retail (http://static.sfdict.com/staticrep/dictaudio/R02/R0242800.mp3)

[ree-teyl for 1–4, 6; ri-teyl for 5]

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.
verb (used without object)

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

Origin of retail

late Middle English

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-) + *tailler* to cut (see tail (http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/tail)^2); (v.) Middle English *retalen* < Old French *retailer*

Related forms

*retailer*, noun

*nonretail*, adjective
nonretailer, noun

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Examples from the web for retail

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

(The War on Thanksgiving (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.


Scott Steinberg (http://www.thedailybeast.com/contributors/scott-steinberg.html?source=dictionary)

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

/ˈriː.tɛl/
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) (rɪˈteɪl). 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*
Retail definition

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

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