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NOUN

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Definition of offset in English:

offset



NOUN

Pronunciation /'ɒfset/

1 A consideration or amount that diminishes or balances the effect of an opposite one.

'widow's bereavement allowance is an offset against income'

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2 The amount or distance by which something is out of line.

'these wheels have an offset of four inches'

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2.1 **Surveying** A short distance measured perpendicularly from the main line of measurement.

'if it was a simple curve, he was taught the 'ranging by offsets' technique'

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2.2 **Electronics** A small deviation or bias in a voltage or current.

[as modifier] 'offset adjustment circuits'

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3 A side shoot from a plant serving for propagation.

'a present of tulip bulbs, offsets, and seeds for his garden'

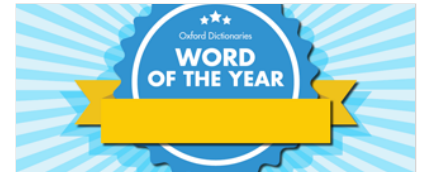
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3.1 A spur in a mountain range.

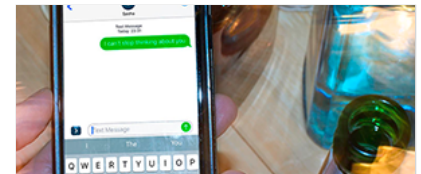
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5 A bend in a pipe to carry it past an obstacle.

'allow for any bend you need including offsets for connecting the downpipe'



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SEM

- 6 *[mass noun, often as modifier]* A method of printing in which ink is transferred from a plate or stone to a uniform rubber surface and from that to the paper.

'they produced banknotes by offset'

[as modifier] *'offset printing'*

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VERB

Pronunciation /'ɒfset/ /ɒf'set/

- 1 *[with object]* Counteract (something) by having an equal and opposite force or effect.

'donations to charities can be offset against tax'

'his unfortunate appearance was offset by a compelling personality'

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[Synonyms](#)

- 2 *[with object]* Place out of line.

'several places where the ridge was offset at right angles to its length'

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- 3 *[no object]* (of ink or a freshly printed page) transfer an impression to the next leaf or sheet.

'there was some offsetting on to text'

Pronunciation

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a desert

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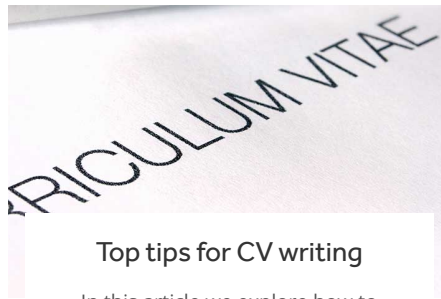
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