a good or true reason for saying, doing or believing sth: ▪ You have no grounds for complaint.

basis • (rather formal) the reason why people take a particular action: ▪ On what basis will this decision be made?

excuse • a reason, either true or invented, that you give to explain or defend your behaviour; a good reason that you give for doing sth that you want to do for other reasons: ▪ Late again! What's your excuse this time? ◇▪ It gave me an excuse to take the car.

motive • a reason that explains sb's behaviour: ▪ There seemed to be no motive for the murder.

justification • (rather formal) a good reason why sth exists or is done: ▪ I can see no possible justification for any further tax increases.

grounds or justification?

Justification is used to talk about finding or understanding reasons for actions, or trying to explain why it is a good idea to do sth. It is often used with words like **little**, **no**, **some**, **every**, **without**, and **not any**. **Grounds** is used more for talking about reasons that already exist, or that have already been decided, for example by law: **moral/economic grounds**.

pretext • (rather formal) a false reason that you give for doing sth, usually sth bad, in order to hide the real reason: ▪ He left the party early on the pretext of having to work.

(a/an) reason/explanation/grounds/basis/excuse/motive/justification/pretext **for** sth

the reason/motive **behind** sth

on the grounds/basis/pretext **of/that...**

(a) **good/valid** reason/explanation/grounds/excuse/motive/justification

Example Bank:

- For reasons of security, you are requested to keep your baggage with you at all times.
- For some odd reason, he found it really funny.
- For some unexplained reason the pilot jettisoned all his fuel shortly after take-off.
- For unknown reasons, the ship sank in the middle of the ocean.

- He got angry for no reason.
- He married her for all the wrong reasons.
- He saw many reasons to be hopeful.
- He seems to have lost all sense and reason.
- He was attacked for no apparent reason.
- He was beyond all reason.
- He was found not guilty by reason of insanity.
- I can think of several reasons why this might happen.
- I don't know why he did that, but I'm sure he had his reasons.
- I don't see any reason why you can't come with us.
- I have no reason to believe that she was lying to me.
- I know you're angry with me, and you have every reason to be.
- I tried to persuade her, but she just wouldn't listen to reason.
- I was never good at playing the trumpet for the simple reason that I never practised.
- I'll lend you the money you need— within reason, of course!
- If he's unwell, that's all the more reason to go and see him.
- In the letter she carefully set out her reasons for leaving.
- Isolation and loneliness are common reasons for depression.
- It stands to reason that she wouldn't want them to find out about her personal problems.
- It stands to reason= it is logical that she wouldn't want them to find out about her personal problems.
- It's difficult to pinpoint the reasons for her success .
- People buy things for all sorts of reasons.
- She did not tell him the real reason for her change of heart.
- She was always the voice of reason, persuading him not to buy things they couldn't afford.
- Sometimes he does things that defy reason.
- Surely there is no earthly reason why you wouldn't want to come with us?
- The company's stated reason for firing him was misconduct.
- The only reason I didn't become a professional golfer was because of my family commitments .
- The reasons for her decision soon became clear.
- The residents hope that an appeal to reason will end the rioting.
- The residents hope that an appeal to reason= asking the rioters to be reasonable will end the rioting.
- The underlying reasons for these differences will be explored in depth in the next chapter.
- There are obvious reasons against such a move.
- There is ample reason to be optimistic about the economy.
- There is an assumption that a state will protect its citizens . That is the very reason for the existence of states.
- There's no rhyme or reason to the new opening hours.
- There's no rhyme or reason= logic to the new opening hours.
- There's one big reason why this won't work: cost.
- They complained about the food, and with good reason.
- They didn't give any reason for the delay.
- This article lists the most common reasons why people pay too much tax.
- Tom's problem was that he lacked confidence; Ed failed for precisely the opposite reason.
- We are trying to uncover the reasons behind her decision.
- We possess the human faculty of reason.
- We see no reason why this band shouldn't be a huge success .
- You don't have any reason to complain.
- You have little reason to be pleased with yourself.
- You're asking me to help, and that's the exact reason I came.
- dismissal for reasons unconnected with misconduct
- people who, for whatever reason, are unable to support themselves
- persons in need of care by reason of old age
- procedures carried out for reasons of national security
- 'Why did she do that?' 'She must have her reasons ' .
- For reasons of security the door is always kept locked.
- For some reason we all have to come in early tomorrow.
- He said no but he didn't give a reason.
- He wants to keep them all in his office for reasons best known to himself.
- I can't get her to listen to reason.
- I'd like to know the reason why you're so late.
- I'm willing to do anything — within reason — to get my case heard.
- It stands to reason that people leave if you don't pay them enough.
- She complained, with reason, that she had been underpaid.
- She resigned for personal reasons.
- We aren't going for the simple reason that we can't afford it.
- Why can't they see reason?

Idiom: ↑it stands to reason

Derived ↑reason something out ▪ ↑reason with somebody

1. **transitive, intransitive ~ (that...)** | + **speech** to form a judgement or a situation by considering the facts and using your power to think in a logical way

- She reasoned that she must have left her bag on the train.
- They couldn't fire him, he reasoned. He was the only one who knew how the system worked.

2. **intransitive** to use your power to think and understand

- the human ability to reason

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	reason
	BrE / 'ri:zn/
	NAme / 'ri:zn/
he / she / it	reasons
	BrE / 'ri:znz/
	NAme / 'ri:znz/
past simple, past participle	reasoned
	BrE / 'ri:znd/
	NAme / 'ri:znd/
-ing form	reasoning
	BrE / 'ri:znɪŋ/
	NAme / 'ri:znɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- They couldn't fire him, he reasoned. He was the only one who knew how the system worked.
- They reasoned, correctly, that the enemy would not attempt an attack at night.

reason

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1. **rea|son**¹ **S1 W1** /'ri:zn/ **BrE** ^{AmE} **noun**

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑reason, ↑reasoning, ↑reasonableness; **adjective:** ↑reasonable ≠ ↑unreasonable, ↑reasoned; **verb:** ↑reason; **adverb:** ↑reasonably ≠ ↑unreasonably]

[**Date:** 1200-1300; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** raison, from Latin ratio; ⇨ ↑ratio]

1. **CAUSE** [countable] why something happens, or why someone does something

reason for

- People give different reasons for wanting to change jobs.

reason why

- We'd like to know the reason why she didn't accept the job.

reason (that)

- The reason I called was to ask about the plans for Saturday.

reason behind

- He explained the reasons behind the decision.

for reasons of something

- The bridge is closed for reasons of safety.

reason to do something

- This work gives me a reason to live.

there is no reason to do something

- There is no reason whatsoever to doubt her story.

by reason of something formal (=because of something)

- a person disqualified by reason of age

▶ Do not say 'the reason of' something. Say **the reason for** something. Do not say 'the reason because' something happens. Say **the reason why/that** something happens.

2. **GOOD OR FAIR** [uncountable] a fact that makes it right or fair for someone to do something

(no) reason to do something

- There is no reason to panic.
- She has reason to feel guilty.
- We have reason to believe that the goods were stolen.
- I know I'm late, but that's no reason to shout at me.
- Under the circumstances, we had every reason (=had very good reasons) to be suspicious.

with (good) reason (=based on something sensible)

- Natalie was alarmed by the news, and with reason.

3. **all the more reason why/to do something spoken** used to say that what has just been mentioned is an additional reason for doing what you have suggested:

- But surely that's all the more reason to act quickly.

4. **GOOD JUDGMENT** [uncountable] sensible judgment and understanding **SYN sense:**

- There's reason in what he says.
- They're not prepared to listen to reason (=be persuaded by someone's sensible advice).
- There's no way of making my grandfather see reason (=accept advice and make a sensible decision).

5. **within reason** within sensible limits:

- You can go anywhere you want, within reason.

6. **go/be beyond (all) reason** to be more than is acceptable or reasonable:

Their demands go beyond all reason.

7. **ABILITY TO THINK** [uncountable] the ability to think, understand, and form judgments that are based on facts:

the human power of reason

lose your reason *old-fashioned* (=become mentally ill)

8. **no reason spoken** used when someone asks you why you are doing something and you do not want to tell them:

'Why d'you want to go that way?' 'Oh, no reason.'

⇒ **no rhyme or reason** at ↑rhyme¹(4), ⇒ **it stands to reason** at ↑stand¹(32)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **have a reason** We had many reasons to celebrate.
- **give a reason** No reason was given for the change.
- **think of a reason/see a reason** I see no reason why it shouldn't work. | I can't think of any reason why she would want to leave.
- **explain the reasons for something** Explain the reasons for your choice.

■ adjectives

- **a good reason** There is usually a good reason why the price is so cheap.
- **the main reason** The main reason for the decline in the railways is lack of investment.
- **a major reason** (also **a big reason informal**) His personality was a major reason for his success. | A big reason for the decrease in smoking is the ban on cigarette advertising.
- **the real reason** What do you think was the real reason for their decision?
- **a valid/legitimate reason** (=a good and acceptable reason) An employer can't fire someone without a valid reason.
- **a compelling reason** (=a very good reason for doing something) There are compelling reasons to believe that this is true.
- **a simple reason** (=one that is easy to understand) I hate mobile phones, for the simple reason that it is now impossible to get away from them.
- **a logical reason** People don't always have logical reasons for the things they do.
- **the only reason** The only reason he's coming tonight is that I said you'd be here.

■ phrases

- **for legal/political/medical etc reasons** The boy cannot be named for legal reasons.
- **for security reasons** The road will be closed for security reasons.
- **for personal reasons** He resigned for personal reasons.
- **for sentimental reasons** (=because you like someone or something very much) I wanted to keep the picture for sentimental reasons.
- **for obvious reasons** This arrangement must be kept secret, for obvious reasons.
- **for no apparent reason** (=for no obvious reason) He tried to kill me for no apparent reason.
- **for some reason (or other)** (also **for some unknown reason**) (=for a reason that you do not know) For some reason she felt like crying. | For some unknown reason, the curtains were always drawn.
- **for reasons best known to somebody** (=used when you do not understand someone's behaviour) For reasons best known to herself, she decided to sell the house.
- **have your reasons** (=have a secret reason for doing something) 'Why did he marry her?' 'He must have had his reasons.'

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THESAURUS

- **reason** why something happens, or why someone does something: What was the reason for the delay? | I don't know the reason why he left his last job.
- **explanation** a set of reasons that helps you to understand why something happens, especially when it seems difficult to understand: There are various possible explanations for climate change. | Is there any explanation for his behavior?
- **motive** a reason that makes someone decide to do something – often used about crimes: Police say that there is no obvious motive for the attack.
- **justification** a good reason for doing something that seems wrong: There is never any justification for torture or abuse. | They try to use the situation in the Middle East as a justification for killing innocent civilians. | There's no justification for this type of behaviour.
- **grounds** a reason that makes it right or fair to do something, especially according to legal, official, or moral rules: The court will decide if she has grounds for divorce. | They claim the war is justified on moral grounds (=because of moral reasons).
- **basis** the main ideas or reasons on which something is based: The doctor makes his decisions purely on the basis of clinical observation. | What do you think is the basis for this advice?
- **rationale** /ˌræʃəˈneɪʃəl/ *formal* a set of reasons that are used to explain why someone does something in a particular way: the rationale behind the government's economic reforms | This chapter explains the nature of yearly plans, and provides a rationale for their use.

■ a reason that does not seem believable

- **excuse** a reason that you give to explain why you have done something bad, or not done something that you should have done – especially one that is not completely true: She said she couldn't come because she had to work late, but it was just an excuse. | a feeble excuse (=one that is hard to believe)
- **pretext** *especially written* an untrue reason that you give for doing or not doing something, in order to hide the real reason: He would often find some pretext to go out in the evening alone. | They used this as a pretext for taking military action.

II. **reason**² *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑reason, ↑reasoning, ↑reasonableness; **adjective**: ↑reasonable ≠ ↑unreasonable, ↑reasoned; **verb**: ↑reason; **adverb**: ↑reasonably ≠ ↑unreasonably]

1. [transitive] to form a particular judgment about a situation after carefully considering the facts

reason (that)

They reasoned that other businesses would soon copy the idea.

2. **[intransitive]** to think and make judgments:

the ability to reason

reason something ↔ **out** *phrasal verb*

to find an explanation or solution to a problem, by thinking of all the possibilities **SYN work out**

reason with somebody *phrasal verb*

to talk to someone in an attempt to persuade them to be more sensible:

I tried to reason with her.

reason

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