

justify


verb

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► 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 justify spending _____ on a pair of _____.
		
Forms		Family
Present: I/You/We/They He/She/It Past:	justify justifies justified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noun: justification • Adjective: justifiable • Adverb: justifiably
Word Partners		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ why 	If you come to class after the bell rings, your teacher will probably ask you to justify why 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

_____ ① initiating war because it can have _____ ② impacts, including the death and displacement of innocent people. One powerful example that many pacifists use to _____ ③ their argument is the fact that several countries have access to nuclear weapons, which could _____ ④ millions of people and cause devastating environmental and health problems in a region for years. However, other people argue that there are certain _____ ⑤ 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 _____ ⑥ itself. Do you think there are any _____ ⑦ in which war is justified?