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RD abbrev: (Naval) Reserve Decoration; refer to drawer (written on a returned bank cheque); Rural Dean.
Rd abbrev: Road (in addresses).
rd abbrev: rutherford.
RDA abbrev: recommended daily (or dietary) allowance.
RDC abbrev: Rural Development Council.
RDF abbrev: radio direction-finding (or -finder); refuse-derived fuel.
rDNA abbrev: recombinant DNA (see **recombine**).
RDS abbrev: radio data system, a method of broadcasting in which a digital signal is transmitted along with the radio signal, esp to facilitate automatic tuning.
RDX abbrev: Research Department Explosive (also called **cyclonite**).
RE abbrev: Reformed Episcopal; religious education (in schools); Royal Engineers; Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers (formerly known as the Royal Society of Etchers and Engravers).
Re see **Ra** (n).
Re or **re** abbrev: rupee.
Re (chem) symbol: rhenium.
re¹ /rē/ (commercial jargon) prep concerning, with reference to. [L *in re* (ablative of *res* thing) in the matter]
re² /rā/ (music) *n* the second note of the scale in sol-fa notation (also anglicized in spelling as **ray**). [See **Aretinian**]
re- /rē-/ *pl* denoting: again; again and in a different way. [L]

Words formed using the prefix **re-** are listed as separate entries in the main word list or, if their meaning is self-evident, at the foot of the page.

re /r/ short form of **are**¹.
reach¹ /rēch/ *vt* (pat and pap **reached** or (obs) **raught** /rāht/) to stretch forth; hold out; to hand; pass; to succeed in touching or getting; to communicate with; to arrive at; to extend to; to deal; strike (archaic); to get at; to take, snatch, seize (obs); to stretch, lengthen out (obs). ♦ *vi* to stretch out the hand; to extend; to amount; to attain to (*usu* with *for* or *after*); to succeed in going or coming. ♦ *n* act or power of reaching; extent of stretch; range, scope; (*usu pl*) level or rank; the number of people estimated to be exposed at least once to a particular advertisement (*marketing*); a conclusion that is barely justifiable or demands an effort of the imagination (*N Am*); artifice (obs); a stretch or portion between defined limits; as of a stream between bends; the distance traversed between tacks (*naut*); a bay (obs). [OE *ræcan* (pat *ræhte*, *rāhte*; pap *geræht*); Ger *reichen* to reach]
 ■ **reach**¹ *adj* **reach'er** *n* **reach'ing** *adj* **reach'less** *adj* unattainable.
 □ **reach-me-down** *adj* ready-made or second-hand. ♦ *n* (often in *pl*) ready-made or second-hand attire; trousers.

reach² /rēch/ obsolete or dialect form of **retch**¹.

react¹ /ri-akt/ *vi* to return an impulse in the opposite direction; to act in return; to act with mutual effect; to act in resistance; to swing back in the opposite direction; to respond to a stimulus; to undergo chemical change produced by a reagent; to act, behave; (of share prices) to fall sharply after a rise. [LL *reagere*, -*actum*, from *agere* to do]
 ■ **reactance** *n* (electronics) the component of impedance due to inductance or capacitance. **reactant** *n* (chem) a substance taking part in a reaction. **reaction** *n* action resisting other action; mutual action; an action or change in an opposite direction; backward tendency from revolution, reform or progress; response to stimulus; the chemical action of a reagent; a physical or mental effect caused by medicines, drugs, etc.; a transformation within the nucleus of an atom; acidity or alkalinity; feeling or thought aroused by, or in response to, a statement, situation, person, etc. **react'ional** *adj*. **react'ionalism** *n*. **reactionist** *n*. **reactionary** *adj* of or favouring reaction, esp against revolution, reform, etc. ♦ *n* a person who tends to oppose political change or who attempts to revert to past political conditions. **reactionism** *n*. **reactionist** *n* and *adj* reactionary. **react'ive** *adj* of or relating to reaction; readily acted upon or responsive to stimulus; produced by emotional stress; relating to or having a reactance (electronics). **react'ively** *adv*. **react'iveness** or **react'ivity** *n*. **react'or** *n* someone or something that undergoes a reaction; a device which

introduces reactance into an electric circuit; a container in which a chemical reaction takes place; a nuclear reactor (qv).
 □ **reaction formation** *n* (psychol) a mechanism whereby a person adopts a mode of behaviour that is the opposite of his or her true disposition. **reaction time** *n* the interval between stimulus and reaction. **reaction turbine** *n* a turbine in which the fluid expands progressively in passing alternate rows of fixed and moving blades, the kinetic energy continuously developed being absorbed by the latter.

react² /rē-akt/ *vt* to act a second, etc time.

reactivate /rē-ak'ti-vāt/ *vt* to restore to an activated state. [re-]

■ **reactivati'on** *n*.

reactive see under **react**¹.

read¹ /rēd/ *vt* (pat and pap **read** /rēd/) to look at and comprehend the meaning of written or printed words in; to understand as by interpretation of signs; to collect the meaning of; to go over progressively with silent understanding of symbols or with utterance aloud of words or performance of notes; to accept or offer as that which the writer intended; to learn from written or printed matter; to find recorded; to observe the indication of; to solve; to register, indicate; to teach, lecture on; to study; to impute by inference (as to read a meaning into); to retrieve (data) from a storage device (*comput*); to advise (archaic; see **rede**); to make out; to interpret; to expound; to make known (*Spenser*); to declare; to name (*Spenser*). ♦ *vi* to perform the act of reading; to practise much reading; to study; to find mention; to give the reader an impression; to endure the test of reading; to deliver lectures; to have a certain wording. ♦ *n* a spell of reading; reading-matter; an opportunity of reading (*Scot*); counsel, a saying, an interpretation (*Spenser*). ♦ *adj* /rēd/ versed in books; learned. [OE *rædan* to discern, read, from *ræd* counsel]
 ■ **readability** /rēd-/ *n*. **read'able** *adj* legible; easy to read; interesting without being of highest quality. **read'ableness** *n*. **read'ably** *adv*.
 ■ **read'er** *n* someone who reads or reads much; a person who reads prayers or passages of scripture, etc at a church service; a lecturer, esp a higher grade of university lecturer; a proof-corrector; a person who reads and reports on manuscripts for a publisher; a reading-book; a pocketbook (*criminal sl*); a device that projects a large image of a piece of microfilm onto a screen, for reading; a document reader (*comput*). **read'ership** *n* the post of reader in a university; the total number of readers (of a newspaper, etc). **read'ing** *adj* addicted to reading. ♦ *n* the action of the verb **read**; perusal; study of books; public or formal recital, esp of a bill before Parliament (see **first**, **second** and **third reading** below); the actual word or words that may be read in a passage of a text; the indication that can be read off from an instrument; matter for reading; lettering; an interpretation; a performer's conception of the meaning, rendering; knowledge gained from having read books.

□ **reader advertisement** *n* an advertising feature in a magazine which follows the style of the editorial part of the magazine, often with accompanying photographs or drawings. **readers' inquiry card** or **readers' service card** *n* a business reply card bound into a magazine with numbers corresponding to advertised products. **read'in** *n* input of data to a computer or storage device. **reading age** *n* reading ability calculated as equivalent to the average ability at a certain age. **read'ing-book** *n* a book of exercises in reading. **read'ing-boy** *n* (*printing*; obs) a reader's assistant. **read'ing-desk** *n* a desk for holding a book or paper while it is read; a lectern. **reading group** same as **book group** (see under **book**). **read'ing-lamp** *n* a lamp for reading by. **read'ing-machine** *n* a reader for microfilm; a document reader (*comput*). **reading matter** *n* printed material, eg books, magazines. **read'ing-room** *n* a room for consultation, study or investigation of books in a library; a room with papers, periodicals, etc resorted to for reading; a proofreaders' room. **read'mé file** *n* (*comput*) a text file supplied with computer software that contains information about the software, such as advice on installation and bugs. **read'-only** *adj* (*comput*) of a storage device or file, capable of being read but not altered. **read'-out** *n* the output unit of a computer; the retrieval of data from a computer; data from a computer, printed or registered on magnetic tape or punched paper tape, or displayed on a screen; data from a radio transmitter. **read-write head** *n* (*comput*) in a disk drive, a head that can both retrieve and record data. **read-write memory** *n* (*comput*) one that allows retrieval and input of data.

■ **first**, **second** and **third reading** the three successive formal readings of a bill before parliament, when (in Britain) it is introduced, discussed

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

reabsorb¹ *vt*.
reabsorp'tion *n*.
reaccli'matize or **reaccli'matise** *vt* and *vi*.
reaccli'matization or **reaccli'matization** *n*.

reaccus'tom *vt*.
reacquaint¹ *vt*.
reacquaint'ance *n*.
reacquire¹ *vt*.

reac'tuate *vt*.

readapt¹ *vt* and *vi*.
readaptati'on *n*.
readdress¹ *vt*.

(with cap) a person who approved of the resolutions of 1650 admitting to civil and military office all persons except those excommunicate and hostile to the Covenant, *opp* to *Protestant* (Scot hist). **resol'utionist** *n.* **resol'utive** *adj.* **resolvability** /ri-zolv-a-bil'i-ti/ *n.* **resolv'able** *adj.* **resolve** *vt* to separate into components; to make visible the details of; to analyse; to break up; to melt; to transform; to relax; to solve; to dissipate; to free from doubt or difficulty; to convince (of; obs); to assure (obs); to inform (obs); to answer (a question; obs); to dispel (fears; Shakesp); to pass as a resolution; to determine; to disperse (eg a tumour); to make (a discord) pass into a concord (music). —The obsolete senses are also used reflexively. **vi** to undergo resolution; to come to a determination (often with *on* to indicate the course chosen); to decide to go to a place (with *on*; Shakesp); to take counsel (Spenser); to lapse (law). **n** (a) resolution; fixed purpose; firmness of purpose; solution (obs). **resolved** *adj* fixed in purpose. **resolvedly** /ri-zol vid-li/ *adv* resolutely. **resol'vedness** *n.* **resol'vent** *adj* having power to resolve. **n** that which causes or helps solution or resolution. **resol'ver** *n.* **resolving power** *n* the ability of a telescope, microscope, etc to distinguish very close, or very small, objects; the ability of a photographic emulsion to produce finely detailed images.

re-soluble /re-sol'u-bil/ *adj* able to be dissolved again. [**re-**]

re-solub'il'ity *n.* **re-sol'ubleness** *n.*

resolute, etc, **resolve**, etc see under **resoluble**.

resonance /rez'a-nəns/ *n* resounding; sonority; the sound heard in auscultation; sympathetic vibration; the ringing quality of the human voice when produced in such a way that sympathetic vibration is caused in the air-spaces in the head, chest and throat; the state of a system in which a large vibration (is) produced by a small stimulus of approx the same frequency as that of the system (*phys* and *electronics*); such a large vibration (*phys* and *electronics*); increased probability of a nuclear reaction when the energy of an incident particle or photon is around a certain value appropriate to the energy level of the compound nucleus; a property of certain compounds, in which the most stable state of the molecule is a combination of theoretically possible bond arrangements or distributions of electrons (*chem*); the complex of bodily responses to an emotional state, or of emotional responses to a situation. [**L** *resonāre*, -ātum, from *re-* back, and *sonāre* to sound]

res'onant *adj* resounding, ringing; of giving its characteristic vibration in sympathy with another body's vibration. **res'onantly** *adv*. **res'onate** *vi* to resound; to vibrate sympathetically. **res'onator** *n* a resonating body or device, such as for increasing sonority or for analysing sound. **res'onance-box** *n* a chamber in a musical instrument for increasing its sonority by vibration in sympathy with the strings.

resorb /ri-sɔrb/ or -zɔrb/ *vt* to absorb back. [**L** *resorbere* to suck back]

resorb'ence *n.* **resorb'ent** *adj*.

resorcin /ri-zɔr'sin/ *n* a colourless phenol, C₆H₄(OH)₂, used in dyeing, photography and medicine (also **resor'cinol**). [**resin** and **orcin** (see **orcinol**)]

resorption /ri-sɔrp'shən or -zɔrp/ *n* resorbing, esp of a mineral by rock magma; the breaking down and assimilation of a substance (*med*). [See **resorb**]

resorp'tive *adj*.

resort¹ /ri-zɔrt/ *vi* to have recourse; to apply; to go or be habitually; to go (to); to take oneself; to revert (obs). **n** act of resorting; a place much frequented, esp by holidaymakers; a haunt; that which one has or may have recourse to; concourse; thronging; repair. [**OFr** *ressortir* (Fr *ressortir*) to rebound, retire, from *sortir* to go out; origin obscure]

resort'er *n* a frequenter.

In the last resort *orig* (a Gallicism, *en dernier ressort*), without appeal; hence as a last expedient.

resort² /re-sɔrt/ *vt* to sort again or differently. [**re-**]

resound /ri-zɔund/ *vt* to echo; to sound with reverberation; to sound (the praises of a person or thing). **vi** to echo; to re-echo, reverberate; to sound sonorously; to be widely known or celebrated. [**re-**]

resound'ing *adj* echoing; thorough, decisive, as in **resounding** victory. **resound'ingly** *adv*.

re-sound /re-sɔund/ *vi* to sound again. [**re-**]

resource /ri-sɔrs/, -sɔrs/, -zɔrs/, -zɔrs/ or **re'sɔrs** *n* source or possibility of help; an expedient; (in *pl*) money or means of raising money;

means of support; means of occupying or amusing oneself; resourcefulness. **vt** to provide the (esp financial) resources for. [**OFr** *ressource*, from *resoudre*, from *L* *resurgere* to rise again]

resource'ful *adj* fertile in expedients; clever, ingenious; rich in resources. **resource'fully** *adv*. **resource'fulness** *n.* **resource'less** *adj*. **resource'lessness** *n.*

respeak /re-spek/ (Shakesp) *vt* to echo. [**re-**]

respect /ri-spekt/ *vt* to treat with consideration, refrain from violating; to feel or show esteem, deference, or honour to; to look to, regard, consider, take into account; to heed; to refer to, relate to, have reference to (*archaic*); to value (a thing) (Shakesp); to face, look at (*obs* and *heraldry*). **vi** (rare) to face (towards). **n** heed (Spenser); an aspect (obs); a particular; a relation; reference; regard; consideration; partiality or favour towards (with *of*); deferential esteem; (often in *pl*) a greeting or message of esteem, as in *pay one's respects*. **interj** (sl) expressing admiration. [**L** *respicere*, *respectum*, from *re-* back, and *specere* to look]

respectabil'ity *n.* **respec'tabilize** or **-ise** *vt* to make respectable.

respec'table *adj* worthy of respect; considerable; passable; mediocre; of good social standing (obs); fairly well-to-do; decent and well-behaved; reputable; seemly; presentable; timidly or priggishly conventional. **respec'tableness** *n.* **respec'tably** *adv*. **respec'tant** *adj* facing each other (*heraldry*); looking back. **respec'ter** *n* a person who respects, esp in *respector* of persons, someone or something that singles out an individual or individuals for unduly favourable treatment (*usu* in *neg*). **respec'tful** *adj* showing or feeling respect.

respec'tfully *adv*. **respec'tfulness** *n.* **respec'ting** *prep* concerning; considering. **respec'tive** *adj* having respect; regardful, considerate (Shakesp); heedful; discriminating; respectful (obs); worthy of respect (Shakesp); relative; particular or several, relating to each distributively.

respec'tively *adv*. **respec'tiveness** *n.* **respec'tless** *adj* regardless.

In respect of in the matter of; because of (obs); in comparison with (obs). **respect of persons** undue favour, eg for wealth, etc. **with respect to** with regard to.

respire /ri-spiə/ *vi* to breathe; to take breath. **vt** to breathe; to exhale; to carry out respiration. [**L** *respirāre*, -ātum, from *spirāre* to breathe]

respirable /res-par-a-bil or ri-spiə-a-bil/ *adj* fit for breathing.

respiration /res-par-ə'sheɪn/ *n* breathing; the taking in of oxygen and giving out of carbon dioxide, with associated physiological processes; a breath; a breathing space. **res'pirator** *n* an appliance which provides artificial respiration (*med*); an appliance worn on the mouth or nose to filter or warm the air breathed; a gas mask. **respiratory** /res-par-ə-tɔr-i, ri-spiə-tɔr-i or -spi/ *adj* of, relating to, or serving for, respiration. **respirom'eter** *n* an apparatus for measuring breathing.

respiratory quotient *n* the ratio of molecules of carbon dioxide exhaled to molecules of oxygen absorbed in the process of respiration.

respite /res-pit or -pit/ *n* temporary cessation of something that is tiring or painful; postponement requested or granted; temporary suspension of the execution of a criminal (law); delay in action (obs); leisure (obs).

vt to grant a respite to; to relieve by a pause (obs); to delay, put off; to grant postponement to; to prolong (Shakesp); to give up, cease from (obs). **vi** (obs) to rest (from). [**ME** *respit*, from **OFr** (Fr *répit*), from **L** *respectus*, *respicere*; see **respect**]

respite care *n* temporary residential care for an elderly, disabled or ill person to provide relief for the person's usual carer.

resplend /ri-splend/ *vi* to shine brilliantly. [**L** *resplendēre*, from *re-*, intens, and *splendēre* to shine]

resplend'ence or **resplend'ency** *n.* **resplend'ent** *adj* shining, brilliant and splendid. **resplend'ently** *adv*.

respond /ri-spond/ *vi* to answer; to utter liturgical responses; to act in answer; to react. **n** a response to a versicle in liturgy; a half-pillar or half-pier attached to a wall to support an arch (corresponding to one at the other end of an arcade, etc). [**L** *respondere*, *responsum*, from *re-* back, and *spondere* to promise]

respond'ence *n* response (Spenser); correspondence, agreement. **respond'ency** *n* correspondence. **respond'ent** *adj* answering; corresponding; responsive. **n** a person who answers; a response to a specific stimulus; a person who refutes objections; a defendant, esp in a divorce suit. **respondentia** /res-pon-den'shə/ *n* a loan on a ship's cargo, payable only on safe arrival. **respond'er**, **respon'ser** or **respon'sor** /ris-/ *n* a person or thing that responds; the part of a transponder which replies automatically to the correct interrogation signal. **Respon'sa** *n pl* a branch of rabbinical literature consisting of written decisions from authorities in reply to questions, problems, etc

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

renegó'tiate *vt*.

renegó'tia'tion *n*.

renum'ber *vt*.

reoccupá'tion *n*.

reoccu'py *vt*.

reoccur' *vi*.

reoffend' *vi*.

reordain' *vt*.

reor'der *vt*.

submitted to them (**respon'sum** one of these decisions). **response** *n* an answer; an oracular answer; an answer made by the congregation to the minister or priest during divine service; a responsory; a reaction, esp sympathetic; the ratio of the output to the input level of a transmission system at any particular frequency (*electronics*). **response'less** *adj.* **responsibil'ity** *n* state of being responsible; a trust or charge for which one is responsible. **respon'sible** *adj.* liable to be called to account as being in charge or control; answerable (to a person, etc for something); deserving the blame or credit of (with *for*); governed by a sense of responsibility; being a free moral agent; morally accountable for one's actions; trustworthy; able to meet one's financial obligations; respectable-looking; involving responsibility; correspondent (*obs*). **respon'sibleness** *n.* **respon'sibly** *adv.* **respon'sions** /-shanz/ *n pl* formerly, the first of three examinations for the BA degree at Oxford, 'smalls'. **respon'sive** *adj.* ready to respond; answering; correspondent; with responses. **respon'sively** *adv.* **respon'siveness** *n.* **responsorial** /ri- or rē-spon-sō'ri-əl or -sō'ri-əl/ *adj.* responsive. ♦ *n* an office-book containing the responsories. **respon'sory** *adj.* making answer. ♦ *n* an anthem sung after a lesson; a liturgical response.
□ **response time** *n* (*comput*) the time taken by a computer to reply to a command given to it by a user, eg to display a website after the address has been entered.

respray /rē-sprā/ *vt* to spray (a vehicle) again with a new coat of paint.
♦ *n* /rē/ the act of respraying; a resprayed vehicle. [re-]

ressalidar same as **risalidar**.

rest *n* repose, refreshing inactivity; intermission of or freedom from motion or disturbance; tranquillity; repose of death; invigoration by resting (*Shakesp*); a place for resting; a prop or support (eg for a book, a snooker cue, a violinist's chin); motionlessness; a pause in speaking or reading; an interval of silence in music, or a mark indicating it. ♦ *vi* to repose; to be at ease; to be still; to be supported (on); to lean (on); to put trust in (with *on*); to have foundation in (with *on*); to settle, alight; to remain; (*esp* of an actor or actress) to be temporarily unemployed (*inf*; *facetious*); to finish the introduction of evidence in a case (*law*). ♦ *vt* to give rest to; to place or hold in support (on); to lean (on); to base (on); (*reflexive*) to give (oneself) rest or (*obs*) to rely (upon). [OE *rest*, *ræst*; Ger *Rast*, Du *rust*; converging and merging in meaning with **rest**²⁻³]

■ **rest'er** *n.* **rest'ful** *adj.* at rest; rest-giving; tranquil. **rest'fully** *adv.* **rest'fulness** *n.* **rest'ing** *n* and *adj.* **rest'less** *adj.* unresting, not resting, sleeping or relaxing; never still; uneasily active; impatient (of *Pope*); impatient of inactivity or of remaining still; never-ceasing; unrestful, giving or allowing no rest. **rest'lessly** *adv.* **rest'lessness** *n.*

□ **rest centre** *n* a place of shelter for numbers of people driven from their homes by an emergency. **rest cure** *n* treatment consisting of inactivity and quiet. **rest day** *n* a day of rest; the first day of a three days' visit. **rest home** *n* an establishment for those who need special care and attention, eg invalids, elderly people, etc. **rest house** *n* a house of rest for travellers. **resting place** *n* a place of rest; a stair-landing (one's last resting place one's grave). **resting potential** *n* the potential difference (qv) across the membrane of a nerve cell that is not conducting an impulse. **resting spore** *n* a spore that can germinate after a period of dormancy. **resting stage** *n* a state of suspended activity. **rest mass** *n* (*phys*) the mass of an object when it is at rest. **rest room** *n* a room in a building other than a private house with adjoining lavatories, etc. **rest stop** *n* (*N Am*) a lay-by.
■ **at rest** stationary; in repose, esp asleep or dead; free from disquiet. **lay to rest** to bury or inter.

rest² /rest/ *n* remainder; all others; reserve fund; a rapid continuous series of returns (*tennis*, etc); (*in primero*) a stake whose loss ends the game. ♦ *vi* to remain (see also **rest**¹). [Fr *reste*, from L *restāre* to remain, from *re-* back, and *stāre* to stand]

■ **for the rest** as regards other matters. **set up one's rest** (*archaic*) to make one's final stake; to take a resolution; to take up abode.

rest³ /rest/ (*hist*) *n* a device on a breastplate to prevent the spear from being driven back. ♦ *vt* (*Shakesp*) to arrest. [Aphetic for **arrest**]

restart /rē-stārt/ *vi* and *vt* to start again. ♦ *n* a fresh or subsequent start; (*with cap*) in the UK, a government scheme of courses, etc intended to help the unemployed find retraining or new employment. [re-]
■ **restart'er** *n.*

restaurant /res't(ə-)rōnt or -rānt or -rā/ *n* a place where food or meals are prepared and served, or are available, to customers. [Fr, from *restaurer* to restore]

■ **restaurateur** /res-tər-ə-tūr or -tər/ *n* the keeper of a restaurant. **restaura'tion** *n* the business, skill or art of a restaurateur.
□ **restaurant car** *n* a dining-car.

rester /rē-stem/ (*Shakesp*) *vt* to force (a way) back against the current. [re-]

restenosis /re- or rē-stə-nō'sis/ *n* (pl **restenō'ses**) the recurrence of stenosis, esp in a coronary artery or valve after heart surgery. [re-]

restharrow /rest'ha-rō/ *n* a papilionaceous plant (genus *Ononis*) with long, tough, woody roots. [**rest**³ and **harrow**¹]

restiff /res'tif/ *an* obsolete form of **restive**.

restiform /res'ti-fōrm/ *adj* cordlike. [L *restis* a cord, and *fōrma* form]

restitute /res'ti-tūt/ (*archaic*) *vt* to restore. ♦ *vi* (*archaic*) to make restitution. [L *restituere*, -ūtum, from *re-* and *statuere* to make to stand]
■ **restitū'tion** *n* an act or instance of restoring; compensation; also **restitū'tionism** restorationism (*esp US*). **restitū'tionist** *n.* **restitū'tive** /ri-stit' or res'tit-/ *adj.* **res'titutor** *n.* **res'titutory** *adj.*

restitutio in integrum /res-ti-tū'ti-ō in in-teg'ram/ (*law*) the restoration of the parties to a contract to the relative positions occupied by them before the contract was made. [L]

restive /res'tiv/ *adj* uneasy, as if ready to break from control; unwilling to go forward; obstinate, refractory; inert (*obs*). [OFr *restif*, from L *restāre* to rest]

■ **res'tively** *adv.* **res'tiveness** *n.*

restore /ri-stōr' or -stōr/ *vt* to repair; to bring, put or give back; to make good; to reinstate; to bring back to a (supposed) former state, or to a normal state; to reconstruct mentally, by inference or conjecture. ♦ *n* (*Spenser*) restitution. [OFr *restorer*, from L *restaurāre*, -ātum]

■ **restor'able** *adj.* **restor'ableness** *n.* **restoration** /res-tō-rā'shan or -tō-, -tə-, -to-/ *n* the act or process of restoring; (*usu with cap*) a reinstatement of a monarch or monarchy (eg the Restoration of the Stuarts or the Bourbons); renovations and reconstruction (sometimes little differing from destruction) of a building, painting, etc; a reconstructed thing or representation. ♦ *adj* (*with cap*) occurring during, or relating to, the period of the Restoration of Charles II.

■ **restorā'tionism** *n* (*theol*) the receiving of a sinner to divine favour; the belief that after a purgation all sinners and angels will be restored to the favour of God. **restorā'tionist** *n* an adherent of restorationism, a universalist. **restorative** /ris-tor-ə-tiv or -tōr'/ *adj* tending to restore, esp to strength and vigour. ♦ *n* a medicine that restores. **restor'ative** *adv.* **restor'er** *n.*

restrain /ri-strān/ *vt* to hold back; to control; to subject to forcible repression; to tighten (*Shakesp*); to forbid (*Milton*). ♦ *vi* (*rare*) to refrain. [OFr *restrindre*, *restrai(g)n-*, from L *restringere*, *restrictum* from *re-* back, and *stringere* to draw tightly]

■ **restrain'able** *adj.* **restrained** *adj* controlled; self-controlled; displaying restraint; forbidden (*Shakesp*). **restrain'edly** *adv.* **restrain'edness** *n.* **restrain'er** *n* a person or thing that restrains; an ingredient of a photographic developer which checks the development and reduces the tendency to fog. **restrain'ing** *n* and *adj.* **restraint** *n* the act of restraining; state of being restrained; a restraining influence; restriction; forcible control; artistic control or reticence; lack of liberty; reserve.

■ **restraint of princes** embargo. **restraint of trade** interference with free play of economic forces, eg by monopolies.

restrict /ri-strikt/ *vt* to limit; to confine within limits; to limit circulation or disclosure of for security reasons. [L *restringere*, *restrictum*]

■ **restrict'ed** *adj.* **restrict'edly** *adv.* **restrict'edness** *n.* **restriction** *n.* **restrict'ionist** *n* a person who favours restriction (also *adj*). **restrict'ive** *adj* restricting; tending to restrict; expressing restriction, as in relative clauses, phrases, etc that limit the application of the verb to the subject, eg *people who like historic buildings should visit Edinburgh*. **restrict'tively** *adv.* **restrict'tiveness** *n.* **restringe** /ri-strinj/ *vt* to restrict. **restrin'gent** *n* and *adj* astringent.

□ **restricted area** *n* one from which the general public is excluded; one within which there is a speed limit. **restriction endonuclease** or **enzyme** *n* a class of endonucleases with different specificities, often recognizing four or six base pairs and able to cleave DNA at a such a sequence, widely used in genetic manipulation. **restriction fragment**

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

rēordinā'tion *n.*

rēorganizā'tion or **rēorganisā'tion** *n.*

rēor'ganize or **rēor'ganise** *vt.*

rēpack *vt* and *vi.*

rēpack'age *vt.*

rēpag'inate *vt.*

rēpaginā'tion *n.*

rēpā'per *vt.*

rēpeo'ple *vt.*