

**rabid** adj. Affected with rabies or hydrophobia.  
**racy** adj. Exciting or exhilarating to the mind.  
**radiance** n. Brilliant or sparkling luster.  
**radiate** v. To extend in all directions, as from a source or focus.  
**radical** n. One who holds extreme views or advocates extreme measures.  
**radix** n. That from or on which something is developed.  
**raillery** n. Good-humored satire.  
**ramify** v. To divide or subdivide into branches or subdivisions.  
**ramose** adj. Branch-like.  
**rampant** adj. Growing, climbing, or running without check or restraint.  
**rampart** n. A bulwark or construction to oppose assault or hostile entry.  
**rancor** n. Malice.  
**rankle** v. To produce irritation or festering.  
**rapacious** adj. Disposed to seize by violence or by unlawful or greedy methods.  
**rapid** adj. Having great speed.  
**rapine** n. The act of seizing and carrying off property by superior force, as in war.  
**rapt** adj. Enraptured.  
**raptorial** adj. Seizing and devouring living prey.  
**ration** v. To provide with a fixed allowance or portion, especially of food.  
**rationalism** n. The formation of opinions by relying upon reason alone, independently of authority.  
**raucous** adj. Harsh.  
**ravage** v. To lay waste by pillage, rapine, devouring, or other destructive methods.  
**ravenous** adj. Furiously voracious or hungry.  
**ravine** n. A deep gorge or hollow, especially one worn by a stream or flow of water.  
**reaction** n. Tendency towards a former, or opposite state of things, as after reform,  
**revolution**, or inflation.  
**reactionary** adj. Pertaining to, of the nature of, causing, or favoring reaction.  
**readily** adv. Without objection or reluctance.  
**readjust** v. To put in order after disarrangement.

- ready** adj. In a state of preparedness for any given purpose or occasion.
- realism** n. The principle and practice of depicting persons and scenes as they are believed really to exist.
- rearrange** v. To arrange again or in a different order.
- reassure** v. To give new confidence.
- rebellious** adj. Insubordinate.
- rebuff** n. A peremptory or unexpected rejection of advances or approaches.
- rebuild** v. To build again or anew.
- rebut** v. To oppose by argument or a sufficient answer.
- recant** v. To withdraw formally one's belief (in something previously believed or maintained).
- recapitulate** v. To repeat again the principal points of.
- recapture** v. To capture again.
- recede** v. To move back or away.
- receivable** adj. Capable of being or fit to be received - often money.
- receptive** adj. Having the capacity, quality, or ability of receiving, as truths or impressions.
- recessive** adj. Having a tendency to go back.
- recidivist** n. A confirmed criminal.
- reciprocal** adj. Mutually interchangeable or convertible.
- reciprocate** v. To give and take mutually.
- reciprocity** n. Equal mutual rights and benefits granted and enjoyed.
- recitation** n. The act of reciting or repeating, especially in public and from memory.
- reck** v. To have a care or thought for.
- reckless** adj. Foolishly headless of danger.
- reclaim** v. To demand or to obtain the return or restoration of.
- recline** v. To cause to assume a leaning or recumbent attitude or position.
- recluse** n. One who lives in retirement or seclusion.
- reclusory** n. A hermitage.
- recognizance** n. An acknowledgment entered into before a court with condition to do some particular act.
- recognize** v. To recall the identity of (a person or thing).
- recoil** v. To start back as in dismay, loathing, or dread.
- recollect** v. To recall the knowledge of.
- reconcilable** adj. Capable of being adjusted or harmonized.
- reconnoiter** v. To make a preliminary examination of for military, surveying, or geological purposes.

**reconsider** v. To review with care, especially with a view to a reversal of previous action.

**reconstruct** v. To rebuild.

**recourse** n. Resort to or application for help in exigency or trouble.

**recover** v. To regain.

**recreant** n. A cowardly or faithless person.

**recreate** v. To refresh after labor.

**recrudescence** n. The state of becoming raw or sore again.

**recrudescient** adj. Becoming raw or sore again.

**recruit** v. To enlist men for military or naval service.

**rectify** v. To correct.

**rectitude** n. The quality of being upright in principles and conduct.

**recuperate** v. To recover.

**recur** v. To happen again or repeatedly, especially at regular intervals.

**recure** v. To cure again.

**recurrent** adj. Returning from time to time, especially at regular or stated intervals.

**redemption** n. The recovery of what is mortgaged or pledged, by paying the debt.

**redolent** adj. Smelling sweet and agreeable.

**redolence** n. Smelling sweet and agreeable.

**redoubtable** adj. Formidable.

**redound** n. Rebound.

**redress** v. To set right, as a wrong by compensation or the punishment of the wrong-doer.

**reducible** adj. That may be reduced.

**redundance** n. Excess.

**redundant** adj. Constituting an excess.

**reestablish** v. To restore.

**refer** v. To direct or send for information or other purpose.

**referrer** n. One who refers.

**referable** adj. Ascribable.

**referee** n. An umpire.

**refinery** n. A place where some crude material, as sugar or petroleum, is purified.

**reflectible** adj. Capable of being turned back.

**reflection** n. The throwing off or back of light, heat, sound, or any form of energy that travels in waves.

**reflector** n. A mirror, as of metal, for reflecting light, heat, or sound in a particular direction.

**reflexible** adj. Capable of being reflected.  
**reform** n. Change for the better.  
**reformer** n. One who carries out a reform.  
**refract** v. To bend or turn from a direct course.  
**refractory** adj. Not amenable to control.

**refragable** adj. Capable of being refuted.  
**refringency** n. Power to refract.  
**refrangent** adj. Having the power to refract.  
**refusal** n. Denial of what is asked.  
**refute** v. To prove to be wrong.  
**regale** v. To give unusual pleasure.  
**regalia** n. pl. The emblems of royalty.  
**regality** n. Royalty.  
**regenerate** v. To reproduce.  
**regent** n. One who is lawfully deputized to administer the government for the time being in the name of the ruler.  
**regicide** n. The killing of a king or sovereign.  
**regime** n. Particular conduct or administration of affairs.  
**regimen** n. A systematized order or course of living with reference to food, clothing and personal habits.  
**regiment** n. A body of soldiers.  
**regnant** adj. Exercising royal authority in one's own right.  
**regress** v. To return to a former place or condition.  
**regretful** adj. Feeling, expressive of, or full of regret.  
**rehabilitate** v. To restore to a former status, capacity, right rank, or privilege.  
**reign** v. To hold and exercise sovereign power.  
**reimburse** v. To pay back as an equivalent of what has been expended.  
**rein** n. A step attached to the bit for controlling a horse or other draft-animal.  
**reinstatement** v. To restore to a former state, station, or authority.  
**reiterate** v. To say or do again and again.  
**rejoin** v. To reunite after separation.  
**rejuvenate** v. To restore to youth.  
**rejuvenescence** n. A renewal of youth.  
**relapse** v. To suffer a return of a disease after partial recovery.  
**relegate** v. To send off or consign, as to an obscure position or remote destination.  
**relent** v. To yield.

**relevant** adj. Bearing upon the matter in hand.  
**reliance** n. Dependence.  
**reliant** adj. Having confidence.  
**relinquish** v. To give up using or having.  
**reliquary** n. A casket, coffer, or repository in which relics are kept.  
**relish** v. To like the taste or savor of.  
**reluctance** n. Unwillingness.  
**reluctant** adj. Unwilling.  
**remembrance** n. Recollection.  
**remembrance** n. The calling to mind of incidents within the range of personal knowledge or experience.  
**reminiscent** adj. Pertaining to the recollection of matters of personal interest.  
**remiss** adj. Negligent.  
**remission** n. Temporary diminution of a disease.  
**remodel** v. Reconstruct.  
**remonstrance** n. Reproof.  
**remonstrant** adj. Having the character of a reproof.  
**remonstrate** v. To present a verbal or written protest to those who have power to right or prevent a wrong.  
**remunerate** v. To pay or pay for.  
**remuneration** n. Compensation.  
**Renaissance** n. The revival of letters, and then of art, which marks the transition from medieval to modern time.  
**rendezvous** n. A prearranged place of meeting.  
**rendition** n. Interpretation.  
**renovate** v. To restore after deterioration, as a building.  
**renunciation** n. An explicit disclaimer of a right or privilege.  
**reorganize** v. To change to a more satisfactory form of organization.  
**reparable** adj. Capable of repair.  
**reparation** n. The act of making amends, as for an injury, loss, or wrong.  
**repartee** n. A ready, witty, or apt reply.  
**repeal** v. To render of no further effect.  
**repel** v. To force or keep back in a manner, physically or mentally.  
**repellent** adj. Having power to force back in a manner, physically or mentally.  
**repentance** n. Sorrow for something done or left undone, with desire to make things right by undoing the wrong.  
**repertory** n. A place where things are stored or gathered together.

**repetition** n. The act of repeating.

**repine** v. To indulge in fretfulness and faultfinding.

**replenish** v. To fill again, as something that has been emptied.

**replete** adj. Full to the uttermost.

**replica** n. A duplicate executed by the artist himself, and regarded, equally with the first, as an original.

**repository** n. A place in which goods are stored.

**reprehend** v. To find fault with.

**reprehensible** adj. Censurable.

**reprehension** n. Expression of blame.

**repress** v. To keep under restraint or control.

**repressible** adj. Able to be kept under restraint or control.

**reprieve** v. To grant a respite from punishment to.

**reprimand** v. To chide or rebuke for a fault.

**reprisal** n. Any infliction or act by way of retaliation on an enemy.

**reprobate** n. One abandoned to depravity and sin.

**reproduce** v. To make a copy of.

**reproduction** n. The process by which an animal or plant gives rise to another of its kind.

**reproof** n. An expression of disapproval or blame personally addressed to one censured.

**repudiate** v. To refuse to have anything to do with.

**repugnance** n. Thorough dislike.

**repugnant** adj. Offensive to taste and feeling.

**repulse** n. The act of beating or driving back, as an attacking or advancing enemy.

**repulsive** adj. Grossly offensive.

**repute** v. To hold in general opinion.

**requiem** n. A solemn mass sung for the repose of the souls of the dead.

**requisite** adj. Necessary.

**requital** n. Adequate return for good or ill.

**requite** v. To repay either good or evil to, as to a person.

**rescind** v. To make void, as an act, by the enacting authority or a superior authority.

**reseat** v. To place in position of office again.

**resemblance** n. Similarity in quality or form.

**resent** v. To be indignant at, as an injury or insult.

**reservoir** n. A receptacle where a quantity of some material, especially of a liquid or gas, may be kept.

**residue** n. A remainder or surplus after a part has been separated or otherwise treated.

**resilience** n. The power of springing back to a former position

**resilient** adj. Having the quality of springing back to a former position.

**resistance** n. The exertion of opposite effort or effect.

**resistant** adj. Offering or tending to produce resistance.

**resistive** adj. Having or exercising the power of resistance.

**resistless** adj. Powerless.

**resonance** n. The quality of being able to reinforce sound by sympathetic vibrations.

**resonance** adj. Able to reinforce sound by sympathetic vibrations.

**resonate** v. To have or produce resonance.

**resource** n. That which is restored to, relied upon, or made available for aid or support.

**respite** n. Interval of rest.

**resplendent** adj. Very bright.

**respondent** adj. Answering.

**restitution** n. Restoration of anything to the one to whom it properly belongs.

**resumption** n. The act of taking back, or taking again.

**resurgent** adj. Surging back or again.

**resurrection** n. A return from death to life

**resuscitate** v. To restore from apparent death.

**retaliate** v. To repay evil with a similar evil.

**retch** v. To make an effort to vomit.

**retention** n. The keeping of a thing within one's power or possession.

**reticence** n. The quality of habitually keeping silent or being reserved in utterance.

**reticent** adj. Habitually keeping silent or being reserved in utterance.

**retinue** n. The body of persons who attend a person of importance in travel or public appearance.

**retort** n. A retaliatory speech.

**retouch** v. To modify the details of.

**retrace** v. To follow backward or toward the place of beginning, as a track or marking.

**retract** v. To recall or take back (something that one has said).

**retrench** v. To cut down or reduce in extent or quantity.

**retrieve** v. To recover something by searching.

**retroactive** adj. Operative on, affecting, or having reference to past events, transactions, responsibilities.

**retrograde** v. To cause to deteriorate or to move backward.  
**retrogression** n. A going or moving backward or in a reverse direction.  
**retrospect** n. A view or contemplation of something past.  
**retrospective** adj. Looking back on the past.  
**reunite** v. To unite or join again, as after separation.  
**revelation** n. A disclosing, discovering, or making known of what was before secret, private, or unknown.  
**revere** v. To regard with worshipful veneration.  
**reverent** adj. Humble.  
**reversion** n. A return to or toward some former state or condition.  
**revert** v. To return, or turn or look back, as toward a former position or the like.  
**revile** v. To heap reproach or abuse upon.  
**revisal** n. Revision.  
**revise** v. To examine for the correction of errors, or for the purpose of making changes.  
**revocation** n. Repeal.  
**revoke** v. To rescind.

**rhapsody** n. Rapt or rapturous utterance.  
**rhetoric** n. The art of discourse.  
**rhetorician** n. A showy writer or speaker.  
**ribald** adj. Indulging in or manifesting coarse indecency or obscenity.  
**riddance** n. The act or ridding or delivering from something undesirable.  
**ridicule** n. Looks or acts expressing amused contempt.  
**ridiculous** adj. Laughable and contemptible.  
**rife** adj. Abundant.  
**righteousness** n. Rectitude.  
**rightful** adj. Conformed to a just claim according to established laws or usage.  
**rigmarole** n. Nonsense.  
**rigor** n. Inflexibility.  
**rigorous** adj. Uncompromising.  
**ripple** n. A small ripple, as of water.  
**risible** adj. capable of exciting laughter.  
**rivulet** n. A small stream or brook.  
**robust** adj. Characterized by great strength or power of endurance.  
**rondo** n. A musical composition during which the first part or subject is repeated several times.

**rookery** n. A place where crows congregate to breed.

**rotary** adj. Turning around its axis, like a wheel, or so constructed as to turn thus.

**rotate** v. To cause to turn on or as on its axis, as a wheel.

**rote** n. Repetition of words or sounds as a means of learning them, with slight attention.

**rotund** adj. Round from fullness or plumpness.

**rudimentary** adj. Being in an initial, early, or incomplete stage of development.

**rue** v. To regret extremely.

**ruffian** adj. A lawless or recklessly brutal fellow.

**ruminant** adj. Chewing the cud.

**ruminare** v. To chew over again, as food previously swallowed and regurgitated.

**rupture** v. To separate the parts of by violence.

**rustic** adj. Characteristic of dwelling in the country.

**ruth** n. Sorrow for another's misery.