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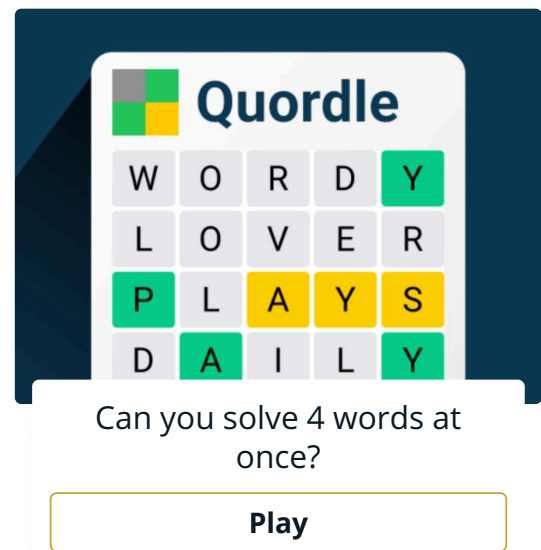
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response noun

re·sponse ri-'spän(t)s[Synonyms of response](#)

- 1 : an act of [responding](#)
- 2 : something constituting a reply or a reaction: such as
 - a : a verse, phrase, or word sung or said by the people or choir after or in reply to the officiant in a liturgical service
 - b : the activity or inhibition of previous activity of an organism or any of its parts resulting from stimulation
 - c : the output of a transducer or detecting device resulting from a given input

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ANSWER, RESPONSE, REPLY, REJOINDER, RETORT mean something spoken, written, or done in return.

ANSWER implies the satisfying of a question, demand, call, or need.

had *answers* to all their questions

RESPONSE may imply a quick or spontaneous reaction to a person or thing that serves as a stimulus.

a *response* to the call for recruits

REPLY often suggests a thorough response to all issues, points, or questions raised.

a point-by-point *reply* to the accusation

REJOINDER can be a response to a reply or to an objection.

a salesman with a quick *rejoinder* to every argument

RETORT implies a reaction to an implicit or explicit charge, criticism, or attack which contains a countercharge or counterattack.

she made a cutting *retort* to her critics



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He got a **response** to his letter.

I am writing **in response to** your letter of July 17.

When I told him my plan, I wasn't expecting such an enthusiastic **response**.

Her **response** to their decision was to threaten to quit her job.

When you knocked on the door, was there any **response**?

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When asked about Roberts' suggestion that Ohtani's at-bats were shorter on his pitching days to conserve energy, his **response** was brief.

— Fabian Ardaya, *New York Times*, 16 Oct. 2025

The **responses** to Sacks were mixed.

— Andrew Nusca, *Fortune*, 16 Oct. 2025

The Florida Bar declined to comment on its victory, referring a Miami Herald reporter to its **response** in the Supreme Court case.

— Ian Menden, *Miami Herald*, 15 Oct. 2025

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On the bots' *responses* to certain conversational topics amid mounting concern that some users are building harmful emotional attachments to chatbots.

—Jack Guy, *CNN Money*, 15 Oct. 2025

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Etymology

Middle English & Latin; Middle English *respounce*, from Anglo-French *respuns*, *respounce*, from Latin *responsum* reply, from neuter of *responsus*, past participle of *respondēre*

First Known Use

14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Time Traveler

The first known use of *response* was in the 14th century

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sensory meridian
response

call-and-
response counter-
response

direct-response frequency
response

galvanic skin
response give/make no
response

immune
response

naissance bons

hans launce

nonce sconce

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nonresponse renaissance

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- 2 : words said or sung by the people or choir in a religious service
- 3 : a reaction of a living thing to a stimulus

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: the activity or inhibition of previous activity of an organism or any of its parts resulting from stimulation

a conditioned *response*

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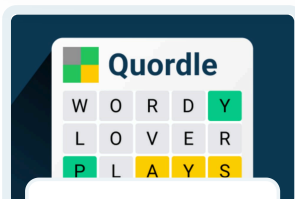
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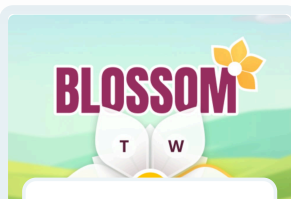
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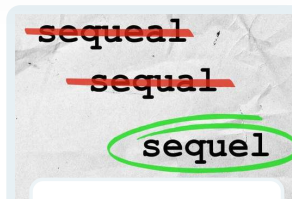
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