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de·fault

/dəˈfɔlt/

noun

- 1. failure to fulfill an obligation, especially to repay a loan or appear in a court of law. "it will have to restructure its debts to avoid default" *synonyms:* nonpayment, failure to pay, bad debt "the incidence of defaults on loans"
- 2. a preselected option adopted by a computer program or other mechanism when no alternative is specified by the user or programmer. "the default is fifty lines"

verb

- 1. fail to fulfill an obligation, especially to repay a loan or to appear in a court of law. "some had defaulted on student loans" *synonyms:* fail to pay, not pay, renege, back out; More
- 2. (of a computer program or other mechanism) revert automatically to (a preselected option). "when you start a fresh letter, the system will default to its own style" *synonyms:* revert, select automatically "the program will default to its own style"

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What is default? Webopedia Definition

www.webopedia.com/TERM/D

Feb 1, 2001 - A value or setting that a device or program automatically selects if you do not specify a

substitute. For example, word processors have **default** margins and ...

Kids.Net.Au - Dictionary > Definition: default

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Feb 1, 2001 - **Definition of default.** loss due to not showing up; "he lost the game by **default**"; an option that is selected automatically unless an alternative is specified; loss ...

Default Judgment. - Legal Dictionary | Law.com

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Feb 1, 2001 - **default judgment.** n. if a defendant in a lawsuit fails to respond to a complaint in the time set by law (commonly 20 or 30 days), then the plaintiff (suer) can request ...

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Definition of *default* in English:

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NOUN

- [mass noun]** Failure to fulfil an obligation, especially to repay a loan or appear in a law court.

'the company will have to restructure its debts to avoid default'

[count noun] *'the deteriorating economy pushed defaults to almost \$20 billion'*

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- [in singular]** A preselected option adopted by a computer program or other mechanism when no alternative is specified by the user or programmer.

'the default is fifty lines'

[as modifier] *'default settings'*

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- 2.1 [usually as modifier]** Something that is usual or standard.

'all my life, envy has been my default emotion'

'SSRIs have become the default for adults with depression'

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VERB

[NO OBJECT]

- Fail to fulfil an obligation, especially to repay a loan or to appear in a law court.

'the dealer could repossess the goods if the customer defaulted'

'some had defaulted on student loans'

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1.1 [*with object*] Declare (a party) to have defaulted and give judgement against that party.

'two semi-finalists were defaulted'

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2 (**default to**) (of a computer program or other mechanism) revert automatically to (a preselected option)

'when you start a fresh letter the system will default to its own style'

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Phrases

by default

1 Because of a lack of opposition.

'they won the last election by default'

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1.1 Through lack of positive action rather than conscious choice.

'he became an actor by default'

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go by default

(of a case) be decided in favour of one party because of lack of opposition by the other party.

'the case against us has gone by default'

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in default

Guilty of failing to repay a loan or appear in a law court.

'the company is already in default on its loans'

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in default of

In the absence of.

'in default of agreement the rent was to be determined by a surveyor'

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Origin

Middle English: from Old French default, from defaillir 'to fail', based on Latin fallere 'disappoint, deceive'.

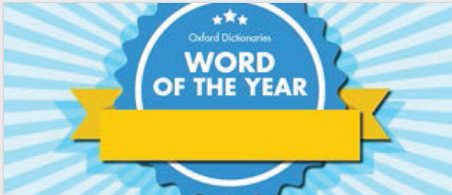
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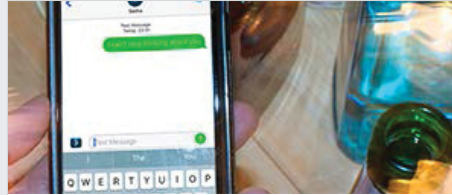
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