

**refute**

[rɪ'fju:t] **v**  
 опровергать, доказывать несостоятельность  
 to refute a statement - опровергать утверждение

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**re-fute** [refute refutes refuted refuting] **BrE** [rɪ'fju:t] **NAmE** [rɪ'fju:t] **verb**  
 (formal)

1. ~ **sth** to prove that sth is wrong  
**Syn:** ↑rebut  
 • to **refute an argument/a theory, etc.**
2. ~ **sth** to say that sth is not true or fair  
**Syn:** ↑deny  
 • She refutes any suggestion that she behaved unprofessionally.

Derived Words ↑refutable ▪ ↑refutation

Verb forms:

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present simple	
I / you / we / they	refute
	BrE /rɪ'fju:t/
	NAmE /rɪ'fju:t/
he / she / it	refutes
	BrE /rɪ'fju:ts/
	NAmE /rɪ'fju:ts/
past simple, past participle	refuted
	BrE /rɪ'fju:td/
	NAmE /rɪ'fju:td/
-ing form	refuting
	BrE /rɪ'fju:tɪŋ/
	NAmE /rɪ'fju:tɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. : from Latin **refutare** 'repel, rebut'.

Example Bank:

- She tried to think how to refute the argument on moral grounds.
- This study cannot provide data to confirm or refute this hypothesis.
- We may find that further research refutes the findings of the first survey.

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[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: refutare, from -futare 'to hit']

1. to prove that a statement or idea is not correct **SYN rebut**

**refute a hypothesis/a claim/an idea etc**

an attempt to refute Darwin's theories

2. to say that a statement is wrong or unfair **SYN deny**

**refute an allegation/a suggestion etc**

She refuted any allegations of malpractice.

**—refutable** **adjective**

**—refutation** /,refju'teɪʃən/ **noun** [uncountable and countable]

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