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Examples Word Origin

noun

1. the sale of goods to ultimate consumers, usually in small quantities (opposed to wholesale (<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/wholesale>)).

adjective

2. pertaining to, connected with, or engaged in sale at retail:
the retail price.

adverb

3. in a retail quantity or at a retail price.

verb (used with object)

4. to sell at retail; sell directly to the consumer.
5. to relate or repeat in detail to others:
to retail scandal.

(<http://blog.dictionary.com/which-to-trend>)

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verb (used without object)

6. to be sold at retail:
It retails at 50 cents.

Origin of retail

late Middle English

1375-1425

1375-1425; (noun) late Middle English < Anglo-French: a cutting, derivative of *retailer* to cut, equivalent to *re-* *re-* (<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/re->) + *tailer* to cut (see tail (<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/tail>)²); (v.) Middle English *retailen* < Old French *retailer*

Related forms

retailer, noun

nonretail, adjective

nonretailer, NOUN

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This Thursday, help keep the “thanks in Thanksgiving” by not shopping at a *retail* store.

(<http://www.thedailybeast.com>) (source=dictionary) (http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2013/11/26/the-war-on-thanksgiving.html?source=dictionary)

Dean Obeidallah (<http://www.thedailybeast.com/contributors/dean-obeidallah.html?source=dictionary>)

November 25, 2013

Today, a handful of corporate behemoths, including Activision and Electronic Arts, control the *retail* landscape.

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September 14, 2010

Allen, once an aide to the late Senator Jesse Helms, resigned in 2006 after he was arrested for felony thefts from *retail* stores.

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January 6, 2009

British Dictionary definitions for retail

retail

/'ri:teɪl/

noun

1. the sale of goods individually or in small quantities to consumers *Compare* wholesale (/browse/wholesale) (sense 1)

adjective

2. of, relating to, or engaged in such selling: *retail prices*

adverb

3. in small amounts or at a retail price

verb

4. to sell or be sold in small quantities to consumers
5. (**transitive**) (rɪ'teɪl). to relate (gossip, scandal, etc) in detail, esp persistently

Derived Forms

retailer, noun

Word Origin

C14: from Old French *retaillier* to cut off, from re- + *taillier* to cut; see tailor

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Word Origin and History for retail

v.

mid-14c. "sell in small quantities or parcels," from Old French *retaillier* "cut back, cut off, pare, clip, reduce, circumsise," from *re-* "back" (see *re-* (/browse/re-)) + *taillier* "to cut, trim" (see *tailor* (/browse/tailor) (n.)). Sometimes also "to deal out (information, etc.) in small quantities; hand down by report; recount, tell over again" (1590s). Related: *Retailed*; *retailing* (/browse/retailing).

n.

early 15c., "sale of commodities in small quantities or parcels or at second hand" (opposed to *wholesale*), from Old French *retail* "piece cut off, shred, scrap, paring" (Modern French *retaille*), from *retaillier* (see *retail* (/browse/retail) (v.)). The notion of the English word is "a selling by the piece." This sense is not in French, however, and comes perhaps from cognate Italian *ritaglio*, which does have that sense. As an adjective, "of or pertaining to sale at retail," c.1600.

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retail in Culture

retail definition

A term describing businesses that sell goods (/browse/goods) directly to individuals. (*Compare* *wholesale* (/browse/wholesale).)

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