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(*raɪmɪn*) *adj* with identical final sounds ■ **rhyming slang** *n* slang in which a word is replaced by another word or phrase that rhymes with it; for example, *apples and pears* meaning *stairs* ■ **rhymist** (*raɪmɪst*) *n* a person who rhymes

rhynchocephalian (*ˈrɪŋkəʊˈfæliən*) *adj* 1 *of, relating to, or belonging to the Rhynchocephalia, an order of lizard-like reptiles common in the Mesozoic era but today represented only by the tuatara* 2 *any reptile belonging to the order Rhynchocephalia* [C19: from New Latin *Rhynchocephalia*, from Greek *rhunkhos* a snout + *kephalē* head]

rhynchocoel (*ˈrɪŋkəʊˈsi:l*) *n* a cavity found in certain invertebrate worms which contains the sucking organ

rhynchodont (*ˈrɪŋkəʊˈdɒnt*) *adj* having a toothed beak

rhynchophore (*ˈrɪŋkəˈfɔː*) *n* a member of the Rhynchophora; a former name for the superfamily of beetles (*Curculionoidea*) that comprises the weevils and bark beetles [C19: New Latin *rhynchophora*, from Greek *rhunkhos* a snout + *-phoros* bearing] ■ **rhynchophorous** (*ˈrɪŋkəˈfɔːrəs*) *adj* of or relating to rhynchophores

ryholite (*ˈraɪəˌlaɪt*) *n* a fine-grained igneous rock consisting of quartz, feldspars, and mica or amphibole. It is the volcanic equivalent of granite [C19: *ryho-* from Greek *rhux* a stream of lava + *LITE*] > **ryholitic** (*ˈraɪəˌlɪtɪk*) *adj*

rhyparography (*ˈrɪpəˈrɒɡrəfi*) *n* the painting of still-life, esp of sordid or unpleasant subjects ■ **rhyparographer** (*ˈrɪpəˈrɒɡrəfə*) *n* someone who paints rhyparographic pictures ■ **rhyparographic** (*ˈrɪpəˈrɒɡrəfɪk*) *adj* of or relating to rhyparography

Rhys (*ri:s*) *n* Jean (Ella Gwendolen Rees Williams). 1890–1979, Welsh novelist and short-story writer, born in Dominica. Her novels include *Voyage in the Dark* (1934), *Good Morning, Midnight* (1939), and *Wide Sargasso Sea* (1966)

rhythm (*ˈrɪðm*) *n* 1 *the arrangement of the relative durations of and accents on the notes of a melody, usually laid out into regular groups (bars) of beats, the first beat of each bar carrying the stress* 2 *any specific arrangement of such groupings; time; quadruple rhythm* 3 *(in poetry) a the arrangement of words into a more or less regular sequence of stressed and unstressed or long and short syllables* 4 *any specific such arrangement; metre* 5 *(in painting, sculpture, architecture, etc) a harmonious sequence or pattern of masses alternating with voids, of light alternating with shade, of alternating colours, etc* 6 *any sequence of regularly recurring functions or events, such as the regular recurrence of certain physiological functions of the body, as the cardiac rhythm of the heartbeat* [C16: from Latin *rhythmus*, from Greek *rhythmos*; related to *rhein* to flow] > **rhythmless** *adj* ■ **rhythmal** (*ˈrɪðməl*) *adj* a less common word for rhythmic ■ **rhythm and blues** *n* (functioning as singular) any of various kinds of popular music derived from or influenced by the blues. Abbreviation: R & B ■ **rhythmic** (*ˈrɪðmɪk*) or **rhythmical** (*ˈrɪðmɪkəl*) *adj* of, relating to, or characterized by rhythm, as in movement or sound; metrical, periodic, or regularly recurring > **rhythmically** *adv* > **rhythmicity** (*ˈrɪðmɪsɪti*) *n* ■ **rhythmic gymnastics** *n* (functioning as singular or plural) a form of gymnastics involving movements using hand apparatus such as balls, hoops, and ribbons ■ **rhythmics** (*ˈrɪðmɪks*) *n* (functioning as singular) the study of rhythmic movement ■ **rhythmist** (*ˈrɪðmɪst*) *n* rare a person who has a good sense of rhythm ■ **rhythmization** or **rhythmisation** (*ˈrɪðməˌzaɪzən*) *n* the act or process of rhythmizing something ■ **rhythmize** or **rhythmise** (*ˈrɪðməˌaɪz*) *vb* (tr) to make rhythmic, to add rhythm to something ■ **rhythm method** *n* a method of controlling conception without the aid of a contraceptive device, by restricting sexual intercourse to those days in a woman's menstrual cycle on which conception is considered least likely to occur. See also *safe period* ■ **rhythmometer** (*ˈrɪðməˈmɪtə*) *n* a type of metronome that gives or marks the beat or time in musical movements ■ **rhythmopoeia** (*ˈrɪðməˈpɔɪə*) *n* the art or process of composing, for example, music or poetry rhythmically ■ **rhythm section** *n* those instruments in a band or group (usually piano, double bass, and drums) whose prime function is to supply the rhythm ■ **rhythmus** (*ˈrɪðməs*) *n* a less common word for *rhythm*

rhynchotomy (*ˈrɪŋkəˈtɒmi*) *n*, *pl* -*mies* a cosmetic surgical operation that tightens sagging skin and smooths unwanted wrinkles on the face; facelift

rhynchodome (*ˈrɪŋkəˈdɒm*) *n* the outer bark of a tree or plant

rhynchina (*ˈrɪtəɪnə*) *n* a member of an extinct genus of mammals that lived in water, also known as Steller's sea cow

rhynon (*ˈraɪtɒn*) *n*, *pl* -*ta* (-tə) (in ancient Greece) a horn-shaped drinking vessel with a hole in the pointed end through which to drink [C19: from Greek *rhuton*, from *rhutos* flowing; related to *rhein* to flow]

RI abbreviation for 1 Regina et Imperatrix 2 Rex et Imperator 3 Rhode Island 4 Royal Institution 5 religious instruction 6 (Republic of) Indonesia (international car registration) [(sense 1) Latin: Queen and Empress; (sense 2) Latin: King and Emperor]

ria (*ˈriə*) *n* a long narrow inlet of the seacoast, being a former valley that was submerged by a rise in the level of the sea. Rias are found esp on the coasts of SW Ireland and NW Spain [C19: from Spanish, from *rio* river]

RIA abbreviation for Royal Irish Academy

RIAA curve *n* electronics a graphical representation, adopted as a worldwide standard, of the amplitude in relation to frequency response required for correct reproduction of microgroove disc recordings, compensating for

the characteristics of the recording process [C20: Record Industry Association of America]

riad (*ˈriːəd*) *n* a traditional Moroccan house, built around an interior garden

rial (*ˈriːəl*) *n* 1 the standard monetary unit of Iran 2 the standard monetary unit of Oman, divided into 1000 baizas 3 another name for *riyal* [C14: from Persian, from Arabic *riyāl* RYAL]

Rialto (*ˈriːəltəʊ*) *n* an island in Venice, Italy, linked with San Marco Island by the Rialto Bridge (1590) over the Grand Canal: the business centre of medieval and renaissance Venice ■ **rialto** (*ˈriːəltəʊ*) *n*, *pl* -*tos* a market or exchange [C19: after the Rialto]

riant (*ˈraɪənt*) *adj* rare laughing; smiling; cheerful [C16: from French, from *rire* to laugh, from Latin *ridere*] > **riantly** *adv* ■ **riancy** (*ˈraɪənsi*) *n* the state or quality of being *riant*

rib (*ˈrɪb*) *n* 1 any of the 24 curved elastic arches of bone that together form the chest wall in man. All are attached behind to the thoracic part of the spinal column. Technical name: *costa*. Compare *true rib*, *false ribs*, *floating rib* 2 the corresponding bone in other vertebrates 3 a cut of meat including one or more ribs 4 a part or element similar in function or appearance to a rib, esp a structural or supporting member or a raised strip or ridge 5 a structural member in a wing that extends from the leading edge to the trailing edge and maintains the shape of the wing surface 6 a projecting moulding or band on the underside of a vault or ceiling, which may be structural or ornamental 7 one of a series of raised rows in knitted fabric. See also *ribbing* (3) 8 a raised ornamental line on the spine of a book where the stitching runs across it 9 any of the transverse stiffening timbers or joists forming the frame of a ship's hull 10 any of the larger veins of a leaf 11 a metal strip running along the top of the barrel of a shotgun or handgun and guiding the alignment of the sights 12 a vein of ore in rock 13 a projecting ridge of a mountain; spur > *vb* *ribs*, *ribbing*, *ribbed* (tr) 14 to furnish or support with a rib or ribs 15 to mark with or form into ribs or ridges 16 to knit plain and purl stitches alternately in order to make raised rows in (knitting) 17 *archaic* to enclose with or as if with ribs [Old English *ribb*; related to Old High German *rippi*, Old Norse *rif* REEF] > **ribless** *adj* > **rib, like** *adj* ■ **ribbed** (*ˈrɪbd*) *adj* 1 furnished or supported with a rib or ribs 2 marked with or formed into ribs or ridges 3 knitted with plain and purl stitches alternately, forming raised rows ■ **ribbed and smoked sheet** *n* another name for *smoked rubber* ■ **ribbing** (*ˈrɪbɪŋ*) *n* 1 a framework or structure of ribs 2 ribs collectively 3 a raised pattern in woven or knitted material, made in knitting by doing purl and plain stitches alternately ■ **ribby** (*ˈrɪbi*) *adj* -*bier*, -*biest* with noticeable ribs ■ **ribcage** (*ˈrɪbˌkeɪdʒ*) *n* the bony structure consisting of the ribs and their connective tissue that encloses and protects the lungs, heart, etc ■ **ribeye** (*ˈrɪbaɪ*) *n* a cut of beef from the animal's rib section ■ **riblet** (*ˈrɪblət*) *n* a small rib or the portion of meat cut off at the top of the rib ■ **rib-tickler** *n* a very amusing joke or story ■ **rib-tickling** *adj* very amusing; causing laughter ■ **ribwork** (*ˈrɪbˌwɜːk*) *n* work or structure involving ribs in, for example, knitting or architectural work ■ **ribwort** (*ˈrɪbˌwɜːt*) *n* a Eurasian plant, *Plantago lanceolata*, that has lancetlike ribbed leaves, which form a rosette close to the ground, and a dense spike of small white flowers: family *Plantaginaceae*. Also called: *ribgrass*. See also *plantain*

rib² (*ˈrɪb*) *informal* *vb* *ribs*, *ribbing*, *ribbed* 1 (tr) to tease or ridicule > *n* 2 a joke or hoax [C20: short for *rib-tickle* (vb)] ■ **ribber** (*ˈrɪbə*) *n* someone who ribs or teases

riba (*ˈrɪbə*) *n* (in Islam) interest or usury, as forbidden by the Koran [C21: from Arabic *al-Riba*, literally: to excess or increase]

RIBA abbreviation for Royal Institute of British Architects

ribald (*ˈrɪbəl*) *adj* 1 coarse, obscene, or licentious, usually in a humorous or mocking way > *n* 2 a ribald person [C13: from Old French *ribault*, from *riber* to live licentiously, of Germanic origin] > **ribaldly** *adv* ■ **ribaldry** (*ˈrɪbəlɪ*) *n* ribald language or behaviour

riband or **ribband** (*ˈrɪbænd*) *n* 1 a ribbon, esp one awarded for some achievement. See also *blue riband* 2 a flat rail attached to posts in a palisade [C14: variant of *ribbon*]

ribattuta (*ˈrɪbətʊtə*) *n* a musical trill with a jerky rhythm

ribavirin (*ˈrɪbəˌvaɪrɪn*) *n* an antiviral drug used against many viruses such as influenza, and, in combination with other drugs, hepatitis C

Ribbentrop (German *ˈrɪbɛntʁɔp*) *n* Joachim von (Joachim von). 1893–1946, German Nazi politician: foreign minister under Hitler (1938–45). He was charged after conviction as a war criminal at Nuremberg

Ribble (*ˈrɪbəl*) *n* a river in NW England, flowing south and west through Lancashire to the Irish Sea. Length: 121 km (75 miles)

ribbon (*ˈrɪbən*) *n* 1 a narrow strip of fine material, esp silk, used for trimming, tying, etc 2 something resembling a ribbon; a long strip: a ribbon of land 3 a long thin flexible band of metal used as a graduated measure, spring, etc 4 a long narrow strip of ink-impregnated cloth for making the impression of type characters on paper in a typewriter or similar device 5 (plural) ragged strips or shreds (esp in the phrase *torn to ribbons*) 6 a small strip of coloured cloth signifying membership of an order or award of military decoration, prize, or other distinction 7 a small, usually looped, strip of coloured cloth worn to signify support for a charity or cause: a red AIDS ribbon > *vb* (tr) 8 to adorn with a ribbon or ribbons 9 to mark with narrow ribbon-like marks 10 to reduce to ribbons; tear into strips [C14 *ryban*, from Old French *riban*, apparently of Germanic origin;