

repʁehend



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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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(verb) re-pree-HEND

Criticize, censure, reprove.

After a dull day of Senatus meetings, when he would **reprehend** the plunderings by his colleagues of the College library, or frame new rules for the compulsory Sunday service in St Leonard's Kirk and the daily Prayer-hall at St Mary's, or bicker with Dr Wotherspoon, the Professor of Moral Philosophy, over the delimitations of his subject, he would find himself among his boyhood's friends, bandying queer by-names and joining in most unacademic choruses.

John Buchan, *The Free Fishers*.

"No words can be strong enough to **reprehend** your conduct, Victor."

May Agnes Fleming, *A Terrible Secret*.

"Schadenfreude" is an ugly word. It is also an emotion that all right-thinking people would deeply **reprehend**; the misfortunes of others should never be the subject of our satisfaction, even if those others are Anthea Turner or George W Bush.

Leading article, *The Independent*, 7 September 2000. The Independent

If we shadows have offended,
Think but this, and all is mended,
That you have but slumber'd here
While these visions did appear.
And this weak and idle theme,
No more yielding but a dream,
Gentles, do not **reprehend**:
if you pardon, we will mend:
And, as I am an honest Puck,
If we have unearned luck
Now to 'scape the serpent's tongue,
We will make amends ere long;
Else the Puck a liar call;
So, good night unto you all.
Give me your hands, if we be friends,

And Robin shall restore amends.

William Shakespeare, Epilogue to *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.