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regiment /redʒɪmənt/ (regiments)

1 A **regiment** is a large group of soldiers that is commanded by a colonel.

2 A **regiment** of people is a large number of them. *...robust food, good enough to satisfy a regiment of hungry customers.*

regimental /redʒɪməntəl/ **Regimental** means belonging to a particular regiment. *...Mills was regimental colonel.*

regimentation /redʒɪməntɪʃən/ **Regimentation** is very strict control over the way a group of people behave or the way something is done. *...Democracy is incompatible with excessive, bureaucratic regimentation of social life.*

regimented /redʒɪməntɪd/ Something that is **regimented** is very strictly controlled. *...the regimented atmosphere of the orphanage.*

region /rɪdʒən/ (regions)

1 A **region** is a large area of land that is different from other areas of land, for example because it is one of the different parts of a country with its own customs and characteristics, or because it has a particular geographical feature. *...Barcelona, capital of the autonomous region of Catalonia. ...a remote mountain region.*

2 The **regions** are the parts of a country that are not the capital city and its surrounding area. [BRIT] *...London and the regions. ... Tax incentives would be used to attract firms to the regions, away from the South-East.*

3 You can refer to a part of your body as a **region**. *...the pelvic region. ...the frontal region of the brain.*

4 You say **in the region of** to indicate that an amount that you are stating is approximate. *...The scheme will cost in the region of six million pounds.*

regional /rɪdʒənəl/ **Regional** is used to describe things which relate to a particular area of a country or of the world. *...the autonomous regional government of Andalusia. ...concern about regional security. ... Many people in Minnesota and Tennessee have noticeable regional accents. ♦ regionally The impact of these trends has varied regionally.*

regionalism /rɪdʒənəlɪzəm/ **Regionalism** is a strong feeling of pride or loyalty that people in a region have for that region, often including a desire to govern themselves. *...A grass-roots regionalism appears to be emerging.*

register /redʒɪstə/ (registers, registering, registered)

1 A **register** is an official list or record of people or things. *...registers of births, deaths and marriages. ... He signed the register at the hotel. ... She calls the register for her class of thirty 12 year olds.*

2 If you **register** to do something, you put your name on an official list, in order to be able to do that thing or to receive a service. *...Have you come to register at the school? ... Thousands lined up to register to vote. ... Many students register for these courses to widen skills for use in their current job. ... About 26 million people are not registered with a dentist. ...registered voters.*

3 If you **register** something, such as the name of a person who has just died or information about something you own, you have these facts recorded on an official list. *...In order to register a car in Japan, the owner must have somewhere to park it. ... We registered his birth. ... The house is registered in her name, not her husband's. ... a registered charity.*

4 When something **registers** on a scale or measuring instrument, it shows on the scale or instrument. *...It will only register on sophisticated X-ray equipment. ... The earthquake registered 5.3 points on the Richter scale. ... The scales registered a gain of 1.3 kilograms.*

5 If you **register** your feelings or opinions about something, you do something that makes them clear to other people. *... Voters wish to register their dissatisfaction with the ruling party. ... Workers stopped work to register their protest.*

6 If a feeling **registers** on someone's face, their expression shows clearly that they have that feeling. *... Surprise again registered on Rodney's face.*

7 If a piece of information does not **register** or if you do not **register** it, you do not really pay attention to it, and so you do not remember it or react to it. *...It wasn't that she couldn't hear me, it was just that what I said sometimes didn't register in her brain. ... The sound was so familiar that she didn't register it.*

8 If you sing or play something in a high or low **register**, you sing, or play it using high or low notes. If you say something in a high or low **register**, you say it in a high or low voice.

9 In linguistics, the **register** of a piece of speech or writing is its level and style of language, which is usually appropriate to the situation or circumstances in which it is used. [TECHNICAL]

10 → See also **cash register**, **electoral register**.

registered /redʒɪstəd/ A **registered** letter or parcel is sent by a special postal service, for which you pay extra money for insurance in case it gets lost. *... He asked his mother to send it by registered mail. ... an urgent registered letter.*

registered nurse (registered nurses) A **registered nurse** is someone who is qualified to work as a nurse. [AM, AUSTRALIAN]

register office (register offices) A **register office** is a place where births, marriages, and deaths are officially recorded, and where people can get married without a religious ceremony. [BRIT]

registrar /redʒɪstrə/ (registrars)

1 In Britain, a **registrar** is a person whose job is to keep official records, especially of births, marriages, and deaths.

2 A **registrar** is a senior administrative official in a British college or university.

registration /redʒɪstreɪʃən/ (registrations) The **registration** of something such as a person's name or the details of an event is the recording of it in an official list. *... They have campaigned strongly for compulsory registration of dogs. ... With the high voter registration, many will be voting for the first time.*

registration number (registration numbers) The **registration number** or the **registration** of a car or other road vehicle is the series of letters and numbers that are shown at the front and back of it. [BRIT] *... Another driver managed to get the registration number of the car.*

in AM, use **license number**

registry /redʒɪstri/ (registries) A **registry** is a collection of all the official records relating to something, or the place where they are kept. *... It agreed to set up a central registry of arms sales.*

registry office (registry offices) A **registry office** is the same as a **register office**. [mainly BRIT]

regress /rɪɡres/ (regresses, regressing, regressed) When people or things **regress**, they return to an earlier and less advanced stage of development. [FORMAL] *... If your child regresses to babyish behaviour, all you know for certain is that the child is under stress. ... Such countries are not 'developing' at all, but regressing. ♦ regression /rɪɡreɪʃən/ (regressions) Calderdale accepts that this can cause regression in a pupil's learning process.*

regressive /rɪɡresɪv/ **Regressive** behaviour, activities, or processes involve a return to an earlier and less advanced stage of development. [FORMAL] *... This regressive behaviour is more common in boys.*

regret /rɪɡret/ (regrets, regretting, regretted)

1 If you **regret** something that you have done, you wish that you had not done it. *... I simply gave in to him, and I've regretted it ever since. ... Ellis seemed to be regretting that he had asked the question. ... Five years later she regrets having given up her home.*

2 **Regret** is a feeling of sadness or disappointment, which is caused by something that has happened or something that you have done or not done. *... My great regret in life is that I didn't bring home the America's Cup. ... Lillee said he had no regrets about retiring.*

3 You can say that you **regret** something as a polite way of saying that you are sorry about it. You use expressions such as **I regret to say** or **I regret to inform you** to show that you are sorry about something. *... 'I very much regret the injuries he sustained,' he said. ... I regret that the United States has added its voice to such protests. ... Her lack of co-operation is nothing new, I regret to say. ... I regret to inform you he died as a consequence of his injuries.*

4 If someone expresses **regret** about something, they say that they are sorry about it. [FORMAL] *... He expressed great regret and said that surgeons would attempt to reverse the operation. ... President Aquino says she has accepted his resignation.*

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