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resecare, to cut off : *re-*, back, off + *secare*, to cut (see *sek-* in Appendix*.)

re-section (ri-sék'shən) *n.* The surgical removal of part of an organ or structure.

re-se-da (ri-sé'də) *n.* 1. Any plant of the genus *Reseda*, which includes the mignonette. 2. Grayish or dark green to yellow green or light olive. See *color*. [New Latin, from Latin *reseda*.] —*re-se-da* *adj.*

re-sem-blance (ri-zém'blans) *n.* 1. The condition or quality of resembling something; similarity in nature, form, or appearance; likeness. 2. Something that resembles another; a likeness; semblance. —See Synonyms at *likeness*.

re-sem-ble (ri-zém'bl) *tr.v.* -bled, -bling, -bles. To have a similarity to; be like. [Middle English *resemblen*, from Old French *resembler* : *re-* (intensifier) + *sembler*, to be like, from Latin *simulare*, *similare*, to imitate, from *similis*, like (see *sem-* in Appendix*).] —*re-sem'bler* *n.*

re-sent (ri-zént') *tr.v.* -sented, -senting, -sents. To feel indignantly aggrieved at (an act, situation, or person). [Obsolete French *resentir*, to feel strongly : *re-* (intensive) + *sentir*, to feel, from Latin *sentire* (see *sent-* in Appendix*).]

re-sent-ful (ri-zént'fəl) *adj.* Full of, characterized by, or inclined to feel resentment. —*re-sent'ful-ly* *adv.* —*re-sent'ful-ness* *n.*

re-sent-ment (ri-zént'mənt) *n.* Indignation or ill will felt as a result of a real or imagined offense. See Synonyms at *anger*.

re-ser-pine (ri-sür'pin, -pén', ré'sér-pin, -pén') *n.* A white to yellowish powder, $C_{17}H_{21}NO_6$, isolated from the roots of certain species of *rauwolfia*, and used as a sedative and tranquilizer. [German *Reserpin*, from New Latin *Rauwolfia serpentina*, a species of snakeroot : *RAUWOLFIA* + Late Latin *serpentina*, feminine of *serpentinus*, SERPENTINE.]

re-ser-va-tion (rèz'ar-vā'shən) *n.* 1. The act of reserving; a keeping back or withholding. 2. Something that is kept back or withheld. 3. A limiting qualification, condition, or exception. 4. A tract of land set apart by the Federal government for a special purpose; especially, one for the use of an American Indian people or tribe. 5. a. An arrangement by which accommodations are secured in advance, as in a hotel or on an airplane. b. The accommodations so secured. c. The record or promise of such an arrangement. —See Synonyms at *qualem*.

re-serve (ri-zürv') *tr.v.* -served, -serving, -serves. 1. To keep back or save for future use or a special purpose. 2. To set apart for a particular person or use. 3. To keep or secure for oneself; retain. 1. *reserve the right to disagree*. —See Synonyms at *keep*. —*n.* *Abbr. res.* 1. Something kept back or saved for future use or special purpose. 2. The state of being kept back, set aside, or saved: *funds held in reserve*. 3. The act of reserving; a reservation, condition, or exception. 4. The keeping of one's feelings, thoughts, or affairs to oneself. 5. Self-restraint in expression; reticence; discretion. 6. Lack of enthusiasm; skeptical caution. 7. An amount of capital held back from investment by a bank or company in order to meet probable or possible demands. 8. A reservation of public land: *a forest reserve*. 9. *Often plural*. a. A fighting force kept uncommitted until strategic need arises. b. The part of a country's armed forces not on active duty but subject to call in an emergency. —*adj.* Held in or forming a reserve: *a reserve supply of food*. [Middle English *reserven*, from Old French *reserver*, from Latin *reservare*, to keep back : *re-*, back + *servare*, to save, keep (see *ser-* in Appendix*).]

re-serv'a-ble *adj.* —*re-serv'er* *n.*

reserve bank. Any of the 12 main banks of the U.S. Federal Reserve System.

re-served (ri-zürvd') *adj.* 1. Held in reserve; kept back or set aside. 2. Characterized by self-restraint or reticence; not outgoing in manner or speech; undemonstrative; reticent. —See Synonyms at *humble*, *silent*. —*re-serv'ed-ly* (ri-zür'vid-lē) *adv.* —*re-serv'ed-ness* *n.*

Reserve Officers' Training Corps. *Abbr.* ROTC, R.O.T.C. A U.S. military corps that trains college students for commission as officers upon graduation.

re-serv-ist (ri-zür'vist) *n.* A member of a military reserve.

re-ser-voir (rèz'ar-vwâr, -vwôr', -vôr') *n.* 1. A body of water collected and stored in a natural or artificial lake. 2. A receptacle or chamber for storing a fluid. 3. *Anatomy*. A cisterna (see). 4. A large supply of something; a reserve: *a reservoir of gratitude*. [French *réservoir*, from *réserver*, to RESERVE.]

re-set (rè-sét') *tr.v.* -set, -setting, -sets. To set (as a broken bone, or matter in type) again. —*n.* (rè'sét'). 1. The act of resetting. 2. Something that is reset. —*re-set'ter* *n.*

res ges-tae (räs gës'ti). *Latin*. 1. Things done; deeds. 2. *Law*. The facts of a case that are admissible in evidence.

resh (resh) *n.* The 20th letter of the Hebrew alphabet, corresponding to the letter *r* in English. See *alphabet*. [Hebrew *resh*, from *rôsh*, "head."]

Resht (résht). Also *Rasht* (rásht). A major commercial city of Iran, in the north near the Caspian Sea. Population, 119,000.

re-side (ri-zid') *intr.v.* -sided, -siding, -sides. 1. To live in a place for an extended or permanent period of time. 2. To be inherently present; exist. Used with *in*. 3. To be vested. Used with *in*. [Middle English *residen*, from Old French *resider*, from Latin *residere*, "to sit back," "remain sitting" : *re-*, back, back in place + *sedere*, to sit (see *sed-* in Appendix*).] —*re-sid'er* *n.*

resi-dence (rèz'iden-s) *n.* *Abbr. res.* 1. The place in which one lives; a dwelling; an abode. 2. The act or a period of residing somewhere. 3. Medical residency.

res-i-den-cy (rèz'a-dən-sè, -dén'sè) *n.* *pl. -cies*. 1. The period during which a physician receives specialized clinical training. 2. a. The house of a colonial resident. b. The sphere of authority of a colonial resident. 3. Residence.

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res-i-den-tial (rèz'a-dèn'shal) *adj.* 1. Of, relating to, or having residence. 2. Of, suitable for, or limited to residences.

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