

points) — called also *clay* 22: an apparatus of electronic components assembled so as to function as a unit (a television ~) 23: a usu. offensive formation in football or basketball 24: a group of a specific number of repetitions of a particular exercise

**set ad** [ME *sett*, fr. OE *settan*, pp. of *settan* (14c)] 1: INTENT, DETERMINED (~ upon going) 2: INTENTIONAL, PREMEDITATED (did it of ~ purpose) 3: fixed by authority or appointment; PRESCRIBED (~ hours of study) 4: reluctant to change (~ in their ways) 5 a: IMMOVABLE, RIGID (~ frown) b: BUILT-IN (a ~ tub) 6: SETTLED, PERMANENT, FIXED (~ to) b: BUILT-IN (a ~ tub) PARED (~ for an early morning start)

**set-a** [SE-*ta*, pl *se-tae* [SE-*ta*] [NT, fr. L *saeta*, *saeta* bristle] (ca. 1793): a slender usu. rigid or bristly and springy organ or part of an animal or plant — *setal* [SE-*tal*] *adj*

**set-a-coous** [SE-*ta*-*shas*] *adj* [L *saeta*, *saeta*] (1664) 1: set with or consisting of bristles 2: resembling a bristle in form or texture

**set-aside** [set-*a*-*sid*] *n* (1943): something (as a portion of receipts or production) that is set aside for a specified purpose

**set-back** [set-*bak*] *n* (1674) 1: a checking of progress 2: DEFEAT, REVERSE 3: PITCH 7 4: a placing of the face of a building on a line some distance to the rear of the building line or of the wall below; also: the rooftop area produced by a setback 5: automatic scheduled adjustment to a lower temperature setting of a thermostat

**set back vt** (1600) 1: to slow the progress of: HINDER, DELAY 2: COST (a new suit will set you back \$200)

**set by vt** (1595): to set apart for future use

**set down vt** (15c) 1: to cause to sit down: SEAT 2: to place at rest on a surface or on the ground 3: to suspend (a jockey) from racing 4: to cause or allow to get off a vehicle: DELIVER 5: to land (an aircraft) on the ground or water 6 a: ORDAIN, ESTABLISH b: to put in writing 7 a: REGARD, CONSIDER (set him down as a liar) b: ATTRIBUTE

**set-*e*-mant** [SE-*te*-*mant*, SE-*te*-*la*-*ment*] *adj* [F, lit., holding one another] (ca. 1911) of postage stamps: joined together as in the original sheet but differing in design, overprint, color, or perforation

**set-in** [set-*in*] *n* (1865) a son of Adam and Eve

**set-in** [set-*in*] *adj* (1534) 1: placed, located, or built as a part of some other construction (a ~ bookcase) (a ~ washbasin) 2: cut separately and stitched in (~ sleeves)

**set-in** [set-*in*] *n* (1953): INSERT

**set in vt** (15c): INSERT; esp: to stitch (a small part) within a large article (set in a sleeve of a dress) ~ *vi*: to become established

**set-line** [set-*lin*] *n* (1865): a long heavy fishing line to which several hooks are attached in series

**set-off** [set-*of*] *n* (1621) 1: something that is set off against another balance 2: the discharge of a debt by setting against it a distinct claim in favor of the debtor; also: the claim itself 3: OFFSET 7 a

**set off vt** (1596) 1 a: to put in relief: show up by contrast b: ADORN, EMBELLISH c: to set apart: make distinct or outstanding 2 a: OFFSET, COMPENSATE (more variety in the Lancashire weather to set off its most disagreeable phase — *Good Jour.*) b: to make a setoff of (the respective totals shall be set off against one another — O. R. Hobson) 3 a: to set in motion: cause to begin b: to cause to explode 4: to set off on a surface ~ *vi*: to start out on a course or a journey

**set on vt** (14c) 1: ATTACK 2 a: PROMOTE b: to urge (as a dog) to attack or pursue c: to incite to action: INSTIGATE 4: to set to work ~ *vi*: GO ON, ADVANCE

**set-*ose*** [set-*os*] *adj* [L *saetosus*, fr. *saeta*] (1661): SETACIOUS, BRISTLY

**set-out** [set-*out*] *n* (1337) 1 a (1): ARRAY, DISPLAY (2): ARRANGEMENT, LAYOUT b: BUFFET, SPREAD c: TURNOUT 5 2: PARTY, ENTERTAINMENT 3: BEGINNING, OUTSET

**set out vt** (14c) 1 a: to arrange and present graphically or systematically b: to mark out (as a design): lay out the plan of 2: to state, describe, or recite at length (distributed copies of a pamphlet setting out his ideas in full — S. F. Mason) 3: to begin with a definite purpose: INTEND, UNDERTAKE ~ *vi*: to start out on a course, a journey, or a career

**set place n** (ca. 1909) 1: a realistic piece of stage scenery standing by itself 2 a: a composition (as in literature, art, or music) executed in a fixed or ideal form often with studied artistry and brilliant effect b: a scene, depiction, speech, or event that is obviously designed to have an imposing effect 3: a precisely planned and conducted military operation — *set-place adj*

**set point n** (1928): a situation (as in tennis) in which one player will win the set by winning the next point; also: the point won

**set-screw** [set-*skru*] *n* (ca. 1855) 1: a screw screwed through one part tightly upon or into another part to prevent relative movement 2: a screw for regulating a valve opening or a spring tension

**set shot n** (1937): a two-handed shot in basketball taken from a stationary position

**set star of SET**

**settee** [set-*tee*] *n* [alter. of *settle*] (1716) 1: a long seat with a back 2: a medium-sized sofa with arms and a back

**set-*ter*** [set-*ter*] *n* (15c) 1: one that sets 2: a large bird dog of a type trained to point on finding game

**set theory n** (1936): a branch of mathematics or of symbolic logic that deals with the nature and relations of sets — *set theoretic adj*

**setting** [set-*ting*] *n* (14c) 1: the manner, position, or direction in which something is set 2: the frame or bed in which a gem is set; also: style of mounting 3 a: the time, place, and circumstances in which something occurs or develops b: the time and place of the action of a literary, dramatic, or cinematic work c: the scenery used in a theatrical or film production 4: the music composed for a text (as a poem) 5: the articles of tableware for setting a place at table (two ~s of sterling silver) 6: a batch of eggs for incubation *syn* see BACKGROUND

**set circle n** (ca. 1891): a graduated scale or wheel on the mounting of an equatorial telescope for indicating right ascension or declination

**set-up exercise n** (ca. 1900): any of a series of gymnastic exercises used to give an erect carriage, supple muscles, and easy control of the body

**settle** [set-*tl*] *vb* set-*tl*-d; set-*tl*-ing [set-*tl*] [ME, to seat, to come to rest, come to rest, fr. OE *settan*, fr. *sett* seat] (1515) 1: to

place so as to stay 2 a: to establish in residence b: to furnish with inhabitants: COLONIZE 3 a: to cause to pack down b: to clarify by causing dregs or impurities to sink 4: to make quiet or orderly 5 a: to fix or resolve conclusively (~ the question) b: to establish or secure permanently (~ the order of royal succession) c: to conclude (a lawsuit) by agreement between parties usu. out of court d: to conclude by payment often of less than is due 6: to arrange in a desired position 7: to make or arrange for final disposition of (settled his affairs) 8 of an animal: IMPREGNATE ~ *vi* 1: to come to rest 2 a: to sink gradually or to the bottom b: to become clear by the deposit of sediment or scum c: to become compact by sinking 3 a: to become fixed, resolved, or established (a cold settled in his chest) b: to establish a residence or colony (settled in Wisconsin) — often used of stable life — often used with *down* (marry and ~ down) 5 a: to adjust differences or accounts b: to come to a decision ~ used with *on* or *upon* (~ed on a new plan) c: to conclude a lawsuit by agreement out of court 6 of an animal: CONCEIVE *syn* see DECIDE — *settle one's hash*: to silence or subdue someone by decisive action — *settle one's stomach*: to remove or relieve the distress or nausea of indigestion



settle

**settle n** [ME, place for sitting, seat, chair, fr. OE *sett*: akin to OHG *setz*l seat, L *setula* seat, chair, OE *settan* to sit] (1553): a wooden bench with arms, a high solid back, and an enclosed foundation which can be used as a chest

**settle-ment** [set-*tl*-*ment*] *n* (1648) 1: the act or process of settling 2 a: an act of bestowing or giving possession under legal sanction b: the sum, estate, or income secured to one by such a settlement 3 a: occupation by settlers b: a place or region newly settled c: a small village or hamlet 4: SETTLEMENT HOUSE 5: an agreement compensating differences 6: payment or adjustment of an account

**settlement house n** (1907): an institution providing various community services (e.g., city populations)

**set-*tle*-lar** [set-*tl*-*lar*] *n* (1696): one that settles (as a new region)

**set-*tl*-ing** [set-*tl*-*ing*] *n* (1594): SEDIMENT, DREGS — *usu.* used in pl

**set-*tle*-*or*** [set-*tl*-*or*] *n* (1818): one that makes a settlement or creates a trust of property

**set-*tle*-*to*** [set-*tl*-*to*] *n*, pl *set-*tle*-*tos** (1743): a usu. brief and vigorous fight or debate

**set to vt** (ca. 1525) 1: to begin actively and earnestly 2: to begin fighting

**set-up** [set-*ap*] *n* (1890) 1 a: carriage of the body; esp: erect and soldierly bearing b: CONSTITUTION, MAKEUP 2 a: the assembly and arrangement of tools and apparatus required for the performance of an assigned task 3 a: a table setting b: glass, ice, and mixer served to patrons who supply their own liquor 4 a: a camera position from which a scene is filmed; also: the footage taken from one camera position b: the final arrangement of the scenery and properties for a scene of a theatrical or cinematic production 5 a: a position of the balls in billiards or pool from which it is easy to score b: a task or contest purposely made easy c: something easy to get or accomplish d: something (as a plot) that has been constructed or contrived e: the execution of a planned scoring play in sports 6 a: the manner in which the elements or components of a machine, apparatus, or mechanism b: the patterns within which political, social, or administrative forces operate: customary or established practice 7: PROTECT, PLAN 8: something done by deceit or trickery in order to compromise or frame someone

**set up vt** (13c) 1 a: to raise to and place in a high position b: to place in view: POST c: to put forward (as a plan) for acceptance 2 a: to place upright: ERECT (set up a statue) b: to assemble the parts and in readiness or adjustment for a tooling operation 3 a: CAUSE, CREATE (set up a clamor) b: BRING ABOUT 4: to place in power or in office (set up the general as dictator) 5 a: to raise from depression: ELATE, GRATIFY b: to make proud or vain 6 a: to put forward or extol as a model b: to claim oneself to be (set up as a hero) 7 a: to provide FOUND, INAUGURATE (set up a home for orphans) 8 a: to provide with means of making a living (set him up in business) b: to bring or restore to normal health c: to cause (one) to take on a soldierly or athletic appearance esp. through drill 9: to erect (a perpendicular or a figure) on a base in a drawing 10 a: to make taut (a stay or hawser) b: to tighten firmly 11: to make carefully worked out plans for (set up a bank robbery) 12 a: to pay for (drinks) b: to treat (someone) to something 13 a: to put in a compromising or dangerous position *usu.* by trickery or deceit b: FRAME 3 14: to execute one or more or use 2: to begin business 3: to make predictions (has never set up to be a wise man — Thomas Rogers) 4: to become firm or consolidated — *set up housekeeping*: to establish one's living quarters — *set up shop*: to establish one's business

**seven** [SE-*ven*, SE-*ben*] *n* [ME, fr. *seven* *adj*, fr. OE *seofon*; akin to OHG *sihvan* seven, L *septem*, GK *hepta*] (bef. 12c) 1 — *see* NUMBER table 2: the seventh in a set or series (the ~ of diamonds) 3: something having seven units or members — *seven adj* — *seven pron*, pl in *constr*

**seven-fold** [SE-*ven*-*fold*] *adj* (bef. 12c) 1: having seven units or members 2: being seven times as great or as many — *sevenfold adv*

set about vt kitten, F table set further ash ash ace mop, mar set out vt chin bet easy go hit lice job sing go law boy thin thin the the loot foot yet vision A, B, C, D, E, F, G see Guide to Pronunciation



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