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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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(verb) up-BRAYD

Scold, reprimand.

Harold, rather forgetful of his purpose, proceeded to **upbraid** the guests in a positively violent fashion and then, when he had run out of personal ammunition, he said to Haines, 'Joe, tell them of any specific complaints that we have'.

Arnold Goodman, *Tell Them I'm On My Way*.

He would **upbraid** a waiter if the brown sugar cubes were too small, because they must have come from the bottom of the packet.

Andrew Pierce, *Telegraph*, 12 November 2007. *Telegraph*

Occasionally, he will even **upbraid** an audience for applauding in the wrong place or rattling programs, as he did in a performance of Tchaikovsky's "Pathétique" Symphony in Philadelphia in 1989.

D Wakin and J Oestreich, *The New York Times*, 3 April 2005. *New York Times*

When, pragmatically, he crosses a deserted street against the light, a motorist stops to loudly **upbraid** him; Abish, adopting local manners, shouts back, "What business is it of yours?" and is told, in an aggrieved tone, "You're wearing an eye patch. . . . your eyesight is impaired."

John Updike, *The New Yorker*, 16 February 2004. *The New Yorker*

Or they're like purists who cannot abide the misuse of semi-colons or who **upbraid** baffled Mexican waiters because the phrase "prix fixe" is misspelled "pre-fix" in the restaurant menu.

Joe Queenan, *The Guardian*, 2 October 2006. *Guardian*