

praise**1. [preɪz] n****1. похвала**

beyond praise - выше всякой похвалы

to be worthy of great praise - быть достойным (самой) высокой похвалы

he spoke in praise of sport - он говорил о пользе спорта

2. 1) pl восхваление

to sing the praises of smb., to be lavish /loud/ in smb.'s praises - неустанно хвалить кого-л., осыпать похвалами кого-л., восхвалять кого-л., петь дифирамбы кому-л.

to sing one's own praises - заниматься самовосхвалением

2) прославление; хвалаpraise be (to God!) - **возвыш.** слава богу**3. уст.** что-л. достойное похвалы; достоинство, заслуга

◇ praise is not pudding - спасибо не пудинг - в рот не положишь; ≅ из спасибо шубы не сошьёшь

to damn with faint praise - похвалить так, что не поздоровится

2. [preɪz] v**1. 1) хвалить****2) прославлять; восхвалять; превозносить**

to praise to the skies - превозносить до небес

2. уст., диал. оценивать**praise**

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praise [praɪz praɪzɪs praɪzd praɪzɪŋ] noun, verb BrE [preɪz] NAmE [preɪz]**noun uncountable****1. (also less frequent praises plural) words that show approval of or admiration for sb/sth**

- His teachers are **full of praise for** the progress he's making.
- She wrote poems **in praise of** freedom.
- His latest movie has **won high praise from** the critics.
- We have **nothing but praise** for the way they handled the investigation.
- The team coach singled out two players for special praise.
- She left with their praises ringing in her ears.
- They always **sing his praises** (= praise him very highly).

2. the expression of worship to God

- **hymns/songs of praise**
- Praise be (to God)! (= expressing belief or joy)

see damn sb/sth with faint praise **at** ↑damn v.Word Origin:Middle English (also in the sense 'set a price on, attach value to'): from Old French **preisier 'to prize, praise'**, from late Latin **pretiare**, from Latin **pretium 'price'**. Compare with ↑prize.Thesaurus:**praise** noun U

- The movie won high praise from the critics.

credit • **acclaim** • **approval** • **admiration** • **flattery** • |informal a pat on the back • |formal adulation • **esteem** •**Opp:** criticism, (formal) **Opp:** censurepraise/credit/acclaim/approval/a pat on the back **for** (doing) sth**universal/widespread** praise/acclaim/approval**deserve** praise/credit/acclaim/a pat on the back**earn/win** praise/acclaim/approval**Praise or credit?** **Praise** describes what you actually say, for example

- Well done! That's wonderful!

Credit refers to an opinion or feeling of admiration; it can also suggest a reward

- We should give credit to the organizers.
- Credit is given in the exam for good spelling.

Example Bank:

- He was unstinting in his praise of his teacher.
- He wrote many poems in praise of his wife.
- His accomplishments won him wide public praise.
- My comment sounds like damning with faint praise.
- The French manager led the chorus of praise for the German team.
- The critics were full of praise for the film.
- The decision also won praise from local people.
- The newspapers were singing the president's praises.
- The novels have won widespread critical praise.
- The patients interviewed had nothing but praise for the hospital staff.
- The play has attracted universal praise.

- The speech earned him lavish praise from the press.
- The team's coach singled his goalkeeper out for praise.
- There were words of praise for the show's designer.
- These artists deserve praise for the clarity of their visions.
- They earned praise for their efforts.
- This book is beyond praise.
- an article heaping praise on the government
- her praise of his skill
- much joyous singing and praise to God
- His teachers are full of praise for the progress he's making.
- Praise be (to God)!
- They always sing his praises.
- hymns/songs of praise

Idiom: ↑praise somebody to the skies

verb

1. to express your approval or admiration for sb/sth

Syn: ↑compliment

- ~ **sb/sth** She praised his cooking.
 - ~ **sb/sth for sth/for doing sth** He praised his team for their performance.
 - They were praised by police for reporting the theft.
 - ~ **sb/sth as sth** Critics praised the work as highly original.
2. ~ **sb** to express your thanks to or your respect for God

- Praise the Lord.
- Allah be praised.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	praise
	BrE /preɪz/
	NAmE /preɪz/
he / she / it	praises
	BrE /preɪzɪz/
	NAmE /preɪzɪz/
past simple, past participle	praised
	BrE /preɪzd/
	NAmE /preɪzd/
-ing form	praising
	BrE /preɪzɪŋ/
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- He praised the team for their performance.

congratulate • • **compliment** • • **acclaim** • • **flatter** • |formal **applaud** • • **celebrate** • • **commend** • |especially **journalism hail** • • **rave** • |often disapproving **glorify** •

Opp: criticize

praise/congratulate/applaud/commend sb **for** (doing) sth

congratulate/compliment/commend sb **on** sth

praise/applaud/commend/hail a **decision/plan**

be **highly/widely/universally** praised/acclaimed/commended

Praise or congratulate? The object of the word **praise** can be a person, or their qualities, abilities or achievements; the object of **congratulate** must be a person:

- I praised his ability to stay calm.

✗ I congratulated his ability to stay calm. You **praise** sb you are responsible for or have authority over, but not sb who has authority over you or is your equal:

- He praised/congratulated his son/class/team.
- He congratulated his colleague on her promotion.

Example Bank:

- He praised all his staff highly.
- Her achievements in this field have been rightly praised.
- Her manager praised her to the skies.
- She repeatedly praised him and his works.
- The album has been universally praised for its creativity.
- The defeated captain was quick to praise the winning team.
- They praised him for his cooking.

praiseI. **praise**¹ /preɪz/ *BrE* ^{AmE} *verb* [transitive][Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: preisier, from Late Latin pretiare 'to value highly', from Latin pretium; ⇒ ↑price¹]1. to say that you admire and approve of someone or something, especially publicly **OPP criticize**:

" Jane was praised by her teacher.

praise somebody/something for (doing) something

" The Mayor praised the rescue teams for their courage.

" a highly praised novel

praise somebody/something to the skies (=praise someone or something very much)

2. to give thanks to God and show your respect to Him, especially by singing in a church

3. **God/Heaven be praised** (also **Praise the Lord**) used to say that you are pleased something has happened and thank God for it

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- **praise** to say that you admire and approve of someone or something, especially publicly: The film was praised by the critics when it first came out. | The report praises staff in both schools. | It's important to praise children.
- **congratulate** to tell someone that you think it is good that they have achieved something: I congratulated him on his success. | The government should be congratulated for what they have achieved.
- **compliment** to say to someone that you like how they look, or you like something they have done: She complimented me on my new hairstyle. | He complimented my cooking.
- **flatter** to praise someone in order to please them or get something from them, even though you do not mean it: He had persuaded her to buy it by flattering her and being charming. | You're just flattering me!
- **rave about something** (also **enthuse about something formal**) to talk about something you enjoy or admire in an excited way, and say that it is very good. **Rave** is rather informal, whereas **enthuse** is much more formal and is used mainly in written English: Everyone is raving about the movie. | She enthused about the joys of motherhood.
- **applaud formal** to publicly praise a decision, action, idea etc: Business leaders applauded the decision. | A spokesperson applauded the way the festival had been run.
- **commend formal** to praise someone or something, especially officially: After the battle, Andrew Jackson commended him for 'his courage and fidelity'. | The officers should be commended for their prompt action.
- **hail somebody/something as something especially written** to describe someone or something in a way that shows you have a very good opinion of them, especially in newspapers, on television reports etc: The book was hailed as a masterpiece. | Journalists and music writers hailed the band as 'the next big thing'. | He is being hailed as the new James Dean.

II. **praise**² **W3** *BrE* ^{AmE} *noun* [uncountable]1. words that you say or write in order to praise someone or something **OPP criticism**:

" It's important to give children plenty of praise and encouragement.

" Her teacher was full of praise for her work.

" His first novel received high praise.

" Gregory was singled out (= he was chosen in particular) for special praise.

" The film has won praise from audiences and critics alike.

in praise of somebody/something

" He wrote a poem in praise of his hero.

2. the expression of respect and thanks to God:

" Let us give praise unto the Lord.

" songs of praise

3. **praise be!** *old-fashioned* used when you are very pleased about something that has happened⇒ **sing sb's praises** at ↑sing(4)

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COLLOCATIONS■ **verbs**

- **give somebody praise** Give your dog plenty of praise when it behaves well.
- **get praise** His actions did not get the praise they deserved.
- **win/earn/receive praise** The trade deal won praise from the American business community.
- **deserve praise** She deserves praise for all the charity work she does.
- **be singled out for praise** (=be the one person who is praised) His work was singled out for praise by the examiners.
- **heap/lavish praise on somebody** (=praise them a lot) Ireland's manager has heaped praise on his team.
- **shower somebody with praise** (=praise them a lot) Taiwan's media lately showered praise on Li Yundi, the 18-year-old piano prodigy.

■ **adjectives**

- **high praise** (=a lot of praise) The film won high praise from critics and audiences alike.
- **special praise** My sister was constantly singled out for special praise.
- **lavish praise** (=very high praise) United's captain received lavish praise from his manager.
- **faint praise** (=comments that seem to praise someone, but in a way that does not really give them much praise) He wins faint praise as 'the only candidate with a grain of sense'.

■ **phrases**

- **be full of praise for somebody** (=praise them a lot) Captain Jones was full of praise for his men.
- **have nothing but praise for somebody/something** (=praise them a lot, especially when they have had to deal with a difficult situation) Passengers had nothing but praise for the pilot.
- **words of praise** She still had some words of praise for her ex-husband's wit and charm.

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