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

EXAMPLES:

How can the government justify paying nurses so little?

JUSTIF

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

vindicate demonstrate give'grounds'for proofbe'good'reason'for explain attributable condone pretext give'reasons'for legitimize COSON attest confirm theodicy

vindicatory invalidate validate

validate

certification Provecertify testify excuse give reasons'for substantiate verify rationalize testify excuse account'for be'a' justification'fortudgement

account'for be'a' justification' forjudgement explicate corroborate show to be reasonable rationalization give a justification for

prove'to'be'reasonable show'just'cause'for

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