

Here are some of the informal and more formal phrases used to express **criticism**.

criticizing severely

give someone/something bad press
 put the boot in (*slang*)
 give someone an ear-bashing
 pull something to pieces
 pour scorn on someone/something
 give someone the rough side of your tongue
 take someone to task
 cast aspersions on

pull something to bits
 haul someone over the coals
 pick holes in something
 give someone a rap over the knuckles
 tear someone/something to shreds
 give someone stick (*slang*)
 give someone a rough time

criticism

a put-down

a dressing-down