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upright or erect (said of plants) **2** to rise to an upright position, as from a sitting, lying, or crouching position **3 a)** to take, move into, maintain, or be in a (specified) upright position [*stand straight!*] **b)** to take, support, antagonism, responsibility, sponsorship, etc. [*to stand* *stands* six feet] **5** to point: said of a dog **6 a)** to be placed; be situated **b)** to remain where situated, built, etc. **7** to gather and unchanged, intact, effective, or valid [*the law still stands*] **b)** to be or remain in a printed or written form **9** to be in a (specified) condition, relation, or circumstance: used with a phrase, infinitive, or adverb [*they stood in awe*, *he stands to lose ten dollars*] **10** to be of a (specified) rank, degree, or the like [*to stand first in one's class*] **11** to maintain one's opinion, viewpoint, adherence, etc.; remain resolute or firm **12** to make resistance, as to hostile action **13 a)** to come to a stop; halt **b)** to be or remain stationary **14** to show the (specified) relative position of those involved [*the score stands at 28 to 20*] **15** to be available for breeding: said of a stallion **16** [Chiefly Brit., etc.] to be a candidate, as for an office; run **17** *Naut.* *Printing* to remain set: said of type or printed matter — **vt.** **1** to make stand; set or place upright **2** to go on enduring; put up with; bear; tolerate [*to stand pain*] **3** to remain uninjured or unaffected by; withstand [*stood the trip quite well*] **4** to be subjected to; undergo [*to stand trial*] **5** to do the duty of [*to stand watch*] **6** [Colloq.] **a)** to bear the cost of (a dinner, etc.) as when treating **b)** to treat (a person) to food, drink, etc. **7** *Mil.* to stand in formation at (reveille, retreat, etc.) — **n.** [*OE stand < standan, to stand*] **1** the act or position of standing (in various senses); esp., a stopping; halt or stop; specif., **a)** a stopping to counterattack, resist, etc., as in a retreat **2 b)** a halt made by a touring theatrical company to give a performance; also, the place stopped at **2** the place where a person stands or is supposed to stand; position; station [*to take one's stand at the rear*] **3** a view, opinion, or position, as on an issue [*to make one's stand clear*] **4** a structure for a person or persons to stand or sit on, or to stand at; specif., **a)** a raised platform, as for a band or for spectators along a parade route **b)** [often *pl.*] a set of steeple tiers of benches, as for the spectators at a ballgame **c)** the place where a witness testifies in a courtroom **d)** a lectern, pulpit, reading desk, etc. **5** a place of business; specif., **a)** a booth, stall, etc. where goods are sold **b)** a parking space along the side of a street, reserved as for taxicabs **c)** a business site or location **6** a rack, small table, etc. for holding something [*a music stand*] **7** a standing growth of trees or plants **8** [Now Dial.] a group, set, etc. — **SYN.** **BEAR** **1** — **make a stand** **1** to take a position for defense or opposition **2** to support a definite position, opinion, etc. **3** to come to a stop — **stand a chance** to have a chance (of winning, surviving, etc.) — **stand by** **1 a)** to be near and ready to act if or when needed **b)** to wait to go aboard **2** to aid or support **3 a)** to make good (a promise, etc.) **b)** to maintain (a policy) **4** to be near or present, esp. in a passive manner or as a mere onlooker **5** *Radio, TV* to remain tuned in, as for continuance of a program, or to remain ready to transmit without actually doing so — **stand down** *Law* to leave the witness stand, as after testifying — **stand for** **1** to be a symbol for or sign of; 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**stand-ard-ize** (stan'dər diz') *vt.* -ized', -izing **1** to make standard or uniform; cause to be without variations or irregularities **2** to compare with, test by, or adjust to a standard — **stand'ard-i-za'tion n.** — **stand'ard-iz'er n.**

**standard of living** a level of subsistence, as of a nation, social class, or person, with reference to the adequacy of necessities and comforts in daily life

**standard pitch** *CONCERT PITCH*

**standard time** **1** the time in any of the 24 time zones, each an hour apart, into which the earth is divided: it is based on distance east or west of Greenwich, England, and in North America, the eight zones (*Atlantic, Eastern, Central, Mountain, Pacific, Alaska, Hawaii-Aleutian, and Samoa*) use the mean solar times of the 60th, 75th, 90th, 105th, 120th, 135th, 150th, and 165th meridians, respectively: see *TIME ZONE*, map **2** the official time, whether mean solar time or daylight saving time, in any given region

**standby** (stand'bi') *n., pl. -bys'* **1** a person or thing that can always be depended on, is always effective, etc. **2** a person or thing ready to serve or be put into service on an emergency basis or as a substitute **3** a person waiting to board an airplane, etc. if space becomes available, as through a cancellation — **adj.** of, for, or functioning as a standby — **on standby** ready or waiting as a standby

**stand'ee** (stan'dē') *n.* a person who stands, usually because there are no vacant seats, as on a bus

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**standing army** an army maintained on a permanent basis, in peacetime as well as in time of war

**standing order** **1** an order remaining in effect indefinitely until canceled or modified **2** [*pl.*] in parliamentary procedure, the rules which continue in force through all sessions until changed or repealed

**standing rigging** the permanently positioned parts of a vessel's rigging, as stays and shrouds, used to support sails, masts, etc. Cf. *RUNNING RIGGING*

**standing room** room in which to stand, esp. when there are no vacant seats, as in a theater

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