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retire

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Pronunciation: /rɪˈtaɪə /

verb

1 [*no object*] leave one's job and cease to work, typically on reaching the normal age for leaving service:

*he **retired from** the Navy in 1986*

[*with object*] compel (an employee) to leave their job, especially before they have reached retirement age:

*the Home Office **retired him***

(of a player) cease to participate in competitive sport:

*he **retired from** football several years ago*

(of a sports player) withdraw from a race or match as a result of accident or injury:

*he **was forced to retire** with a damaged oil tank*

[*with complement*] :

*Stewart **retired hurt***

[*with object*] *Baseball* put out (a batter); cause (a side) to end a turn at bat:

*Dopson **retired** twelve batters in a row*

2 [*no object*] withdraw to or from a particular place:

*she **retired into** the bathroom*

go to bed:

*everyone **retired** early that night*

(of a jury) leave the courtroom to decide the verdict of a trial:

*the judge **finished his summing up** and the jury **retired***

(of a military force) retreat from an enemy or an attacking position:

*lack of numbers **compelled the British force to retire***

[*with object*] order (a military force) to retreat:

*the general **retired** all his troops*

3 [*with object*] *Economics* withdraw (a bill or note) from circulation or currency.

*Instead, Congress **cranked up the printing press** and called on the states to **levy taxes to retire** the bills.*

4 [*with object*] *Finance* pay off or cancel (a debt):

*the debt **is to be retired** from state gaming-tax receipts*

Derivatives

retiree

noun

*Many **retirees** have watched their pension payment amounts lose buying power over time.*

retirer

noun

Mr Proffitt added: 'We will continue to develop our programme which is aimed at showing early retirees the many opportunities which are available to them, now they have more time.'

Origin:

mid 16th century (in the sense 'withdraw to a place of safety or seclusion'): from French *retirer*, from *re-* 'back' + *tirer* 'draw'

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