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nothing but repeats on television these days.

repeated /rɪˈpiːtɪd/ ⑤ /-tɪd/ *adj* happening again and again: *repeated attempts/mistakes/warnings*

repeatedly /rɪˈpiːtɪd.li/ ⑤ /-tɪd-/ *adv* many times: *He telephoned repeatedly, begging her to return.*

repetition /rɪˈpeɪ.tɪʃ.ən/ *noun* [C or U] when you repeat something: *His books are full of repetition and useless information.*

▲ **repeat on sb** *phrasal verb* When food repeats on you, the taste of it comes up again into your mouth: *Cucumber always repeats on me.*

repel **[FORCE AWAY]** /rɪˈpel/ *verb* [T] -ll- **1** to force something or someone to move away or stop attacking you: *This coat has a special surface that repels moisture.* ○ **FORMAL** The defenders repelled the attack without losing any men. **2** **SPECIALIZED** to have a MAGNETIC FIELD which pushes away something with a similar magnetic field: *Similar poles of magnets repel each other, and opposite poles attract.*

repellent /rɪˈpel.ənt/ *noun* [C or U] a substance used to repel something: *insect/mosquito repellent*

repel **[CAUSE STRONG DISLIKE]** /rɪˈpel/ *verb* [T] -ll- People or things that repel you disgust you or make you feel strongly that you do not want to be near, see or think about them: *She was repelled by his ugliness.* ○ *Her arrogance repels many people.* **repellent** /rɪˈpel.ənt/ *adj*: *repellent behaviour/beliefs* ○ *I find any cruelty to children utterly repellent.*

repent /rɪˈpent/ *verb* [I] **FORMAL** to be very sorry for something bad you have done in the past and wish that you had not done it: *He repented (of his sins) just hours before he died.* **repentance** /rɪˈpen.təns/ *noun* [U] *This was an extremely violent crime, for which the boy showed no repentance.*

repentant /rɪˈpen.tənt/ *adj* **FORMAL** feeling sorry for something that you have done * **NOTE:** The opposite is unrepentant.

repercussion /rɪˈpɜːkʃ.ən/ ⑤ /-pɜː-/ *noun* [C usually pl] the effect that an action, event or decision has on something, especially a bad effect: *Any decrease in tourism could have serious repercussions for the local economy.* ○ *President Kennedy's assassination had far-reaching repercussions.*

repertoire /rep.əˈtwɑːr/ ⑤ /-ɔː.twaɪr/ *noun* [C] all the music or plays, etc. that you can do or perform or that you know: *The Royal Shakespeare Company also have many modern plays in their repertoire.* ○ *There is an extensive repertoire of music written for the flute.*

repertory /rep.əˈtɪr.i/ ⑤ /-ɔː.tɔɪr-/ *noun* [U] (**INFORMAL** rep) the repeated performance of several plays one after the other by one company of actors: *a repertory company/group/theatre*

• **in repertory** **1** If a play is in repertory, it is one of several different plays being performed on particular days by the same company of actors: *'Macbeth' is in repertory at the RSC.* **2** If an actor is in repertory, they are working with a repertory theatre group.

repetition /rɪˈpeɪ.tɪʃ.ən/ *noun* [C or U] See at repeat.

repetitive /rɪˈpet.ə.tɪv/ ⑤ /-pet.ə.tɪv/ *adj* (**ALSO** repetitious) involving doing or saying the same thing several times, especially in a way that is boring: *a repetitive job/task* **repetitively** /rɪˈpet.ə.tɪv.li/ ⑤ /-pet.ə.tɪv-/ *adv*

repetitive 'strain injury *noun* [U] (**ABBREVIATION** RSI) a painful medical condition which can cause damage to the hands, wrists, upper arms and backs especially of people who use computers and other forms of keyboard

rephrase /rɪˈfreɪz/ *verb* [T] to say or write something again in a different and usually clearer way: *Could you rephrase your question, please?*

replace **[CHANGE FOR]** /rɪˈpleɪs/ *verb* [T] **1** to take the place of something, or to put something or someone in the place of something or someone else: *The factory replaced most of its workers with robots.* ○ *Tourism has replaced agriculture as the nation's main industry.* **2** If you replace something broken, damaged or lost, you provide a new one: *I promised to replace the plate that I'd dropped.* **replacement** /rɪˈpleɪs.mənt/ *noun* [C or U] *The agency sent a replacement for the secretary who resigned.*

replaceable /rɪˈpleɪ.sə.bəl/ *adj*: *Don't worry - all that stolen stuff is replaceable.*

replace **[PUT BACK]** /rɪˈpleɪs/ *verb* [T] to put something back where it was before: *The librarian replaced the books correctly on the shelves.*

replay **[COMPETITION]** /rɪˈpleɪ/ *verb* [T] to play a game, especially a football game, again that neither team won the first time **replay** /rɪˈpleɪ/ *noun* [C] *The semi-final replay will be on Saturday.*

replay **[RECORDING]** /rɪˈpleɪ/ *verb* [T] to play something again, especially music or film recorded already: *The police replayed the video of the robbery in court.* **replay** /rɪˈpleɪ/ *noun* [C] *a slow-motion replay*

replenish /rɪˈplen.ɪʃ/ *verb* [T] **FORMAL** to fill something up again: *Food stocks were replenished by/with imports from the USA.* ○ *Does your glass need replenishing?*

replenishment /rɪˈplen.ɪʃ.mənt/ *noun* [U]

replete /rɪˈpliːt/ *adj* [after v] **FORMAL** **1** full, especially with food: *After two helpings of dessert, Sergio was at last replete.* **2** well supplied: *This car has an engine replete with the latest technology.*

replica /rep.lɪ.kə/ *noun* [C] an exact copy of an object: *The ship is an exact replica of the original Golden Hind.*

replicate /rep.lɪ.keɪt/ *verb* **1** [T] **FORMAL** to make or do something again in exactly the same way: *Researchers tried many times to replicate the original experiment.* **2** [I or T] **SPECIALIZED** If organisms and genetic or other structures replicate, they make exact copies of themselves: *Chromosomes replicate before cells divide and multiply.* ○ [R] *Computer viruses replicate themselves and are passed along from user to user.* **replication** /rep.lɪˈkeɪ.ʃən/ *noun* [C or U] **FORMAL**

reply /rɪˈplaɪ/ *verb* [I] **1** to answer: [+ speech] *"Where are you going?" I asked. "Home," he replied.* ○ [+ that] *I replied that it was 12 o'clock.* ○ *I try to reply to letters the day I receive them.* **2** to react to an action by someone else: *She replied to the threats by going to the police.* ○ *Newport took an early lead before Bridgend replied with three tries in 14 minutes.*

reply /rɪˈplaɪ/ *noun* [C or U] an answer: *I asked why, but he made/gave no reply.* ○ *There were very few replies to our advertisement.* ○ *In reply to their questions, she just shrugged.*

reply-paid /rɪˈplaɪˈpeɪd/ *adj* [before n] **UK** A reply-paid envelope has had the cost of posting it already paid for, usually by the person it is addressed to.

report **[TELL]** /rɪˈpɔːt/ ⑤ /-pɔːrt/ *verb* **1** [I or T] to give a description of something or information about it to someone: *We rang the insurance company to report the theft.* ○ *The assassination was reported in all the newspapers.* ○ *I want you to report (to me) on progress (= on what you have done) every Friday.* ○ [+ v-ing] *Spies reported seeing a build-up of soldiers.* ○ [+ obj + adj] *He was reported missing in action.* ○ *The inquiry reports (= will officially make its results known) next week.* **2** **reported to be/do sth** to be described by people as being or doing a particular thing although there is no real proof: *The storm is reported to have killed five people.* **3** [T] to make a complaint to a person in authority about something or someone: *My neighbours reported me to the police for firing my rifle in the garden.*

report /rɪˈpɔːt/ ⑤ /-pɔːrt/ *noun* [C] **1** (**ALSO** school report, **US ALSO** report card) a teacher's written statement to the parents about a child's ability and performance at school **2** a description of an event or situation: *a news/weather report* ○ *a company's financial/annual report* ○ *I gave/made/submitted a report of the theft to the insurance company.* ○ *She sent in weekly reports on the situation.*

reports /rɪˈpɔːts/ ⑤ /-pɔːrts/ *plural noun* stories for which you do not yet have real proof: *According to reports, ten pupils were expelled.* ○ *We're getting reports of a plane crash in Paris.*

reportage /rep.ɔːˈtaɪʒ/ ⑤ /rɪˈpɔːr.tɪdʒ/ *noun* [U] **FORMAL** the activity of, or style of, reporting events in newspapers or broadcasting them on television or radio

reported /rɪˈpɔːtɪd/ ⑤ /-pɔːr.tɪd/ *adj*: *There has been a reported (= unofficial news about a) hijack in Tel Aviv this morning.*