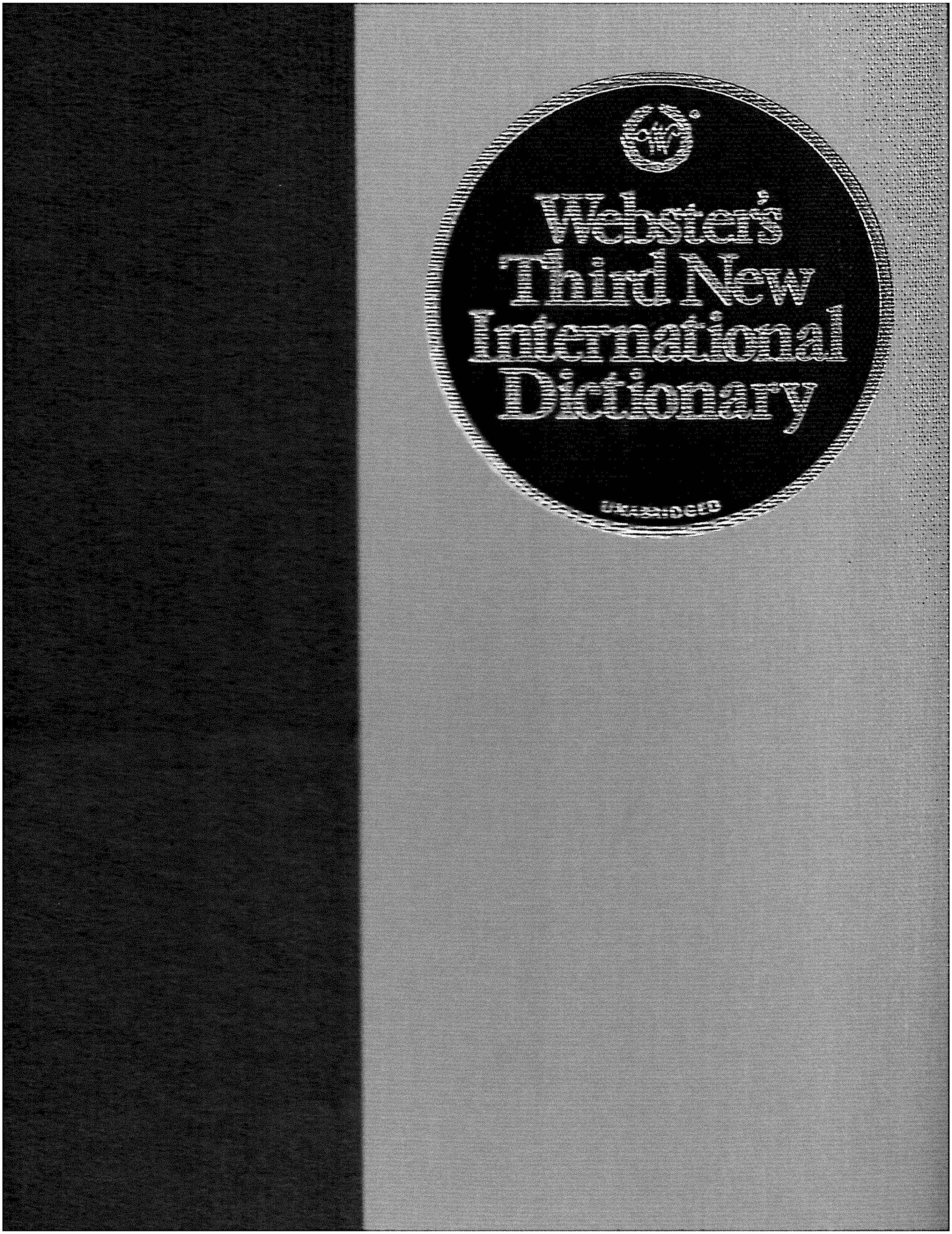
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receptacle for compressed oxygen for replenishing the oxygen in the expired air after its harmful ingredients have been chemically removed

res·pi·rom·e·try \-mə·trē\ *n* -ES [L *respirare* + E *-o-* + *-metry*] **:** the study of respiration (as cellular respiration) by means of a respirometer

^{1}**res·pite** \ˈrespə̇t *sometimes* ˈre,spī| *or* rə̇ˈspī| *or* rēˈspī|; *usu* |d·+V\ *n* -S [ME *respit*, fr. OF, fr. ML *respectus*, fr. L, act of looking back — more at RESPECT] **1 :** a putting off of that which was appointed **:** extension of time **:** POSTPONEMENT, DELAY: as **a :** temporary suspension of the execution of a capital offender **:** REPRIEVE **b :** a delay of appearance at court granted to a jury **2 :** temporary intermission of labor or of any process or operation **:** interval of rest **3** *obs* **:** delay in acting **4** *obs* **:** LEISURE, OPPORTUNITY **5 :** one that is reprieved

^{2}**respite** \"\ *vb* -ED/-ING/-S [ME *respiten*, fr. MF *respiter*, fr. ML *respectare* to respect, delay, respite, fr. L, to look back repeatedly, wait for, respect, freq. of *respicere* to look back — more at RESPECT] *vt* **1 :** to give or grant a respite to: as **a :** to delay or postpone **:** put off **b :** to keep back from execution **:** REPRIEVE **2** *archaic* **:** to desist from **:** FORBEAR, SUSPEND **3 a :** to suspend temporarily the necessity for meeting (as an obligation) or paying (a penalty) **b** *obs* **:** to relieve by a pause or interval of rest **4** *obs* **:** PROLONG ~ *vi, archaic* **:** to take a respite **:** REST

res·pite·less \-tlə̇s\ *adj* **:** having no respite

re·splend \rə̇ˈsplend, rēˈs-\ *vi* -ED/-ING/-S [ME *resplenden*, fr. L *resplendēre* — more at RESPLENDENT] **:** to shine resplendently **:** be resplendent ⟨natural moral values ~ among all other values —Dietrich von Hildebrand⟩

re·splen·dence \-dən(t)s\ *n* -S [ME, fr. LL *resplendentia*, fr. L *resplendent-, resplendens* + *-ia* -y] **:** the quality or state of being resplendent **:** brilliant luster **:** SPLENDOR

re·splen·den·cy \-dənsē, -si\ *n* -ES [LL *resplendentia*] **1 :** RESPLENDENCE **2 :** a resplendent thing (as a garment) ⟨her folds and *resplendencies* —H.L.Davis⟩

re·splen·dent \-dənt\ *adj* [L *resplendent-, resplendens*, pres. part. of *resplendēre* to shine back, fr. *re-* + *splendēre* to shine — more at SPLENDID] **:** shining brilliantly **:** LUSTROUS **syn** see SPLENDID

re·splen·dent·ly *adv* **:** in a resplendent manner **:** with resplendence

^{1}**re·spond** \rə̇ˈspänd, rēˈs-\ *n* -S [ME, fr. MF *respondre* to respond] **1 :** something sung or said after or in reply to the officiant in a liturgy **:** a response to or as if to a versicle **:** RESPONSORY **2 :** an engaged pillar supporting an arch or closing a colonnade of arcade ⟨the nave arcade will be of nine pillars and two ~*s*⟩; *also* **:** a corbel so used or a pilaster that backs up a free column **3 :** ANSWER, REPLY

^{2}**respond** \"\ *vb* -ED/-ING/-S [MF *respondre* to answer, correspond, fr. L *respondēre* to promise in return, answer, correspond, fr. *re-* + *spondēre* to promise — more at SPOUSE] *vi* **1** *archaic* **:** to correspond to or accord with something **2 :** to say something in return **:** make an answer ⟨~*ed* negatively to the question⟩: as **a :** to make a respond or response in a liturgy **b** (1) **:** to make a bid in bridge based wholly or partly on strength promised by a previous bid by one's partner (2) **:** to bid as directed by a forcing bid made by one's partner **3 :** to show some reaction to a force or stimulus ⟨the pupil of the eye ~*s* to change of light intensity⟩ **:** react in response ⟨a horse ~*ing* to kindly treatment⟩ ⟨~*ed* with rage to the insult⟩ ⟨the abscess ~*ed* well to heat treatment⟩; *often* **:** to react favorably in response ⟨is at last ~*ing* to medication⟩ **4 :** to render satisfaction **:** be answerable ~ *vt, archaic* **:** to answer to **:** correspond to **syn** see ANSWER

re·spon·de \-n,dē\ *n* -S [L, 2nd sing. imper. of *respondēre* to respond] *Scots law* **:** an entry formerly made in a book of record in chancery of a nonentry or relief duty payable by an heir taking a precept from chancery; *also* **:** the amount of the duties in such an entry

re·spon·de·at ouster \-ˌdēət-\ *n* [L *respondeat* let him make answer (3d sing. pres. subj. of *respondēre* to respond) + AF *ouster, oustre* further, beyond, alter. of OF *outre*, fr. L *ultra* — more at ULTERIOR] **:** a judgment or order used upon denial of a dilatory plea to direct the party who made it to plead to the merits

respondeat superior *n* [ML, let the superior give answer] **:** the responsibility of a principal for his agent's acts ⟨the power of control is the test of liability under the doctrine of *respondeat superior* —J.D.Johnson⟩

re·spon·dence \rə̇ˈspändən(t)s, rēˈs-\ *also* **re·spon·den·cy** \-dənsē\ *n, pl* **respondences** *also* **respondencies** [L *respondēre* to answer, correspond + E *-ence, -ency*] **:** the act of responding **:** the quality or state of being respondent **:** ANSWERING, RESPONSE; *also* **:** CORRESPONDENCE, AGREEMENT

^{1}**re·spon·dent** \-dənt\ *n* -S [L *respondent-, respondens*, pres. part. of *respondēre* to answer, correspond — more at RESPOND] **:** one that responds (as with a reply): as **a :** one that maintains a thesis in reply — distinguished from *opponent* **b** (1) **:** one that answers in various legal proceedings that are usu. not according to the course of the common law (as in equity, admiralty, ecclesiastical, or statutory cases) (2) **:** the prevailing party in the lower court — distinguished from *appellant*

^{2}**respondent** \"\ *adj* [L *respondent-, respondens*] **1** *obs* **:** serving to correspond **2 :** making response **:** ANSWERING, RESPONSIVE; *esp* **:** being a defendant or respondent at law

re·spon·den·tia \ˌrē,spänˈdench(ē)ə\ *n* -S [NL, fr. L *respondent-, respondens* + *-ia* -y; fr. the fact that it is only a personal obligation on the borrower who is bound to answer the contract] **:** a loan upon goods laden on a ship conditioned to be repaid with maritime interest only in the event of the safe arrival of some part of the goods — compare BOTTOMRY

re·spond·er \rə̇ˈspändə(r), rēˈs-\ *n* -S **:** one that responds: **a :** a person that responds (as to a question, a bid, a kindness) **b :** something that reacts responsively: as (1) **:** the main charge of an explosive that requires an initiator to set it off (2) **:** the part of a transponder that transmits a radio signal

responsa *pl of* RESPONSUM

^{1}**responsal** *adj* [ME *responsall*, fr. ML *responsalis* of a reply, answerable, fr. L *responsum* reply + *-alis* -al — more at RESPONSE] **1** *obs* **:** ANSWERABLE, RESPONSIBLE **2** *obs* **:** RESPONSIVE

^{2}**re·spon·sal** \rə̇ˈspän(t)səl, rēˈs-\ *n* -S **1** [ME, fr. ML *responsalis* of a reply] **a** *obs* **:** REPLY, ANSWER **b** *archaic* **:** a respond in a liturgy **2** [ML *responsalis*, fr. *responsalis* of a reply] *obs* **:** the respondent in a disputation **3 :** RESPONSALIS

re·spon·sa·lis \-ˌspänˈsäl̇ə̇s\ *n, pl* **responsa·les** \-ˈsä(ˌ)lās\ [LL *responsalis* (trans. of LGk *apokrisiarios*), fr. L *responsum* reply + *-alis* -al — more at RESPONSE] **:** one who gives answers as the representative of an ecclesiastic **:** APOCRISIARIUS

re·spon·sa pru·den·ti·um \-sə(ˌ)prüˈdentēəm, -dench(ē)əm\ *n pl* [LL] **:** the responses or opinions of eminent lawyers or professional jurists on legal questions addressed to them — compare OBITER DICTUM

re·spon·sa·ry \-n(t)sərē\ *n* -ES [*response* + *-ary*] **:** RESPONSORY, RESPONSE

re·sponse \rə̇ˈspän(t)s, rēˈs-\ *n* -S [ME & L; ME *respounse*, fr. MF *respons*, fr. L *responsum* reply, fr. neut. of *responsus*, past part. of *respondēre* to answer — more at RESPOND] **1 :** an act or action of responding (as by an answer) **:** a responsive or corresponding act or feeling **:** a responding to a motive force or situation **:** REACTION ⟨the sensitive and wistful ~ of a poet to the gentler phase of beauty —*Amer. Guide Series: Minn.*⟩ ⟨the ~ of a wire to the flow of electric current⟩: as **a :** a liturgical answer in the form of a verse, sentence, phrase, or word sung or said by the people or choir after or in reply to the officiant at a religious service and often indicated in liturgical books by R or ℟ **:** RESPOND, RESPONSORY; *also* **:** an anthem sung after or during a lection **b :** a supernatural answer (as by an oracle) **c** (1) **:** ANSWER 5 (2) **:** the chorus or refrain of a folk song or rhyme **d :** reply to an objection in formal disputation **e** (1) **:** activity or inhibition of previous activity of an organism or of any of its parts resulting from stimulation ⟨a motor ~⟩ ⟨a native ~⟩ (2) **:** such activity or inhibition existing in a covariant relationship with drive, cue, and reinforcement **f :** the output of a transducer or detecting device resulting from a given input; *specif* **:** the voltage output of a microphone per unit amplitude of sound pressure at the diaphragm — compare RESPONSE CURVE **g :** a bridge bid made by a player who responds **2 :** a half pier or pillar that supports an arch

response curve *n* **:** a curve graphically exhibiting the magnitude of the response of a sensitive device to a varying stimulus (as of a microphone to sounds of varying intensity)

re·sponse·less \-slə̇s\ *adj* [*response* + *-less*] **:** making no response **:** UNRESPONSIVE

re·spons·er \-sə(r)\ *n* -S [*response* + *-er*] **:** RESPONDER

re·spon·si·bil·i·ty \rə̇ˌspän(t)səˈbiləd·ē, rē,s-, -lətē, -i\ *n* -ES **1 :** the quality or state of being responsible: as **a :** moral, legal, or mental accountability ⟨assume the ~ for another's debt⟩ ⟨prove the ~ of the accused⟩ ⟨a person completely lacking in ~⟩ **b :** RELIABILITY, TRUSTWORTHINESS; *sometimes* **:** ability to pay ⟨the ~ of one seeking a loan⟩ **2 :** something for which anyone is responsible or accountable ⟨leadership carries great *responsibilities*⟩ ⟨sought relief from his ~⟩ ⟨a ~ he had never asked for⟩

^{1}**re·spon·si·ble** \-ˈspän(t)səbəl\ *adj, sometimes* -ER/-EST [L *responsus* (past part. of *respondēre* to answer, correspond) + E *-ible* — more at RESPOND] **1** *obs* **:** CORRESPONDENT, ACCORDANT **2 a :** likely to be called upon to answer ⟨a man is ~ for his acts⟩ **b :** answerable as the primary cause, motive, or agent whether of evil or good **:** creditable or chargeable with the result — used with *for* ⟨~ for her injury⟩ ⟨a committee ~ for assembling supplies⟩ **c :** liable or subject to legal review or in case of fault to penalties ⟨a guardian is ~ to the court for his conduct in office⟩ **3 a :** able to respond or answer for one's conduct and obligations **:** trustworthy in respect to financial or other matters ⟨a ~ citizen⟩ **b :** of decent appearance **:** PRESENTABLE **c** (1) **:** having the character of a free moral agent **:** capable of determining one's own acts (2) **:** capable of being deterred by consideration of sanctions or consequences **4 :** involving responsibility **:** involving a degree of accountability ⟨a ~ office⟩ **5 :** politically answerable (as to a legislature or an electorate); *esp* **:** required to submit to the electorate if defeated by the legislature — used esp. of the British cabinet

syn ANSWERABLE, ACCOUNTABLE, AMENABLE, LIABLE: RESPONSIBLE may differ from ANSWERABLE and ACCOUNTABLE in centering attention on a formal organizational role, function, duty, or trust ⟨while held *responsible* for the bank's operations, the president has powers considered largely nominal —*Current Biog.*⟩ ⟨chief of personnel for the *New York Herald Tribune*, where she is also *responsible* for special editorial work in the field of industrial relations —*Current Biog.*⟩ ANSWERABLE is likely to be used in situations involving moral or legal obligation or duty under judgment ⟨we must take heed, however, that we do not load their memory with infamy which of right belongs to their master. For the treaty of Dover the King himself is chiefly *answerable* —T.B.Macaulay⟩ ⟨there was something ineradicably corrupt inside her for which her father was not *answerable* —E.K.Brown⟩ ACCOUNTABLE may be used in situations involving imminence of retribution for unfulfilled trust or violated obligation ⟨the president is invested with certain important political powers, in the exercise of which he is to use his own discretion, and is *accountable* only to his country in his political character and to his own conscience —John Marshall⟩ AMENABLE may indicate the fact of subjection to review, judgment, or control by a higher agency ⟨certain boats are sometimes not *amenable* to the rules of the right-of-way. A naval boat, for instance, on official business, may demand and take the right-of-way —H.A. Calahan⟩ ⟨scholar and teacher alike ranked as clerks, free from lay responsibilities or the control of civil tribunals, and *amenable* only to the rule of the bishop and the sentence of his spiritual courts —J.R.Green⟩ LIABLE may indicate the fact of being legally answerable without making further indication or implication ⟨judgment in cases of impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States; but the party convicted shall, nevertheless, be *liable* and subject to indictment, trial, judgment, and punishment, according to law —*U. S. Constitution*⟩

^{2}**responsible** \"\ *n* -S **:** one that accepts responsibility; *esp* **:** an actor prepared to fill various important roles as occasion demands

re·spon·si·ble·ness *n* -ES **:** the quality or state of being responsible

re·spon·si·bly \-blē,-bli\ *adv* **:** in a responsible manner **:** so as to exhibit responsibility

re·spon·sion \-nchən\ *n* -S [ME, fr. MF or ML; MF *responsion* answer, sum to be paid, fr. ML *responsion-, responsio*, fr. L, answer, fr. *responsus* (past part. of *respondēre* to answer) + *-ion-, -io* -ion — more at RESPOND] **1** *obs* **:** a sum required to be paid; *esp* **:** an annual payment required of a member of a military order of knighthood **2 a :** an act of answering **:** ANSWER, RESPONSE **b responsions** *pl* **:** the first examination taken by a candidate for the B.A. degree at Oxford University and required for matriculation — called also *smalls;* compare PREVIOUS EXAMINATION

re·spon·sive \-n(t)siv, -sēv *also* -səv\ *adj* [MF or LL; MF *responsif*, fr. LL *responsivus*, fr. L *responsus* + *-ivus* -ive] **1 :** giving or serving as an answer **:** constituting a response or made in response to something ⟨a ~ glance⟩ ⟨prairie fires sprang up ~ to the draught⟩ **2** *obs* **:** CORRESPONDENT, CORRESPONDING **3 :** readily inclined to respond or react appropriately or sympathetically to influences, suggestions, impressions **:** SENSITIVE **:** not dull, apathetic, unreceptive, impassive, or unaffected ⟨sensitive to atmospheric conditions, ~ to every varying shift of wind and weather —J.C.Powys⟩ ⟨efforts . . . to keep government in America ~ to the will of the people —V.L.Parrington⟩ **4 :** involving the use of responses ⟨~ worship⟩ **syn** see TENDER

re·spon·sive·ly \-sə̇vlē, -li\ *adv* **:** in a responsive manner

re·spon·sive·ness \-sivnə̇s, -sēv- *also* -səv-\ *n* -ES [*responsive* + *-ness*] **:** the quality or state of responding or being responsive; *esp* **:** the rapidity with which a member (as an instrument pointer) comes to rest after a change of any kind

responsive reading *n* **:** textual matter read aloud as part of a religious service or exercise in which a verse or sentence by the leader is followed by a verse or sentence by the congregation; *also* **:** a liturgical form or process in which leader and congregation read passages aloud alternatively

re·spon·siv·i·ty \rə̇ˌspänˈsivəd·ē, (ˌ)rē,s-\ *n* -ES [*responsive* + *-ity*] **:** RESPONSIVENESS

re·spon·sor \rə̇ˈspän(t)sə(r), rēˈs-\ *n* -S [L, one that answers, fr. *responsus* + *-or*] **:** the receiver component of an interrogator

^{1}**re·spon·so·ri·al** \rə̇ˌspänˌsōrēəl, (ˌ)rēˌs-\ *adj* [^{1}*responsory* + *-al*] **:** relating to or consisting of responses **:** ANTIPHONAL

^{2}**responsorial** \"\ *n* -S [ML *responsoriale*, fr. LL *responsorium* responsory + L *-ale* (neut. of *-alis* -al)] **:** a book of religious responsories

^{1}**re·spon·so·ry** \rə̇ˈspän(t)sərē, rēˈs-, -ri\ *n* -ES [ME, fr. LL *responsorium*, fr. L *responsus* (past part. of *respondēre* to answer) + *-orium* -ory — more at RESPOND] **:** a liturgical response; *esp* **:** an anthem that is sung or said after or during a lection

^{2}**responsory** *adj* [ML *responsorius*, fr. L *responsus* + *-orius* -ory] *obs* **:** relating to or constituting an answer **:** ANSWERING, RESPONSIVE

re·spon·sum \rə̇ˈspän(t)səm, rēˈs-\ *n, pl* **respon·sa** \-)sə\ [NL, fr. L, reply, formal opinion of a jurisconsult — more at RESPONSE] **:** a written decision from a rabbinical authority in response to a submitted question or problem

re·spooler \(ˈ)rē+\ *n* [*re-* + *spooler*] **:** a worker who winds yarn from one spool to another

re·spot \"+\ *vt* [*re-* + *spot*] **:** to replace (as a tenpin) precisely in position

re·spray \"+\ *vt* [*re-* + *spray*] **:** to spray (as fruit trees) an additional time ⟨had to ~ the orchard because of rain⟩

re·spring \"+\ *vb* [*re-* + *spring*] *vi* **:** to spring up again ~ *vt* **:** to equip with new springs ⟨had the chair *resprung*⟩

res pu·bli·ca \rāˈspüblə̇,kä\ *n, pl* **res publi·cae** \-,kī\ [L — more at REPUBLIC] **:** COMMONWEAL, COMMONWEALTH, STATE, REPUBLIC

res publicae *n pl* [LL, public things] **:** things (as the sea, navigable waters, and highways) that are construed under Roman and civil law as owned by no one but subject to use by the public

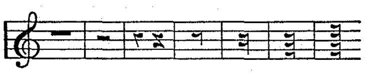
re·spue \rə̇ˈspyü\ *vt* [L *respuere* to spit back, fr. *re-* + *spuere* to spit — more at SPEW] **:** to reject vigorously

ressala *var of* RISALA

ressaldar *var of* RISALDAR

res·sault·ed \rə̇ˈsȯltə̇d, (ˈ)rēˌs-\ *adj* [F *ressault, ressaut* projection (fr. It *risalto*, fr. *risaltare* to spring back, project, fr. *ri-* re- — fr. L *re-* — + *saltare* to leap, fr. L) + E *-ed* — more at SALTANT] **:** having projections from the plane of a wall or surface

res ser·vi·ens \ˈrāsˈservē,en(t)s, ˈrēzˈsərvē,enz\ *n* [NL] **:** a servient property or tenement subject to a servitude



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^{1}**rest** \ˈrest\ *n* -S [ME, fr. OE *ræst, rest* rest, bed; akin to OHG *rasta* rest, a measure of distance between two resting places, ON *röst* a measure of distance, mile, Goth *rasta* mile, OE *rōw* rest, calm, OHG *ruowa*, ON *rō*, Gk *erōē* rest, respite, and perh. to OE *ærn, ren* house, OFris *-ern*, ON *rann*, Goth *razn*] **1 :** refreshment or repose of body or mind due to more or less complete cessation of activity esp. to sleep ⟨eight hours of ~ a night⟩ ⟨for this I had deprived myself of ~ and health —Mary W. Shelley⟩ **2 a** (1) **:** cessation or temporary interruption of motion, exertion, or labor **:** freedom from activity or labor ⟨~ from hard physical effort⟩ ⟨a ten-minute ~ period⟩ ⟨for the purpose of drawing a line between such bodily motions and ~*s* —O.W.Holmes †1935⟩ (2) **:** a bodily state (as that attained by a fasting individual lying supine) characterized by minimal functional and metabolic activities ⟨the patient must have complete ~⟩ (3) **:** a position on any gymnastic apparatus in which the body is supported wholly or mainly by the hands or arms, the elbows are above the point of support, and the center of gravity is below the shoulders **b :** absence or cessation of motion as a physical phenomenon **:** continuance in the same place ⟨a body will continue in a state of ~ unless acted upon⟩ **c :** the repose of death ⟨went to his final ~⟩ **3 :** a place where one may rest or abide: as **a :** a permanent or transitory lodging place ⟨found their ~ in the shelter of a wayside tree⟩ ⟨whether that luxurious roadside ~ is a hotel or motel —Frances W. Browin⟩ **b :** a halting place or breathing spot (as a landing between flights of a stair) ⟨a steep trail with little ~*s* chipped out of the rock⟩ **c :** an establishment for the accommodation of a particular group or class (as when out of work or off duty) ⟨a sailors' ~⟩ **4 :** freedom from anything that fatigues, disturbs, or troubles **:** peace of mind or spirit ⟨there was ~ now, not disquietude, in the knowledge —Ellen Glasgow⟩ **5 a** (1) **:** a rhythmic silence in music or in one of its parts (2) **:** a character that stands for such silence ⟨half ~⟩ ⟨quarter ~⟩ **b :** a brief pause in reading **:** CAESURA **6 :** something on which anything rests or leans or may rest or lean for support ⟨chin ~ for a violin or viola⟩ ⟨a rail serving as a ~ for the feet⟩: as **a :** a support for a gun when firing **b :** a part in a lathe or similar machine that supports the cutting tool or steadies the work **c** *Brit* **:** BRIDGE 3e **d :** the part of a partial denture that rests on an abutment tooth, distributes stresses, and holds the clasp in position **e :** a sand-filled pillow or similar firm but moldable cushion used to raise or support a portion of the body during surgery ⟨kidney ~⟩ **7 :** renewed vigor

syn REST, RELAXATION, LEISURE, REPOSE, EASE, COMFORT: of these closely related terms the first three — REST, RELAXATION, and LEISURE — stress the condition of being free from labor or from the tension or necessity of effort; the second three — REPOSE, EASE, and COMFORT — stress more the frame of mind or condition of body incident to such a condition. REST, the most general of the terms, emphasizes primarily the fact of cessation or intermission of activity, esp. fatiguing activity or effortful movement, although it also usu. indicates the consequent relief, refreshment, or reinvigoration ⟨night came and with it but little *rest* —Thomas Hardy⟩ ⟨to enjoy a *rest* from struggling —Leslie Rees⟩ RELAXATION emphasizes the release of the muscular or spiritual tension necessary to work or worry; it may be identical with REST or achieved in it so that in some uses it has come to be synonymous with *recreation* ⟨throughout the hours of busiest work and closest application, as well as in the preceding and following moments of leisure and occasional intervals of *relaxation* —W.C.Brownell⟩ ⟨the active amusements and *relaxations* of life can only rest certain of our faculties —John Galsworthy⟩ LEISURE is rather the time exempt from labor as well as the freedom from the necessity of effort; it usu., but not necessarily, implies rest or relaxation, and frequently indicates the unhurriedness of life incident to such a sense of freedom ⟨he who knows how to employ rationally any amount of *leisure* that may fall to his lot —Norman Douglas⟩ ⟨the absence of worry and anxiety about oneself . . . has always been assumed to be a prerequisite condition of *leisure* —R.A.Beals & Leon Brody⟩ ⟨the capacity for civilized enjoyment, for *leisure* and laughter —Bertrand Russell⟩ REPOSE usu. indicates a rest distinguished by physical or mental tranquillity, a freedom from any agitation or disturbance as in peaceful sleep, and has therefore developed to indicate such tranquillity or freedom itself or the appearance of it ⟨a certain woodenness when her face was in *repose* —Scott Fitzgerald⟩ ⟨the pleasant *repose* of the upper valley villages —*Amer. Guide Series: Vt.*⟩ ⟨a langorous *repose* in keeping with the season —Elinor Wylie⟩ EASE indicates a physical or mental condition from which tension, anxiety, effort, or pain have been removed; it may carry a range of meanings from a pleasant release from pain to a rather luxurious absence of all physical or mental effort; by extension from this it has come to signify a relaxed effortlessness in movement, conduct, or accomplishment ⟨a mild sedative brought a certain *ease*⟩ ⟨to live in *ease* and comfort⟩ ⟨the *ease* which he displayed in the conduct of practical affairs —Arnold Bennett⟩ ⟨*ease* and strength, effort and weakness, go together —G.B.Shaw⟩ COMFORT indicates essentially the physical or mental state induced by relief from what disturbs or troubles, but more widely indicates a state not only in which all things that disturb or pain are absent but in which usu. there is a positive physical if passive pleasure. COMFORT stresses more than EASE does the physical pleasurableness of the state and in usu. implying an outside agency which induces the state it has come to signify the thing or things that bring such relief or pleasure ⟨every word brought *comfort* rather than grief —Virginia D. Dawson & Betty D. Wilson⟩ ⟨it was a great *comfort* to me to get back home alive⟩ ⟨if it went on long there would be no *comfort* in the home for anybody —Stuart Cloete⟩ ⟨he is a layman which will be a *comfort* to those of his readers who have not had a scientific training —*London Calling*⟩

at rest 1 : resting or reposing esp. in sleep or death ⟨after so long a sickness it was merciful that she was finally *at rest* and in her grave⟩ **2 :** QUIESCENT, MOTIONLESS ⟨the center of buoyancy of a floating body which is *at rest* —*Water & Sewage Control Engineering*⟩ ⟨no small child is ever really *at rest*⟩ **3 :** free of anxieties **:** CALM ⟨set your mind *at rest*⟩

^{2}**rest** \"\ *vb* -ED/-ING/-S [ME *resten*, fr. OE *ræstan, restan;* akin to OE *ræst* rest] *vi* **1 a :** to take or get repose by lying down; *esp* **:** to get refreshment of body by sleep **b :** to be in the repose of death **:** be dead or in the grave **c :** SLEEP, SLUMBER **2 :** to cease from action or motion **:** desist from labor or exertion ⟨planned to ~ during her vacation⟩ **3 :** to be free from whatever wearies or disturbs **:** be quiet or still **:** remain the same or in the same place **4 :** to have place **:** sit or lie fixed or supported **:** SETTLE ⟨a column ~*s* on its pedestal⟩ ⟨one wing of the army ~*ed* on the hills⟩ **5 a :** to remain confident **:** put trust **b :** to lean in confidence **:** repose without anxiety **:** TRUST, RELY ⟨~ secure on his word⟩ **c :** to become based or founded **:** have a use as a foundation — usu. used with *on* or *upon* ⟨the verdict ~*ed* on several sound precedents⟩ ⟨a charge ~*ing* upon one man's unsupported statement⟩ **6 a** *obs* **:** to become vested **b** *obs* **:** CONSIST **c :** to remain or lie for action or accomplishment ⟨the maintenance of peace ~*s* with him alone⟩ **7** *of farmland* **:** to remain idle or uncropped **8 :** to bring to an end voluntarily the introduction of evidence in a law case and thereby lose the right to introduce fresh