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# reproach

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**re-proach** [*ri prŏch*] *verb* (*past re-proached, past participle re-proached, present participle re-proach-ing, 3rd person present singular re-proach-es*)

1. *transitive verb* **criticize somebody**: to criticize somebody for doing something wrong

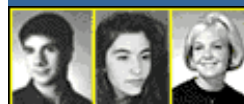
2. **feel blameworthy**: to feel ashamed because you know you have done something wrong • *There's no reason to reproach yourself, because there was nothing you could do.*

3. *transitive verb* **disgrace somebody or something**: to bring disgrace upon somebody or something (*archaic*)  
*noun* (*plural re-proach-es*)

1. **criticism**: criticism or disapproval for having done something wrong, or an expression of this

2. **something disgraceful**: something that reflects badly on somebody who has failed to improve or deal with it

3. **discredit**: shame or disgrace that somebody or something incurs • *actions that brought reproach upon his family*

[15th century. Via Old French *reprochier*Find your old friends again.  
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from assumed Vulgar Latin *repropiare* "to bring back near" (hence "to force to face up to things"), from Latin *prope* "near."]

- **re-proach-a-ble** *adjective*
- **re-proach-a-ble-ness** *noun*
- **re-proach-a-bly** *adverb*
- **re-proach-er** *noun*
- **re-proach-ing-ly** *adverb*

**above or beyond reproach** so good that no criticism can be made

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