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**respiratory quotient** *n* (ca. 1890) : a ratio indicating the relation of the volume of carbon dioxide given off in respiration to that of the oxygen consumed

**respiratory syncytial virus** *n* (1961) : a paramyxovirus (species *Human respiratory syncytial virus* of the genus *Pneumovirus*) that is responsible for severe respiratory diseases (as bronchopneumonia and bronchiolitis) in children and esp. in infants

**respiratory system** *n* (1888) : a system of organs functioning in respiration and in humans consisting esp. of the nose, nasal passages, pharynx, larynx, trachea, bronchi, and lungs

**re-spire** *v* (ri-'spi(-ə)) *vb* re-spired; re-spir-ing [ME, fr. *L. respirare*, fr. *re-* + *spirare* to blow, breathe] *vi* (15c) **1** : BREATHE; *specif* : to inhale and exhale air successively **2** of a cell or tissue : to take up oxygen and produce carbon dioxide through oxidation ~ *vt* : BREATHE

**res-pi-rom-e-ter** *v* (res-pə-'rā-mə-tər) *n* (ca. 1883) : an instrument for studying the character and extent of respiration — **res-pi-rom-et-ric** *v* (rə-'pi-mə-trik) *adj* — **res-pi-rom-e-try** *v* (rə-'pi-mə-trē) *n*

**re-spite** *v* (res-pat also ri-'spit, Brit usu 'res-pit) *n* [ME *respit*, fr. AF, fr. ML *respiectus*, fr. L, act of looking back — more at RESPECT] (13c) **1** : a period of temporary delay **2** : an interval of rest or relief

**respit** *vt* re-spit-ed; re-spit-ing (14c) **1** : to grant a respite to **2** : PUT OFF, DELAY

**respite** *adj* (1978) : providing or being temporary care in relief of a primary caregiver (~ care) (a ~ worker)

**re-splen-dence** *v* (ri-'splen-dən(t)s) *n* (15c) : the quality or state of being resplendent : SPLENDOR

**re-splen-den-cy** *v* (rə-'splen-dən(t)s) *n* (ca. 1611) : RESPLENDENCE

**re-splen-dent** *v* (rə-'splen-dən(t)) *adj* [ME, fr. *L. resplendens*, *resplendens*, prp. of *resplendere* to shine back, fr. *re-* + *splendere* to shine — more at SPLENDID] (15c) : shining brilliantly; characterized by a glowing splendor (meadows ~ with wildflowers — *Outdoor World*) *syn* see SPLENDID — **re-splen-dent-ly** *adv*

**re-spond** *v* (ri-'spānd) *n* [ME *responde*, lit., reply, fr. AF *respuns*, *respon* response] (15c) : an engaged pillar supporting an arch or closing a colonnade or arcade

**respond** *vb* [alter. of ME *responde*, fr. AF *responde*, fr. L *respondere* to promise in return, answer, fr. *re-* + *spondere* to promise — more at SPOUSE] *w* (1572) **1** : to say something in return : make an answer (~ to criticism) **2 a** : to react in response (~ed to a call for help) **b** : to show favorable reaction (~ to surgery) **3** : to be answerable (~ in damages) ~ *vt* : REPLY — **re-spond-er** *v* (ri-'spān-dər) *n*

**re-spon-dent** *v* (ri-'spān-dən(t)) *n* [L *respondens*, *respondens*, prp. of *respondere*] (1528) **1** : one who responds; as **a** : one who maintains a thesis in reply **b** (1) : one who answers in various legal proceedings (as in equity cases) (2) : the prevailing party in the lower court **c** : a person who responds to a poll **2** : a reflex that occurs in response to a specific external stimulus — compare OPERANT

**respondent** *adj* (1726) **1** : making response : RESPONSIVE; *esp* : being a respondent at law **2** : relating to or being behavior or responses to a stimulus that are followed by a reward (~ conditioning) — compare OPERANT

**re-sponse** *v* (ri-'spāns) *n* [ME & L; ME *response*, fr. AF *respuns*, *response*, fr. L *responsum* reply, fr. neut. of *responsum*, pp. of *respondere*] (14c) **1** : an act of responding **2** : something constituting a reply or a reaction; as **a** : a verse, phrase, or word sung or said by the people or choir after or in reply to the officiant in a liturgical service **b** : the activity or inhibition of previous activity of an organism or any of its parts resulting from stimulation **c** : the output of a transducer or detecting device resulting from a given input *syn* see ANSWER

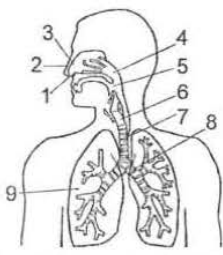
**re-spon-si-bil-i-ty** *v* (ri-'spān(t)-sə-'bi-lə-tē) *n*, *pl* -ties (1771) **1** : the quality or state of being responsible; as **a** : moral, legal, or mental accountability **b** : RELIABILITY, TRUSTWORTHINESS **2** : something for which one is responsible : BURDEN (has neglected his responsibilities)

**re-spon-si-ble** *v* (ri-'spān(t)-sə-'bəl) *adj* [AF *responsable*, fr. *respuns*] (1643) **1 a** : liable to be called on to answer **b** (1) : liable to be called to account as the primary cause, motive, or agent (a committee ~ for the job) (2) : being the cause or explanation (mechanical defects were ~ for the accident) **c** : liable to legal review or in case of fault to penalties **2 a** : able to answer for one's conduct and obligations : TRUSTWORTHY **b** : able to choose for oneself between right and wrong **3** : marked by or involving responsibility or accountability (~ financial policies) (a ~ job) **4** : politically answerable; *esp* : required to submit to the electorate if defeated by the legislature — used esp. of the British cabinet — **re-spon-si-ble-ness** *n* — **re-spon-si-bly** *adv*

*syn* RESPONSIBLE, ANSWERABLE, ACCOUNTABLE, AMENABLE, LIABLE mean subject to being held to account. RESPONSIBLE implies holding a specific office, duty, or trust (the bureau responsible for revenue collection). ANSWERABLE suggests a relation between one having a moral or legal obligation and a court or other authority charged with oversight of its observance (an intelligence agency answerable to Congress). ACCOUNTABLE suggests imminence of retribution for unfulfilled trust or violated obligation (elected officials are accountable to the voters). AMENABLE and LIABLE stress the fact of subjection to review, censure, or control by a designated authority under certain conditions (laws are amenable to judicial review) (not liable for the debts of the former spouse).

**re-spon-sions** *v* (ri-'spān(t)-shənz) *n* *pl* [ME *responcion* response, sum to be paid, fr. AF or ML; AF *responcion*, fr. ML *responcion*, *responcio*, fr. L, answer, fr. *respondere*] (1813) : an examination formerly required for matriculation as an undergraduate at Oxford

**re-spon-sive** *v* (ri-'spān(t)-siv) *adj* (15c) **1** : giving response : constituting a response : ANSWERING (a ~ glance) (~ aggression) **2** : quick



respiratory system: 1 nostril, 2 nose, 3 nasal cavity, 4 nasopharynx, 5 oropharynx, 6 larynx, 7 trachea, 8 bronchus, 9 lung

to respond or react appropriately or sympathetically : SENSITIVE **3** : using responses (a ~ liturgy) — **re-spon-sive-ly** *adv* — **re-spon-sive-ness** *n*

**re-spon-so-ry** *v* ('spān(t)-sə-'rē) *n*, *pl* -ries [ME, fr. ML *responsorium*, fr. L *respondere*] (15c) : a set of versicles and responses sung or said after or during a lesson

**re-spon-sum** *v* (ri-'spān(t)-səm) *n*, *pl* -sa *v* (sə) [NL, fr. L, reply, response] (1896) : a written decision from a rabbinic authority in response to a submitted question or problem

**res-pu-bli-ca** *v* ('rās-'pū-bli-kā) *n* [L — more at REPUBLIC] (ca. 1898) **1** : COMMONWEALTH, STATE, REPUBLIC **2** : COMMONWEAL

**res-sen-ti-ment** *v* ('rās-'pū-tē-'mā) *n* [F, resentment, fr. *ressentir* to resent, fr. MF *resentir* — more at RESENT] (1941) : deep-seated resentment, frustration, and hostility accompanied by a sense of being powerless to express these feelings directly

**rest** *v* (rest) *n* [ME, fr. OE; akin to OHG *rasta* rest and perh. to OHG *ruova* calm] (bef. 12c) **1** : REPOSE, SLEEP; *specif* : a bodily state characterized by minimal functional and metabolic activities **2 a** : freedom from activity or labor **b** : a state of motionlessness or inactivity **c** : the repose of death **3** : a place for resting or lodging **4** : peace of mind or spirit **5 a** (1) : a rhythmic silence in music (2) : a character representing such a silence **b** : a brief pause in reading **6** : something used for support — at rest **1** : resting or reposing esp. in sleep or death **2** : QUIESCENT, MOTIONLESS **3** : free of anxieties

**rest** *vi* (bef. 12c) **1 a** : to get rest by lying down; *esp* : SLEEP **b** : to lie dead **2** : to cease from action or motion : refrain from labor or exertion **3** : to be free from anxiety or disturbance **4** : to sit or lie fixed or supported (a column ~ on its pedestal) **5 a** : to remain confident : TRUST (cannot ~ on that assumption) **b** : to be based or founded (the verdict ~ed on several sound precedents) **6** : to remain for action or accomplishment (the answer ~s with you) **7** of farmland : to remain idle or uncropped **8** : to bring to an end voluntarily the introduction of evidence in a law case ~ *vt* **1** : to give rest to **2** : to set at rest **3** : to place on or against a support **4** : to cause to be firmly fixed (~ed all hope in his child) **5** : to desist voluntarily from presenting evidence pertinent to (a case at law) — **rest-er** *n*

**rest** *n* [ME *reste*, lit., stoppage, short for *aresta*, fr. AF *arest*, fr. *arrestare* to arrest] (14c) : a projection or attachment on the side of the breastplate of medieval armor for supporting the butt of a lance

**rest** *n* [ME, fr. AF *reste*, fr. *rester* to remain, fr. L *restare*, fr. *re-* + *stare* to stand — more at STAND] (15c) : something that remains over : REMAINDER (ate the ~ of the candy) — **for the rest** : with regard to remaining issues or needs

**rest area** *n* (1971) : an area adjacent to a highway at which restrooms and refreshments are use, available

**re-start** *v* (ri-'stārt) *w* (1749) **1** : to start anew **2** : to resume (as an activity) after interruption ~ *vt* **1** : to resume operation — **re-start** *v* ('rē-'stārt, (r)-'stārt) *n* — **re-start-able** *v* ('stār-tə-bəl) *adj*

**re-state** *v* (ri-'stāt) *w* (ca. 1713) : to state again or in another way

**re-state-ment** *v* ('stāt-mənt) *n* (1803) **1** : something that is restated **2** : the act of restating

**re-stau-rant** *v* ('stā-(-ə)-rānt also (-ə)-rānt, -tānt) *n* [F, fr. prp. of *restaurer* to restore, fr. L *restaurare*] (ca. 1766) : a business establishment where meals or refreshments may be purchased

**re-stau-ra-teur** *v* ('stā-rə-'tər) also *res-tau-ran-teur* *v* ('rān-*t*) *n* [F *restaurateur*, fr. LL *restaurator* restorer, fr. L *restaurare*] (1796) : the operator or proprietor of a restaurant

**rest-ed** *v* ('rest-əd) *adj* (15c) : having had sufficient rest or sleep

**re-ste-no-sis** *v* ('rest-nə-'sɪs, 'rē-stə-) *n* [NL] (1954) : the recurrence of stenosis in a blood vessel or heart valve after it has been treated with apparent success

**rest-ful** *v* ('rest-fəl) *adj* (14c) **1** : marked by, affording, or suggesting rest and repose (a ~ color scheme) **2** : being at rest : QUIET *syn* see COMFORTABLE — **rest-ful-ly** *adv* — **rest-ful-ness** *n*

**rest home** *n* (1925) : an establishment that provides housing and general care for the aged or the convalescent

**rest house** *n* (1807) : a building used for shelter by travelers

**rest-ing** *v* ('rest-ɪŋ) *adj* (14c) **1** : being or characterized by dormancy : QUIESCENT (a ~ spore) (bulbs in the ~ state) **2** : not undergoing or marked by division : VEGETATIVE (a ~ nucleus)

**re-si-tute** *v* ('res-tūt, -tūt) *v* (tūt) *v* (tūt) [L *restituere*, pp. of *restituere*] *w* (ca. 1500) **1** : to restore to a former state or position **2** : GIVE BACK; *esp* : REFUND ~ *vt* : to undergo restitution

**re-si-tu-tion** *v* ('res-tūt-'shən, -tūt-) *n* [ME *restituicion*, fr. AF, fr. L *restituicio*, *restituio*, fr. *restituere* to restore, fr. *re-* + *statuere* to set up — more at STATUTE] (14c) **1** : an act of restoring or a condition of being restored; as **a** : a restoration of something to its rightful owner **b** : a making good of or giving an equivalent for some injury **2** : a legal action serving to cause restoration of a previous state

**res-tive** *v* ('rest-iv) *adj* [ME *restif*, fr. AF *restif*, fr. *rester* to stop, resist, remain] (15c) **1** : stubbornly resisting control : BALKY **2** : marked by impatience or uneasiness : FIDGETY *syn* see CONTRARY — **res-tive-ly** *adv* — **res-tive-ness** *n*

**rest-less** *v* ('rest-ləs) *adj* (bef. 12c) **1** : lacking or denying rest : UNEASY (a ~ night) **2** : continuously moving : UNQUIET (the ~ sea) **3** : characterized by or manifesting unrest esp. of mind (~ pacing); also : CHANGEFUL, DISCONTENTED — **rest-less-ly** *adv* — **rest-less-ness** *n*

**restless legs syndrome** *n* (1976) : a nervous disorder characterized by aching, crawling, or creeping sensations of the legs that occur esp. at night usu. when lying down (as before sleep) and cause a compelling urge to move the legs — called also *restless legs*; *restless leg syndrome*

**rest mass** *n* (1914) : the mass of a body exclusive of additional mass the body acquires by its motion according to the theory of relativity

**re-stor-able** *v* ('rī-'stɔ-r-ə-bəl) *adj* (ca. 1611) : fit for restoring or reclaiming

**re-stor-al** *v* ('stɔ-rəl) *n* (ca. 1611) : RESTORATION

**re-sto-ra-tion** *v* ('rest-ə-'rā-shən) *n* (14c) **1** : an act of restoring or the condition of being restored; as **a** : a bringing back to a former position or condition : REINSTATEMENT (the ~ of peace) **b** : RESTITUTION **c** : a restoring to an unimpaired or improved condition (the ~ of a painting) **d** : the replacing of missing teeth or crowns **2** : something that is restored; *esp* : a representation or reconstruction of the original form (as of a fossil or a building) **3 cap a** : the reestablishing

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