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## respectful

conventional. **5** said of a person's appearance: presentable; decent. **6** fairly or relatively good or large. • *a respectable turnout*. [16c]

• **respectability** *n.* • **respectably** *adv.*

**respectful** ▷ *adj* having or showing respect.

• **respectfully** *adv.* • **respectfulness** *n.*

**respecting** ▷ *prep* about; concerning; with regard to. [18c]

**respective** ▷ *adj* belonging to or relating to each person or thing mentioned; particular; separate. • *our respective homes*. [16c]

• **respectively** *adv.* • **respectiveness** *n.*

**respiration** /rɛspɪ'reɪʃən/ ▷ *n* **1** the act of respiring or breathing. **2** a single breath (inspiration and expiration). **3** *biochem* the taking in of oxygen and giving out of carbon dioxide, with associated physiological processes. [15c: from Latin *respirare*, *respiratum* to breathe]

**respirator** /'rɛspɪrətə(r)/ ▷ *n* **1** a mask worn over the mouth and nose to prevent poisonous gas, dust, etc being breathed in, or to warm cold air before it is breathed. **2** *med* an appliance that provides artificial respiration.

**respire** /rɪ'spaɪə(r)/ ▷ *v* (*respired*, *respiring*) **1** *tr & intr* to inhale and exhale (air, etc); to breathe. **2** *intr, biochem* to carry out respiration. [14c: from Latin *respirare* to breathe]

• **respiratory** /'rɛspɪrətəri/ *adj.*

**respirometer** /rɛspɪ'rɒmɪtə(r)/ ▷ *n* a device for measuring breathing.

**respite** /'rɛspart, 'rɛspɪt/ ▷ *n* **1** a period of rest or relief from, or a temporary stopping of, something unpleasant, difficult, etc. **2** a temporary delay. **3** *law* temporary suspension of the execution of a criminal; a reprieve. ▷ *v* (*respited*, *respiting*) to grant a respite to someone; to reprieve. [13c: from French *respit*, from Latin *respicere* to respect]

**resplendent** /rɪ'splɛndənt/ ▷ *adj* brilliant or splendid in appearance. [15c: from Latin *resplendere* to shine brightly]

• **resplendence** or **resplendency** *n.* • **resplendently** *adv.*

**respond** /rɪ'spɒnd/ ▷ *v* (*responded*, *responding*) **1** *tr & intr* to answer or reply; to say something in reply. **2** *intr* to react in reply to something. • *I smiled at her, but she didn't respond*. **3** *intr (usu respond to something)* to react favourably or well to it. • *respond to treatment*. **4** *intr, relig* to utter liturgical responses. ▷ *n* **1** *relig* a response to a versicle in liturgy. **2** *archit* a half-pillar or half-pier attached to a wall to support an arch, especially one at the end of an arcade, etc. [14c: from French *respondre*, from Latin *respondere* to return like for like]

• **respondence** *n.* • **respondency** *n.*

**respondent** ▷ *n* **1** someone who answers or makes replies. **2** *law* a defendant, especially in a divorce suit. ▷ *adj* answering; making a reply or response.

**response** /rɪ'spɒns/ ▷ *n* **1** an act of responding, replying or reacting to something. **2** a reply or answer. **3** a reaction. • *met with little response*. **4** (*usu responses*) *Christianity* a short verse sung or spoken by the congregation or choir in reply to something said by the priest or minister during a service. **5** *bridge* a bid made in reply to a partner's preceding bid. [14c] • **responseless** *adj.*

**responsibility** /rɪspɒnsɪ'bɪlɪti/ ▷ *n* (*responsibilities*) **1** the state of being responsible or of having important duties for which one is responsible. **2** something or someone for which one is responsible.

**responsible** /rɪ'spɒnsəbəl/ ▷ *adj* **1** (*usu responsible for someone or something*) having charge or control over them or it and being accountable for them or it. • *She was responsible for a class of 20 children*. • *He is responsible for ordering the stationery*. **2** (*usu responsible to someone*) accountable to them for one's actions. **3** said of a job, position, etc: with many important duties; involving much

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## restaurant

responsibility. **4** (*often responsible for something*) being the cause of it. • *Who was responsible for the accident?* **5** said of a person: **a** able to be trusted; **b** able to answer for one's own conduct; capable of rational and socially acceptable behaviour. • *She's an excellent babysitter and very responsible for her age*. [16c: French]

• **responsibleness** *n.* • **responsibly** *adv.*

**responsive** /rɪ'spɒnsɪv/ ▷ *adj* **1** said of a person: ready and quick to react or respond. **2** reacting readily to stimulus. **3** reacting well or favourably to something. • *a disease responsive to drugs*. **4** made as or constituting a response. • *a responsive smile*. [14c: from Latin *responsivus*, from *respondere* to respond]

• **responsively** *adv.* • **responsiveness** *n.*

**responsory** /rɪ'spɒnsəri/ ▷ *n* (*responsories*) *relig* an anthem recited or sung after a lesson in a church service. [15c: from Latin *responsorium*]

**respray** ▷ *v* /rɪ'spreɪ/ to spray (especially the bodywork of a vehicle) again with a new coat of paint. ▷ *n* /'rɪzpreɪ/ **1** the action of respraying. **2** the result of respraying. [1930s]

**rest** <sup>1</sup> ▷ *n* **1** a period of relaxation or freedom from work, activity, worry, etc. **2** sleep; repose. **3** calm; tranquillity. **4** a pause from some activity. • *stopped half way up the hill for a rest*. **5** death, when seen as repose. **6** a prop or support, eg for a snooker cue, etc. **7** (*often in compounds*) a place or thing which holds or supports something. • *a headrest on a car seat*. **8** a pause in reading, speaking, etc. **9** *music* **a** an interval of silence in a piece of music. • *two bars' rest*; **b** a mark indicating the duration of this. **10** a place for resting, especially a lodging for sailors. ▷ *v* (*rested*, *resting*) **1** *tr & intr* to stop or make something stop working or moving. **2** *intr* to relax, especially by sleeping or stopping some activity. **3** *tr & intr* to set, place or lie on or against something for support. • *rested her arm on the chair*. **4** *intr* to be calm and free from worry. **5** *tr & intr* to give or have as a basis or support. • *will rest my argument on practicalities*. **6** *tr & intr* to depend or make something depend or be based on or in. **7** *tr & intr* said of the eyes: to remain or make them remain looking in a certain direction, or at a certain person or thing. **8** *intr* to be left without further attention, discussion or action. • *let the matter rest there*. **9** *intr* to lie dead or buried. **10** *intr* said of farmland: to lie without a crop in order to regain its fertility. **11** *intr, colloq* said of an actor: to be unemployed. [Anglo-Saxon *roest*]

• **rester** *n.* • **restful** *adj* **1** bringing or giving rest, or producing a sensation of calm, peace and rest. **2** relaxed; at rest. • **restfully** *adv.* • **restfulness** *n.* • **resting** *adj* **1** not moving, working, etc; at rest. **2** *colloq* said especially of an actor: not working; unemployed. • **restless** /'restlɪs/ *adj* **1** constantly moving about or fidgeting; unable to stay still or quiet. **2** constantly active or in motion; unceasing. **3** giving no rest; not restful. • *a restless night*. **4** worried, nervous and uneasy. • **restlessly** *adv.* • **restlessness** *n.*

♦ **at rest** **1** not moving or working; stationary. **2** free from trouble, worry, etc. • *set his mind at rest*. **3** asleep. **4** dead. **lay someone to rest** to bury or inter them. **rest one's case** **1** *law* to conclude the calling of witnesses and presentation of arguments in a law case. **2** to bring one's argument to a close.

**rest** <sup>2</sup> ▷ *n* (*usu the rest*) **1** what is left when part of something is taken away, used, finished, etc; the remainder. **2** the others. ▷ *v* (*rested*, *resting*) *intr* to continue to be; to remain. • *rest assured*. [15c: from French *rester*, from Latin *restare* to remain, from *stare* to stand]

♦ **for the rest** concerning, or as regards, other matters.

**restaurant** /'rɛstərɒnt, -rɒnt, -rɒŋ, 'rɛstrɒŋ/ ▷ *n* an establishment where meals may be bought and eaten. [19c: French, from *restaurer* to restore]

Some words formed with the prefix **re-**.

**requote** *v* sense 2  
**re-read** *v* sense 2

**re-record** *v* sense 2  
**reregulate** *v* sense 2

**reregulation** *n* sense 2  
**re-release** *v, n* sense 2

(Other languages) *ç* German *ich*; *x* Scottish *loch*; *l* Welsh *Llan*-; for English sounds, see next page