


▶ Say it: jus • ti • fy

Write it: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning	Example	
to give reasons why something is right or necessary	Most people can't <b>justify</b> spending _____ on a pair of _____.	
Forms		Family
<b>Present:</b> I/You/We/They He/She/It	justify justifies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Noun:</b> justification</li> <li>• <b>Adjective:</b> justifiable</li> <li>• <b>Adverb:</b> justifiably</li> </ul>
<b>Past:</b>	justified	
Word Partners		
• _____ why	If you come to class after the bell rings, your teacher will probably ask you to <b>justify why</b> you are late.	

**Verbal Practice**

**Talk about It** **Read** each sentence and **think** about how you would complete it.  
**Discuss** your idea with your partner using the sentence frame.  
**Listen** carefully to your partner's and classmates' ideas.  
**Write** your favorite idea in the blank.

- 1 The principal **justified** expelling the student because \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 I can **justify** spending \$30 each month on a cell phone because \_\_\_\_\_.

## Writing Practice

**Collaborate** Work with your partner to complete the sentence using the correct form of **justify** and appropriate content.

You can \_\_\_\_\_ lying to someone when \_\_\_\_\_.

**Your Turn** Work independently to complete the sentence using the correct form of **justify** and appropriate content.

I \_\_\_\_\_ turning in my assignment late by telling my teacher that \_\_\_\_\_.

**Be an Academic Author** Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **justify** in the *simple past tense*. In your second sentence, use **justify** with the modal verb *can*.

1 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### grammar tip

Modal verbs are helping verbs that give additional meaning to the main verb. *Can* often expresses ability.

She **can** justify her decision.

I **can** fix bicycles.

**Write an Academic Paragraph** Complete the paragraph using the correct form of **justify** and original content.

Is war ever justified? Pacifists are people who argue that no country can ever

\_\_\_\_\_ initiating war because it can have \_\_\_\_\_

impacts, including the death and displacement of innocent people. One powerful example

that many pacifists use to \_\_\_\_\_ their argument is the fact that

several countries have access to nuclear weapons, which could \_\_\_\_\_

millions of people and cause devastating environmental and health problems in a region

for years. However, other people argue that there are certain \_\_\_\_\_

in which it is necessary to go to war. For instance, if a country is attacked, there is a clear

need for that country to \_\_\_\_\_ itself. Do you think there are any

\_\_\_\_\_ in which war is justified?