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Definition of MONITOR

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- 1 a:** a student appointed to assist a teacher
b: one that warns or instructs
c: one that [monitors](#) or is used in [monitoring](#): as (1): a cathode-ray tube used for display (as of television pictures or computer information) (2): a device for observing a biological condition or function
- 2:** [MONITOR LIZARD](#)
- 3** [*Monitor*, first ship of the type]
a: a heavily armored warship formerly used in coastal operations having a very low freeboard and one or more revolving gun turrets
b: a small modern warship with shallow draft for coastal bombardment
- 4:** a raised central portion of a roof having low windows or louvers for providing light and air
— *mon-i-to-ri-al* *adjective*
— *mon-i-tor-ship* *noun*
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Examples of MONITOR

They watched the press conference on a video *monitor* in a back room.
We put a baby *monitor* in the nursery.
U.N. weapons *monitors* and inspectors.

Origin of MONITOR

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First Known Use: 1546

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: to watch, observe, listen to, or check (something) for a special purpose over a period of time

mon-i-tored | **mon-i-tor-ing**

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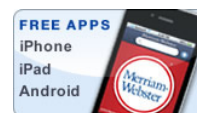
: to watch, keep track of, or check usually for a special purpose

Examples of MONITOR

Nurses constantly *monitored* the patient's heart rate.

We're in a good position to *monitor* and respond to customer concerns.

Government agents have been *monitoring* the enemy's radio communications.



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