

// this is not the *place* to discuss compensation

— Robert Moses

c : a distinct condition, position, or state of mind

// the postfeminist generation is in a different *place*

— Betty Friedan

7 a : an available seat or accommodation

// needs a *place* to stay

b : an empty or vacated position

// new ones will take their *place*

8 : the position of a figure in relation to others of a row or series

especially : the position of a digit within a numeral

9 a : remunerative employment : JOB

b : prestige accorded to one of high rank : STATUS

// an endless quest for preferment and *place*

— *Time*

10 : a public square : PLAZA

11 : a small street or court

12 : second place at the finish (as of a horse race)

in place

1 *or less commonly into place*

a : in an original or proper position

b : established, instituted, or operational

// systems *in place*

2 : in the same spot without forward or backward movement

// run *in place*

in place of

: as a substitute or replacement for : INSTEAD OF

out of place

1 : not in the proper or usual location

2 : IMPROPER, INAPPROPRIATE

— see also TAKE PLACE

place verb

placed; placing

Definition of *place* (Entry 2 of 2)

transitive verb

- 1 **a** : to put in or as if in a particular place or position : [SET](#)
b : to present for consideration
// a question *placed* before the group
c : to put in a particular state
// *place* a performer under contract
d : to direct to a desired spot
e : to cause (the voice) to produce free and well resonated singing or speaking tones
- 2 **a** : to assign to a position in a series or category : [RANK](#)
b : [ESTIMATE](#)
// *placed* the value of the estate too high
c : to identify by connecting with an associated context
// couldn't quite *place* her face
// police *placed* them at the crime scene
- 3 : to distribute in an orderly manner : [ARRANGE](#)
- 4 : to appoint to a position
- 5 : to find a place (such as a home or employment) for
- 6 **a** : to give (an order) to a supplier
b : to give an order for
// *place* a bet
c : to try to establish a connection for
// *place* a telephone call

intransitive verb

: to earn a given spot in a competition

specifically : to come in second (as in a horse race)

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Other Words from *place*

Verb

placeable \ 'plā-sə-bəl  \ adjective

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Synonyms for *place*

Synonyms: Noun

[emplacement](#), [locale](#), [locality](#), [location](#), [locus](#), [point](#), [position](#), [site](#), [spot](#), [venue](#), [where](#)

Synonyms: Verb

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Examples of *place* in a Sentence

Noun

// New York City is a nice *place* to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there.

// I've heard it's a good *place* to raise children.

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— Imani Perry, *Smithsonian Magazine*, 24 Feb. 2022

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— Lauren Huff, *EW.com*, 23 Feb. 2022

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Phrases Containing *place*

all over the place	a place to call home	between a rock and a hard place
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dwelling place	fall into place	final/last resting place
give place to	heart is in the right place	hiding place

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First Known Use of *place*

Noun

13th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1a](#)

Verb

15th century, in the meaning defined at [transitive sense 1a](#)

History and Etymology for *place*

Noun

Middle English, from Anglo-French, open space, from Latin *platea* broad street, from Greek *plateia* (*hodos*), from feminine of *platys* broad, flat; akin to Sanskrit *prthu* broad, Latin *planta* sole of the foot

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The first known use of *place* was in the 13th century

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place noun

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Kids Definition of *place* (Entry 1 of 2)

- 1 : an available seat or space : ROOM
// Let's make a *place* for the newcomer.
// There's no *place* to sit.
- 2 : a region or space not specified
// There's dust all over the *place*.
- 3 : a particular portion of a surface : SPOT
- 4 : a point in a speech or a piece of writing
// I lost my *place*.

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- 5 : a building or area used for a special purpose
// a place of worship
- 6 : a certain area or region of the world
// It's a nice place to visit.
- 7 : a piece of land with a house on it
// We own a place in the country.
- 8 : position in a scale or series in comparison with another or others
// I finished the race in second place.
- 9 : usual space or use
// Paper towels can take the place of linen.
- 10 : the position of a figure in a numeral
// The number 128 has three places.
- 11 : a public square
- 12 : a short street

place verb

placed; placing

Kids Definition of *place* (Entry 2 of 2)

- 1 : to put in or as if in a certain space or position
// Place the book on my desk.
// They place great importance on teamwork.
- 2 : to give an order for
// I'd like to place an ad in the paper.
- 3 : to appoint to a job or find a job for
// He was placed in command.
- 4 : to identify by connecting with a certain time, place, or happening
// I couldn't quite place her face.

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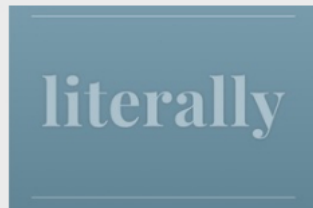
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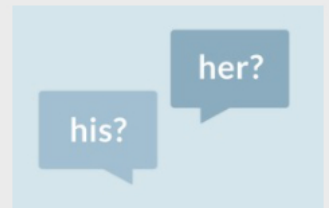
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