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response

response /ri spónss/ *n* 1. REPLY GIVEN TO A QUESTION something said or written in reply to a statement or question from somebody else 2. REACTION something done in reaction to something else 3. CARDS BID IN BRIDGE in bridge, a bid that is in reply to a partner's bid or double 4. CHR REPLY MADE BY CHURCH CHOIR a phrase sung or spoken by the choir or congregation in reply to the officiant during a church service 5. MED BODY'S REACTION TO STIMULUS the reaction of an organism or any of its parts to a stimulus [14C. Directly or via French < Latin *responsum* < past participle of *respondere* (see RESPOND)]

SYNONYMS See *answer*.

responsibility /ri spónssa bíllatí/ (*plural -ties*) *n* 1. ACCOUNTABILITY the state, fact, or position of being accountable to somebody or for something 2. SOMETHING TO BE RESPONSIBLE for somebody or something for which a person or organization is responsible 3. BLAME the blame for something that has happened 4. AUTHORITY to take decisions independently

responsible /ri spónssab/ *adj* 1. ANSWERABLE TO SOMEBODY accountable to somebody for an action or for the successful carrying out of a duty 2. *Jo was responsible for that phase of the project.* 3. BEING TO BLAME FOR SOMETHING being the cause of something, usually something wrong or disapproved of 4. *Who's responsible for this mess?* 5. IMPORTANT conferring the authority to take decisions independently and requiring conscientiousness and trustworthiness 6. *in a responsible position* 4. RELIABLE able to be counted on owing to qualities of conscientiousness and trustworthiness 5. *very responsible for his age* 5. FIN FINANCIALLY SOUND having adequate means to meet financial obligations [Late 16C. < obsolete French, 'corresponding' < Latin *respons-*, past participle of *respondere* (see RESPOND)] —responsibleness *n* —responsibly *adv*

responsions /ri spónsh'nz/ *npl* an examination required for graduation from Oxford University [Early 19C. < Latin *responsio* < *respons-* (see RESPONSIBLE)]

responsive /ri spónssiv/ *adj* 1. SHOWING POSITIVE RESPONSE reacting quickly, strongly, or favourably to something, especially a suggestion or proposal 2. RESPONDING TO TREATMENT reacting positively to medical treatment 3. DONE IN RESPONSE serving to respond to something 4. BIOL REACTING TO STIMULUS showing reaction to a stimulus 5. CHR CONSISTING OF CHOIR'S OR CONGREGATION'S RESPONSES consisting of responses by a choir or congregation in a church service —responsively *adv* —responsiveness *n*

responsory /ri spónsəri/ (*plural -ries*) *n* an anthem consisting of short verses sung or spoken by the officiant and responses sung or spoken by the choir, especially after the lesson in a church service —responsorial /ri spón sáwri/ *adj*

responsum /ri spónssam/ (*plural -sa* /-sa/) *n* in Judaism, definitive written reply by a rabbinic authority to a question on religion [Late 19C. < Latin, form of past participle of *respondere* (see RESPOND)]

res publica /ráy póbli kaa, ráyss-/ *n* 1. the state, a republic, or the commonwealth as a concept 2. the public or common good [From Latin, literally 'public matter']

ressentiment /rə sónti mónn/ *n* a feeling of resentment and hostility characterized by an inability to act to change the situation [Mid-20C. Directly or via German < French, < *ressentir* 'feel strongly' < *sentir* 'feel']

rest ¹ /rest/ *n* 1. STOPPING OF WORK OR ACTIVITY a state or period of refreshing freedom from exertion 2. SLEEP the repose of sleep that is refreshing to body and mind and is marked by a reduction in metabolic activity 3. ABSENCE OF MOVEMENT the cessation of movement or action 4. *The boat lay at rest in the harbour.* 4. DEATH death perceived as freedom from earthly toil 5. *He is now at rest.* 5. FREEDOM FROM ANXIETY freedom from mental or emotional anxiety 6. *I put her mind at rest.* 6. PLACE TO STOP AND RELAX a stopping place for shelter and relaxation 7. SUPPORT something used for support, especially on a piece of furniture 8. MUSIC PAUSE IN MUSIC a rhythmic pause between musical notes, or the mark indicating a musical pause 9. LITERAT same as *caesura* (sense 1) ■ *v* (*rests, resting, rested*) 1. *vi* SLEEP OR RELAX to restore your energy by means of relaxation or sleep 2. *Put your feet up and*

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rest 2. *vi* LET SOMEBODY SLEEP OR RELAX to allow a person or animal to regain energy by means of relaxation or sleep, or allow a limb or body part to be inactive to restore its strength 3. *rest the horses* 3. *sat down to rest my feet* 3. *vi* BE TRANQUIL to be in a state of tranquillity 4. *vi* BE DEAD to be dead, and so free from earthly concerns 5. *vt* STOP MOVING to cease activity, or cause something to cease activity 6. *vi* BE LEFT ALONE to be subject to no further discussion or attention 7. *vi* LIE FALLOW to lie unfarmed 8. *vt* SUPPORT OR BE SUPPORTED to support something on or against something, or be supported on or against something 9. *The ornament was resting on a narrow ledge.* 9. *vi* COME TO STOP to allow the eyes to come to a stop on somebody or something 10. *vi* BE VESTED to be vested or placed in somebody or something 11. *The authority rests with him.* 11. *vi* DEPEND ON SOMEBODY OR SOMETHING to depend on somebody or something for action or as a burden or responsibility 12. *vi* BE BASED ON SOMETHING to rely on something for proof or explanation 13. *vt* LAW CONCLUDE A LEGAL CASE to conclude the presentation of evidence in a case 4. *I rest my case.* [Old English *ræst* (noun), *ræstan* (verb) < Germanic] —rested *adj* —rester *n*

rest ² /rest/ *n* something left as a remainder (*takes a singular or plural verb*) ■ *vi* (*rests, resting, rested*) to remain or continue to be (usually used as a command) 2. *Rest assured that we're doing everything possible.* [15C. < French *reste* 'remnant' < *rester* 'remain' < Latin *restare* 'stay behind' < *stare* 'to stand']

restaurant incorrect spelling of *restaurant*

rest area *n* ANZ, N Am an area at the side of a major road where motorists can rest

restate /ree stáyt/ (*-states, -stating, -stated*) *vt* to say something again, especially in order to clarify or summarize what has already been said 2. *to time to restate our goals* —restatement *n*

restaurant /résta ront, -rɔN, -rənt/ *n* a place where meals and drinks are sold and served to customers [Early 19C. < French, < present participle of *restaurer* < Latin *restaurare* 'set upright again']

restaurant car *n* a railway carriage in which meals are served to passengers. N Am term *dining car*

restauranteur incorrect spelling of *restaurateur*

restaurateur /réstə túr/ *n* an owner or manager of a restaurant [Late 18C. < French, 'restorer' < *restaurer* (see RESTAURANT)]

USAGE Note that there is no *-n-* in this word as there is in *restaurant*.

rest cure *n* a treatment involving complete rest, e.g. as a remedy for stress

restful /réstfV/ *adj* 1. giving, promoting, or involving rest 2. *a restful holiday* 2. at rest or tranquil —restfully *adv* —restfulness *n*

restharrow /rést harɔ/ *n* a pod-bearing plant with three-lobed leaves and woody stems and roots. Flowers: white, purple, or pink, in clusters. Native to: Europe, Asia. Latin name: *Ononis repens* or *Ononis spinosa*. [Because its tough roots can stop, or 'arrest', the progress of a harrow]

rest home *n* a place where senior citizens and chronically ill people live and are cared for

restiform /résti fawrm/ *adj* shaped like a rope or cord [Mid-19C. < modern Latin *restiformis* < Latin *restis* 'cord']

resting /résting/ *adj* 1. UNEMPLOYED not currently employed as an actor (*informal*; often used euphemistically) 2. BIOL IMMOBILE describes organisms that are not moving or active 3. BIOL NOT DIVIDING not undergoing cell division 4. BOT DORMANT describes spores, seeds, and eggs that are dormant before germination

restitution /résti tyóosh'n/ *n* 1. GIVING BACK the return of something to its rightful owner 2. PAYING BACK compensation for a loss, damage, or injury 3. RESTORATION the return of something to the condition it was in before it was changed [13C. Directly or via French < Latin *restitution-* < past participle of *restituere* 'restore' < *statuere* 'set up'] —restitute /résti tyoot/ *vt* —restitutive /résti tyootiv/ *adj* —restitutory *adj*

restive /réstiv/ *adj* 1. UNEASY uneasy and on the verge of resisting control 2. *The people grew restive under the rule of the occupying force.* 2. IMPATIENT having

restraining order

little patience and unwilling to tolerate annoyances 3. OBSTINATE OR AWKWARD unwilling to be guided or controlled 4. *a restive horse* [Late 16C. Alteration of *restif* < Old French *restif* < Latin *restare* 'to rest'] —restively *adv* —restiveness *n*

restless /résless/ *adj* 1. CONSTANTLY MOVING constantly moving, or unable to be still 2. *Some waited patiently but others were restless.* 2. DISCONTENTED seeking a change because of discontent 3. *He began to feel restless after only a few weeks in the job.* 3. SLEEPLESS lacking rest or sleep 4. *She spent a restless night worrying.* —restlessly *adv* —restlessness *n*

restless leg syndrome *n* a condition of the legs characterized by a painful discomfort when inactive that can cause interrupted sleep and fatigue

rest mass *n* the mass a body has when it is not moving, as opposed to the additional mass it gains as a result of its movement, according to the theory of relativity

restock /ree stók/ (*-stocks, -stocking, -stocked*) *vt* to replace or refill something after it has been used or its contents emptied

restoration /résə rásh'n/ *n* 1. RESTORING OF SOMETHING REMOVED the return of something that was removed or abolished 2. *calls for the restoration of curfew* 2. RESTORING OF SOMETHING TO FORMER CONDITION the restoring of something such as buildings or furniture to an earlier and usually better condition 3. *Restoration work will begin next week.* 3. THING RESTORED something, especially a building, that has been brought back to an earlier and usually better condition 4. MODEL a model made to resemble or represent something in its original condition 5. *a restoration of a Neanderthal dwelling*

Restoration *n* the re-establishment of monarchy in Great Britain under Charles II in 1660, or the period of his reign

restorative /ri stáwrativ/ *adj* tending or meant to give somebody new strength or vigour 2. *a restorative tonic* ■ *n* something that gives somebody new strength or vigour, especially an activity or medication —restoratively *adv* —restorativeness *n*

restore /ri stáwr/ (*-stores, -storing, -stored*) *vt* 1. GIVE SOMETHING BACK to return something to its proper owner or place 2. RETURN SOMETHING TO PREVIOUS CONDITION to bring something back to an earlier and better condition 3. *techniques used to restore old oil paintings* 3. ENERGIZE SOMEBODY to give somebody new strength or vigour 4. *I felt restored after my weekend away.* 4. RETURN SOMEBODY TO PREVIOUS POSITION to return somebody to a previously held rank, office, or position 5. *restore her to the throne* 5. PUT SOMETHING BACK to re-establish or put back something that was once but is no longer there 6. *restore order in the capital* [13C. Via French < Latin *restaurare* 'set upright again'] —restorable *adj* —restorer *n*

SYNONYMS See *renew*.

restrain /ri stráyn/ (*-strains, -straining, -strained*) *vt* 1. STOP SOMEBODY FROM DOING SOMETHING to prevent somebody or yourself from doing something 2. *I couldn't restrain myself from calling out.* 2. CONTROL SOMETHING to keep somebody or something under control or within limits 3. *finally able to restrain the violence* 3. BARRIERS to restrain the crowds 3. CONTROL SOMEBODY to physically control the movements of a person or animal 4. *Restrain him before he hurts someone.* 4. IMPRISON SOMEBODY to put somebody in prison or otherwise take away his or her freedom [14C. Via Old French *restreindre* < Latin *restringere* 'bind fast, confine' < *stringere* 'draw tight'] —restrainable *adj*

SYNONYMS See *hinder*¹.

restrained /ri stráynd/ *adj* characterized by control, especially in not being excessively emotional or aggressive 2. *the artist's restrained use of colour* —restrainedly /-idli/ *adv*

restraining order /ri stráying-/ *n* 1. ANZ, N Am LAW a court order that commands somebody to have no contact or communication with another person. UK term *stay away order* 2. N Am a preliminary court order that prohibits an action that might cause harm to the person seeking the order. A restraining order can be granted immediately without a

²⁸ vision. In foreign words: kh German Bach; aN French vin; aaN French blanc; 0 German schön, French *jeu*; oN French bon; 0N French un; 0 as in French *rue*. Stress marks: ' as in secret /sékəkrət/, academic /ákə démík/