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NOUN

- 1 An official list or record, for example of births, marriages, and deaths, of shipping, or of historic places.

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- 1.1 A book or record of attendance, for example of students in a class or school or guests in a hotel.

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- 2 A particular part of the range of a voice or instrument.
'his voice moved up a register'

'she plays a basset horn and relishes the duskiess of its lower register'

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- 2.1 A sliding device controlling a set of organ pipes which share a tonal quality.

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- 2.2 A set of organ pipes so controlled.

- 3 *Linguistics*

A variety of a language or a level of usage, as determined by degree of formality and choice of vocabulary, pronunciation, and syntax, according to the communicative purpose, social context, and social status of the user.

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Printing Photography

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Use the exact correspondence of the position of color components in a printed positive.

4.1

The exact correspondence of the position of printed matter on the two sides of a page.

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(in electronic devices) a location in a store of data, used for a specific purpose and with quick access time.

Example sentences

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An adjustable plate for widening or narrowing an opening and regulating a draft, especially in a fire grate.

Example sentences

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Art

One of a number of bands or sections into which a design is divided.

Example sentences

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North American

short for **cash register**

VERB

[WITH OBJECT]

- 1

Enter or record on an official list or directory.
'the vessel is registered as Liberian'
'her father was late in registering her birth'
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Synonyms
- 1.1

[no object] Enter one's name and other details on an official list or directory.
[with infinitive] *'34,500 registered to vote'*
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Synonyms
- 1.2

[no object] Put one's name in a register as a guest in a hotel.
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Synonyms
- 1.3

North American [no object] (of a couple to be married) have a list of wedding gifts compiled and kept at a store for consultation by gift buyers.
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- 1.4

Entrust (a letter or parcel) to a post office for transmission by registered mail.
'it is highly recommended that you register the letter containing your supporting documents'
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- 2

(of an instrument) detect and show (a reading) automatically.

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'Bring' or 'Take'?

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☐ The crisis could bring down the regime

☐ The crisis could take down the regime

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'the electroscope was too insensitive to register the tiny changes'

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2.1 *[no object, with complement]* (of an event) give rise to a specified reading on an instrument.
'the blast registered 5.4 on the Richter scale'

More example sentences

3 Express or convey (an opinion or emotion)
'I wish to register an objection'
'he did not register much surprise at this'

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3.1 *[no object]* (of an emotion) show in a person's face or gestures.
'nothing registered on their faces'

More example sentences

3.2 *[usually with negative]* Properly notice or become aware of (something)
'he had not even registered her presence'

More example sentences Synonyms

3.3 *[no object, usually with negative]* Make an impression on a person's mind.
'the content of her statement did not register'

More example sentences Synonyms

4 *Printing Photography*
Correspond or cause to correspond exactly in position.
[no object] 'they are adjusted until the impressions register'

More example sentences

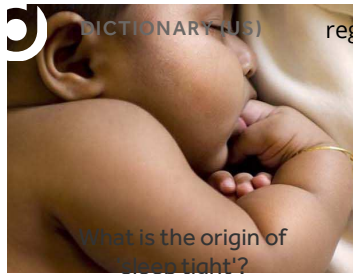
Origin

Late Middle English: from Old French regestre or medieval Latin registrum, registrum, alteration of regestum, singular of late Latin regesta 'things recorded', from regerere 'enter, record'.

Pronunciation

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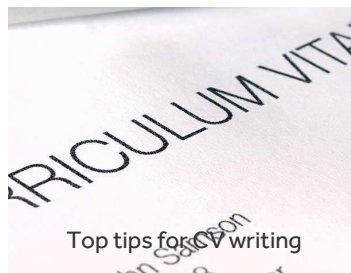
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