

# reaction

noun

► Say it: re • ac • tion **80** Write it: \_\_\_\_\_

## Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

### Meaning

what you say or do because of something that happens

*Synonym:* response

### Example

When Owen told his mother that his \_\_\_\_\_ bill was \_\_\_\_\_, her negative **reaction** was not a surprise.



### Forms

- *Singular:* reaction
- *Plural:* reactions

### Family

- *Verb:* react
- *Adjective:* reactive
- *Adverb:* reactively

### Word Partners

- immediate \_\_\_\_\_ The little girl's **immediate reaction** after dropping her lollipop was to cry.
- initial \_\_\_\_\_ When my parents told me we were moving, my **initial reaction** was to protest, but now I am excited about it.
- negative \_\_\_\_\_ Our class had a **negative reaction** to the news that there was a pop quiz.

## 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 Many people have had negative **reactions** to \_\_\_\_\_'s latest song—it's very annoying.
- 2 If I stayed out all night, my parents' **immediate reaction** would be to \_\_\_\_\_.

## Writing Practice

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

On reality shows such as \_\_\_\_\_, people like to watch the contestants' emotional \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_.

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

If I won the lottery, my initial \_\_\_\_\_ would probably be to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Be an Academic Author** Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **reaction** in the *plural form*. In your second sentence, use **reaction** in the *singular form* and include a word partner.

① \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 ② \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**grammar tip**

Count nouns name things that can be counted. Count nouns have two forms, singular and plural. To make most count nouns plural, add *-s*.

There were mixed reactions to the news.  
 He likes board games.

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

Natural disasters such as earthquakes and \_\_\_\_\_ ① are events that provoke emotional \_\_\_\_\_ ② among the public. One reason for this is that TV stations and newspapers usually show vivid \_\_\_\_\_ ③ of people affected by natural disasters. For example, some victims lose their \_\_\_\_\_ ④ or even family members. In response, people often react by donating money or \_\_\_\_\_ ⑤, even if they don't have a connection to the \_\_\_\_\_ ⑥ where a disaster occurred. People also follow the news to see the government's \_\_\_\_\_ ⑦ and how it handles the situation. A natural disaster is a shocking phenomenon, but it can also bring people together in unexpected ways.