

# sympathize

[ˈsɪmpəθaɪz] v (with)

1. сочувствовать, сострадать; выражать сочувствие; разделять чувства  
to sympathize with smb. - сочувствовать кому-л.; жалеть кого-л.  
she sympathizes with poor Mary - она жалеет бедную Мери, она сочувствует бедной Мери  
to sympathize with smb. in his /her/ feelings - разделять чьи-л. чувства  
I sympathize with you in your anxiety - я разделяю ваше беспокойство
2. благожелательно одобрительно относиться; симпатизировать  
to sympathize with smb.'s scheme [with smb.'s ambition] - благожелательно относиться к чьему-л. плану [к чьему-л. стремлению], одобрять чей-л. план [чьё-л. стремление]
3. согласовываться; соответствовать

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**sym·pa·thize** (BrE also -ise) [**sympathize sympathizes sympathized sympathizing**] BrE [ˈsɪmpəθaɪz] NAmE [ˈsɪmpəθaɪz] verb

1. **intransitive, transitive ~ (with sb/sth) | + speech** to feel sorry for sb; to show that you understand and feel sorry about sb's problems
  - I find it very hard to sympathize with him.
2. **intransitive ~ with sb/sth** to support sb/sth
  - He has never really sympathized with the aims of Animal Rights activists.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	sympathize
	BrE / ˈsɪmpəθaɪz/
	NAmE / ˈsɪmpəθaɪz/
he / she / it	sympathizes
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	NAmE / ˈsɪmpəθaɪzɪz/
past simple, past participle	sympathized
	BrE / ˈsɪmpəθaɪzɪd/
	NAmE / ˈsɪmpəθaɪzɪd/
-ing form	sympathizing
	BrE / ˈsɪmpəθaɪzɪŋ/
	NAmE / ˈsɪmpəθaɪzɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 16th cent. (in the sense 'suffer with another person'): from French **sympathiser**, from **sympathie** 'sympathy, friendly understanding' via Latin from Greek **sumpatheia**, from **sumpathēs**, from **sun-** 'with' + **pathos** 'feeling'.

Example Bank:

- I completely sympathize with the workers' situation.
- I entirely sympathize with this view.
- I sympathize deeply with his family.
- It is hard not to sympathize with her dilemma.
- We sympathized with the bereaved family.
- 'I've got a terrible headache.' 'I can sympathize. I had one yesterday.'
- I can really sympathize with her.
- I can really sympathize with what she's going through.
- I think we can all sympathize with her dilemma.

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**sym·pa·thize** BrE AmE (also **sympathise** British English) /ˈsɪmpəθaɪz/ verb

[intransitive]

[Word Family: noun: ↑sympathy, ↑sympathizer; verb: ↑sympathize; adverb: ↑sympathetically; adjective: ↑sympathetic ≠ ↑unsympathetic]

1. to feel sorry for someone because you understand their problems:

I sympathize, but I don't know how to help.

**sympathize with**

I can sympathize with those who have lost loved ones.

2. to support someone's ideas or actions

**sympathize with**

The public sympathized with the miners' strike.

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## THESAURUS

- **sympathize** (also **sympathise** British English) /ˈsɪmpəθaɪz/ to feel sad for someone because you understand their problems: It must be awful for you – I do sympathize. | He told me how difficult it was dealing with his parents, and I sympathized with him.
- **feel sorry for somebody** to feel sad for someone because they have had bad luck or are in a difficult situation: I felt really sorry for him when he lost his job. | It's his wife I feel sorry for – on her own with four kids.
- **understand** to realize how someone feels and why they behave the way they do, and be kind to them: I'm sure if you talk to him, he'll understand. | It's important to try and understand teenagers.
- **pity** to feel sad for someone because they are in a very difficult situation: The man paled when they found him guilty, and I pitied him. | I pity anyone who has to feed a family on such a low income.

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