



ROOT: "iustificare" (v.).

Justify came into use in 1300 meaning 'to administer justice' and originates from the Old French *justifier* 'submit to court proceedings' (12c.). This stems from Latin *iustificare* meaning 'act justly toward'. Today, justify means to show or prove to be right or reasonable.

Type of word: verb

3 syllables: jus-ti-fy

ANTONYMS:

- Disprove
- Oppose
- Contradict
- Discredit
- Negate
- Refute

SYNONYMS:

- Explain
- Rationalise
- Vindicate
- Substantiate
- Uphold
- Sustain
- Advocate for
- Confirm

JUSTIFY

WHEN YOU ARE ASKED TO JUSTIFY :

- ENSURE YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT POINT/ARGUMENT YOU ARE MAKING
- GATHER EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT YOUR JUSTIFICATION/ARGUMENT
- TO ACCURATELY **JUSTIFY** MEANS TO EXPLICITLY PROVE WHY YOU ARE RIGHT
- REMEMBER TO ORGANISE YOUR JUSTIFICATION IN A CLEAR & METHODICAL WAY

EXAMPLES:

How can the government **justify** paying nurses so little?

She tried to **justify** her behaviour by saying that she was peer pressured.

HOW I REMEMBER THE WORD

QUOTES:

"Those who lack the courage will always find a philosophy to justify it." -Albert Camus

"You feign guilt in order to justify yourself." -Jean Racine

