

response

noun

▶ Say it: re • sponse

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Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meanings

1. a spoken or written answer

1. When Megan asked her _____ if she could stay out until 2:00 a.m., her mother's **response** was, "_____!"



2. how a person reacts when something happens

2. Mark's _____ **response** to seeing a _____ was to jump onto his desk.



Synonym: reaction

Forms

- **Singular:** response
- **Plural:** responses

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- **Verb:** respond
- **Adjective:** responsive

Word Partners

- emotional _____
- (my/your/his/her/our/their) immediate _____
- positive _____

Our class had an **emotional response** to the news that our teacher was retiring.

When Colleen heard some loud thunder from the storm outside, **her immediate response** was to cover her ears.

Kylee had a **positive response** when she won the contest.

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 A written **response** for class should never include _____.
- 2 An acceptable **response** to "Excuse me" is, "_____."
- 3 Some fans had emotional **responses** to the news that _____ died.
- 4 My friend _____ in **response** to the surprise birthday party that we threw for her.

Writing Practice

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

- 1 So far Tony has received several _____ to his _____ invitation.
- 2 I usually expect a positive _____ if I ask a friend to _____ with me.

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

- 1 Making sarcastic _____ in class could result in _____.
- 2 My _____ to getting straight A's would be to _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **response** with the quantifier *several*. In your second sentence, use **response** in the *singular form*.

MEANING 1 _____

 MEANING 2 _____

grammar tip

Quantifiers are words that tell us how much or how many of something there is. They usually come before the noun they describe.

I received several responses.
 This test has many questions.

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

When students turn in a major writing assignment like an essay or research report, teachers expect a well-organized, thoughtful _____ 1. If a student uses proper _____ 2 and punctuation and carefully organizes his or her ideas, that student can probably expect a positive _____ 3 and a high _____ 4 from his or her teacher. However, if a student turns in a disorganized and _____ 5 draft instead of a polished paper, that student can probably expect a _____ 6 response and a poor grade. It is important to plan out your written _____ 7 before you actually start writing—otherwise, your teacher's _____ 8 will probably be to make you rewrite everything.