

characterise

characterize (BrE also -ise) [**characterize characterizes characterized characterizing**] *BrE* ['kærəktəraɪz] ^u *NAmE* ['kærəktəraɪz] ^u **verb** (formal)

1. ~ **sb/sth** to be typical of a person, place or thing
 - the rolling hills that characterize this part of England
2. ~ **sb/sth** **often passive** to give sb/sth its typical or most noticeable qualities or features
 - The city is characterized by tall modern buildings in steel and glass.
3. ~ **sb/sth (as sth)** to describe or show the qualities of sb/sth in a particular way
 - activities that are characterized as 'male' or 'female' work
 - How would you characterize the mood of the 1990s?

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	characterize
	BrE / 'kærəktəraɪz/
	NAmE / 'kærəktəraɪz/
he / she / it	characterizes
	BrE / 'kærəktəraɪzɪz/
	NAmE / 'kærəktəraɪzɪz/
past simple, past participle	characterized
	BrE / 'kærəktəraɪzɪd/
	NAmE / 'kærəktəraɪzɪd/
-ing form	characterizing
	BrE / 'kærəktəraɪzɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'kærəktəraɪzɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 16th cent. (in the sense 'engrave, inscribe'): from French **caractériser** or medieval Latin **characterizare**, from Greek **kharaktērizēin**, from **kharaktēr** 'a stamping tool'.

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a British spelling of ↑**characterize**

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characteristically 768

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characterize 2749

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characterization 1839

characterizations 414

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