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WORKS the entire body of works in a specific area of the arts 3. RANGE OF RESOURCES THAT SOMEBODY HAS the range of techniques, abilities, or skills that somebody or something has *the surgeon's repertoire* [Mid-19C. Via French < late Latin *repertorium* (see REPERTORY)] *in repertoire* used to refer to performances of different plays or ballets given on different days

repertory /rɛpɜːtəri/ (plural -ries) *n* 1. UK, ANZ, Can SYSTEM OF PRESENTING PLAYS a system by which a permanent theatre company presents a set of works during a season, usually in its own theatre. US term stock 2. USER OF REPERTORY SYSTEM a theatre or company that uses the repertory system 3. ARTS same as repertoire (senses 1–2) 4. COLLECTION OF AVAILABLE THINGS a store or stock of available items *a comedian with a large repertory of jokes* [Late 16C. < late Latin *repertorium* 'inventory' < Latin *reperire* 'get completely' < *parire* 'get'] —**repertorial** /rɛpɜːrɪˈtɔːriəl/ *adj*

repertory company *n* UK, ANZ, Can a theatre company that performs different plays on different days in the same theatre. US term stock company

repetend /rɛpɪtɛnd/ *n* 1. the part of a repeating decimal that is repeated infinitely, e.g. '37' in '0.373737' 2. something that is repeated [Early 18C. < Latin *repetendum* 'thing to be repeated' < *repetere* 'demand again']

répétiteur /rɛpɛtɪˈtɜːr/ *n* a musician in an opera company who coaches the singers and accompanies them on the piano in rehearsal [Mid-20C. < French, 'somebody who repeats']

repetition /rɛpɪˈtɪʃn/ *n* 1. REPEATING OF SOMETHING an act of doing something again 2. SOMETHING SAME AS BEFORE an event or situation that is the same as one that happened previously 3. PROCEDURE OF STATING SOMETHING AGAIN the act or process of saying or writing something again 4. REPEATED WORDS something that is repeated, especially unnecessary words [Early 16C. Via French < Latin *repetition-* < *repetere* 'demand again']

repetitious /rɛpɪˈtɪʃəs/ *adj* full of repetition, especially unnecessary or tiresome repetition —**repetitiously** *adv* —**repetitiousness** *n*

repetitive /rɪˈpɛtɪtɪv/ *adj* full of or involving repetition *a boring repetitive task* —**repetitively** *adv* —**repetitiveness** *n*

repetitive strain injury, repetitive stress injury *n* MED full form of RSI

repine /rɪˈpɪn/ (-pines, -pining, -pined) *vi* to feel dissatisfied or fretful about something and complain or grumble about it (*literary*) [Early 16C. < PINE 'fret', after REpent] —**repiner** *n*

repetition incorrect spelling of repetition

replace /rɪˈpleɪs/ (-places, -placing, -placed) *vt* 1. SUBSTITUTE FOR SOMETHING to take the place of or substitute for somebody or something *The new ways rapidly replaced the old.* 2. SUPPLANT SOMEBODY OR SOMETHING to fill the place of somebody or something with somebody or something else *You can be replaced.* 3. PUT SOMETHING IN ANOTHER'S PLACE to provide or find a substitute for something *can't afford to replace his car* 4. PUT SOMETHING BACK IN ITS PLACE to put an object back in its usual place *She replaced the receiver slowly.* —**replaceable** *adj* —**replacer** *n*

USAGE replace or substitute? The constructions involving these two words are different, although the resulting meaning is usually the same. You **replace** item B with (or less often by) item A, but **substitute** item A for item B.

replacement /rɪˈpleɪsmənt/ *n* 1. SUBSTITUTION the act or process of taking the place of or substituting for somebody or something 2. FILLING OF SOMEBODY'S OR SOMETHING'S PLACE the filling of the place of somebody or something with somebody or something else 3. SUBSTITUTE somebody or something that replaces another 4. CHEM CHANGE OF ONE MINERAL TO ANOTHER the partial or complete transformation of one mineral into another in response to changing conditions such as the presence of water 5. US MIL SOMEBODY FILLING MILITARY VACANCY somebody who fills a vacancy in a military force

replant /rɪˈplɑːnt/ (-plants, -planting, -planted) *vt* 1. TRANSFER PLANT TO NEW PLACE to transfer a plant or part of a plant into new soil or a new area 2. PROVIDE PLACE

WITH NEW PLANTS to put new plants in a place or container to replace previous plants *replant the flower boxes every spring* 3. MED, DENT REATTACH OR REINSERT BODY PART to reattach or reinsert a severed body part such as a limb or tooth —**replantation** /rɛˈplɑːntəʃn/ *n*

replay /rɪˈpleɪ/ (-plays, -playing, -played) 1. PLAY RECORDING AGAIN to play again something that has been recorded on tape, video, or film 2. PLAY MATCH AGAIN to play a game, match, or contest again *n* /rɛˈpleɪ/ 1. CONTEST PLAYED AGAIN a game, match, or contest that is played again 2. RECORDED MATERIAL REPLAYED something recorded on tape, video, or film that is played again 3. REPEAT OF PREVIOUS EVENT an event that repeats or appears to repeat something in the past *The latest business failure was a replay of the previous one.*

replenish /rɪˈplɛnɪʃ/ (-ishes, -ishing, -ished) *vt* 1. NOURISH SOMEBODY OR SOMETHING to fill somebody or something with needed energy or nourishment 2. REPLACE USED ITEMS to restock depleted items or material *time for the campers to replenish their supplies* 3. REFUEL FIRE to resupply a fire with fuel [Early 17C. < Old French *repleniss-*, stem of *replenir* 'fill again' < *plenir* 'fill' < Latin *plenus* 'full'] —**replenisher** *n* —**replenishment** *n*

replete /rɪˈpleɪt/ *adj* 1. amply, completely, or fully supplied with something *a kitchen replete with all the latest gadgets* 2. having eaten enough to be fully satisfied [14C. Directly or via French < Latin *repletus*, past participle of *replere* 'fill up' < *plere* 'fill'] —**repleteness** *n*

repletion /rɪˈpleʃn/ *n* 1. a condition of being overfull after eating too much 2. the condition of being fully satisfied

replevin /rɪˈplɛvɪn/ *n* an act or writ to recover goods by somebody who claims to own them and who promises to have the claim later tested in court *n* /rɪˈplɛvɪn/ (-ins, -ining, -ined) LAW same as **replevy** [14C. < Anglo-Norman < *replevir* (see REPLEVY)]

replevy /rɪˈplɛvɪ/ *vt* (-ies, -ying, -ied) to seize goods on the grounds of ownership after promising to test the claim in court *n* (plural -ies) a seizure of claimed goods after a promise that the claim will be tested in court later [Late 16C. < Anglo-Norman *replevir* 'recover thoroughly' < *plevir* 'recover'] —**replevable** *adj*

replica /rɛpɪˈlɪkə/ *n* 1. an accurate reproduction of an object 2. a scrupulous copy of a work of art, especially one made, authorized, or supervised by the original artist [Early 19C. < Italian, 'repeat' < Latin *replicare* (see REPLICATE)]

replicant /rɛpɪˈlɪkənt/ *n* especially in science fiction, an imaginary being that has been constructed from organic and computerized components to look like a human being

replicate /rɛpɪˈleɪt/ (-cates, -cating, -cated) 1. *vt* DO SOMETHING AGAIN to make an identical version of something repeatedly and exactly, or do something again in exactly the same way 2. *vi* BE DONE AGAIN to undergo a repetition or reproduction 3. *vt* BIOL COPY CELLULAR OR GENETIC MATERIAL to reproduce exactly an organism, genetic material, or a cell *n* /rɛpɪˈlɪkət, -kayt/ BOT BENT BACK describes a leaf or other part that is folded back on itself [Mid-16C. < Latin *replicat-*, past participle of *replicare* 'fold back' < *plicare* 'to fold'] —**replicative** /-kətɪv/ *adj*

SYNONYMS See *copy*.

replication /rɛpɪˈlɪkəʃn/ *n* 1. PROCESS OF REPEATING the process of repeating, duplicating, or reproducing something 2. BIOL MAKING OF CELLULAR OR GENETIC COPY the production of exact copies of molecules, genetic material, or cells 3. LAW REPLY OF PLAINTIFF a plaintiff's reply to the plea of a defendant (*dated*) 4. BOT FOLD a fold or folding back of a leaf or other part

replicon /rɛpɪˈlɪkən/ *n* a segment of DNA or RNA that replicates itself as a unit, distinct from adjacent segments in a chromosome or other genetic element [Mid-20C. < REPLICATION]

reply /rɪˈplɪ/ *v* (-plies, -plying, -plied) 1. *vt* RESPOND TO WHAT SOMEBODY SAYS to say or write something in response to what somebody else has said or written *he replied that she wouldn't be available to take the job* 2. *vi* RESPOND WITH ACTION OR GESTURE to respond to somebody's action with a countering action or gesture 3. *vi* LAW ANSWER DEFENDANT'S PLEA to speak in

response to the plea of a defendant in a court of law 4. *vi* ECHO to echo or return a sound *n* (plural -plies) 1. SPOKEN OR WRITTEN RESPONSE a reaction, usually written or spoken, to a question, letter, or situation 2. ACTION PERFORMED AS RESPONSE something done as a response to somebody else's action *Her only reply was to turn on her heel and leave.* 3. LAW ANSWER TO DEFENDANT'S PLEA a statement made in response to the plea of a defendant in a court of law [14C. Via Old French *replier* < Latin *replicare* (see REPLICATE)] —**replier** *n*

SYNONYMS See *answer*.

reply-paid *adj* MAIL same as *postpaid*

repoint /rɪˈpɔɪnt/ (-points, -pointing, -pointed) *vt* to repair a brick wall by putting new mortar or cement between the bricks

repolarization /rɛˈpɒləraɪˈzeɪʃn/ *n* the restoration of the normal electrical polarity of a nerve or muscle cell membrane following reversal of its polarity (*depolarization*) during passage of a nerve impulse or muscle contraction —**repolarize** *vt*

report /rɪˈpɔːrt/ *v* (-ports, -porting, -ported) 1. *vt* TELL ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED to give information about something that has happened *reported that negotiations were proceeding slowly* 2. *vt* TELL PEOPLE NEWS USING MEDIA to find out facts and tell people about them in print or a broadcast 3. *vt* INFORM AUTHORITIES ABOUT SOMETHING OR SOMEBODY to inform somebody in authority about something that has happened, especially a crime or an accident, or about somebody who has done something wrong *reported him missing two days ago* *reported the break-in to the police* 4. *vt* TELL ABOUT RESEARCH to give detailed information about research or an investigation *The committee will report their findings early next week.* 5. *vt* MAKE OFFICIAL STATEMENT to make a formal statement regarding something 6. *vt* RECORD COURT PROCEEDINGS to record the proceedings of a court of law 7. *vi* INFORM ABOUT ARRIVAL to let somebody know you have arrived *Guests should report to reception on arrival.* 8. *vi* DECLARE STATE OF HEALTH to declare that you are in a particular condition of health *another worker reporting sick* 9. *vi* BE UNDER SOMEBODY'S AUTHORITY to be subordinate and responsible to somebody or something *You'll be reporting to me from now on.* *n* 1. ACCOUNT OF SOMETHING an account of an event, situation, or episode 2. NEWS ITEM an account of news presented by a journalist, in a print or broadcast medium 3. DOCUMENT GIVING INFORMATION a document that gives information about an investigation or a piece of research, often put together by a group of people working together 4. UNCONFIRMED ACCOUNT a widely-known account of something that may be true but has not been confirmed *Report had it that the company was approaching bankruptcy.* 5. BUSINESS PERIODIC STATEMENT OF COMPANY'S FINANCES a detailed periodic account of a company's activities, financial condition, and prospects that is made available to shareholders and investors *a quarterly report* 6. UK EDUC WRITTEN ACCOUNT OF CHILD'S SCHOOLWORK a record of a child's academic performance at school over a specific period, prepared by teachers and given to the child's parents or guardians. ANZ, N Am term report card 7. SHARP LOUD NOISE a very sharp loud noise, especially that of an explosion or gunshot 8. REPUTATION reputation or perceived character *reports* *np* LAW ACCOUNTS OF CASE AT LAW written accounts of a court's adjudication, summarizing arguments and findings [14C. Via French < Latin *reportare* 'carry back' < *portare* 'carry'] —**reportable** *adj*

reportage /rɪˈpɔːtɪdʒ/ *n* 1. PROCESS OF TELLING NEWS the use of print and electronic media to inform people about news and current events 2. THINGS REPORTED a body of reported news 3. WAY OF GIVING NEWS a particular way of gathering and presenting news [Late 19C. < REPORT, after French *reportage*]

report card *n* ANZ, N Am same as *report* *n* (sense 6)

reportedly /rɪˈpɔːrtɪdli/ *adv* according to an unconfirmed report *Reportedly he lost all his money.*

reported speech /rɪˈpɔːrtɪd/ *n* GRAM same as *indirect speech*

reporter /rɪˈpɔːtə/ *n* 1. SOMEBODY WHO REPORTS NEWS somebody whose job is to find out facts and use the print or broadcast media to tell people about them