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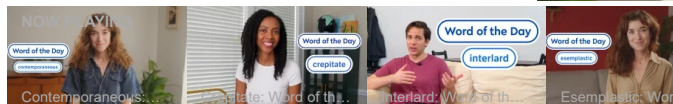
noun

- 1 an answer or reply, as in words or in some action.
Synonyms: [rejoinder](#)
- 2 *Biology.*, any behavior of a living organism that results from an external or internal stimulus.
- 3 *Ecclesiastical.*
 - a a verse, sentence, phrase, or word said or sung by the choir or congregation in reply to the officiant.
 - b [responsory](#).
- 4 *Bridge.*, a bid based on an evaluation of one's hand relative to the previous bid of one's partner.

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Other Word Forms

- **responseless** adjective
- **counterresponse** noun

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Word History and Origins

Origin of **response**¹

First recorded in 1250–1300; from Latin *respōnsum*, noun use of neuter past participle of *respondēre* “to reply, answer”; replacing Middle English *respounse*, from Middle French *respons*, from Latin, as above; [respond](#)

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Example Sentences

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The onyx bug is known for its ability to glow neon.

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