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1 place

noun | \ˈplās\

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- : a specific area or region of the world : a particular city, country, etc.
- : a building or area that is used for a particular purpose
- : a building, part of a building, or area that is used for shelter

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Full Definition of PLACE

- a** : physical environment : **SPACE**

b : a way for admission or transit

c : physical surroundings : **ATMOSPHERE**
- a** : an indefinite region or expanse <all over the *place*>

b : a building or locality used for a special purpose <a *place* of learning> <a fine eating *place*>

c *archaic* : the three-dimensional compass of a material object
- a** : a particular region, center of population, or location <a nice *place* to visit>

b : a building, part of a building, or area occupied as a home <our summer *place*>
- a** : a particular part of a surface or body : **SPOT**
- : relative position in a scale or series: as

a : position in a social scale <kept them in their *place*>

b : a step in a sequence <in the first *place*, it's none of your business>

c : a position at the conclusion of a competition <finished in last *place*>
- a** : a proper or designated niche or setting <the *place* of education in society>

b : an appropriate moment or point <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>
- a** : an available seat or accommodation <needs a *place* to stay>

b : an empty or vacated position <new ones will take their *place*>

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- 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 also **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**
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Examples of PLACE

- 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.
- places* like Africa and South America
- the hottest *place* on earth
- churches and other *places* of worship
- You should plan to meet him in a public *place*.
- You've come to the right *place*. I have just what you need.
- They gave him a *place* to stay for the night.
- We're going to need a bigger *place* once the baby is born.
- He's looking to buy a *place* in the country.

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Origin of PLACE

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 *pr̥thu* broad, Latin *planta* sole of the foot
 First Known Use: 13th century

Related to PLACE

Synonyms

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²place

verb

: to put (something or someone) in a particular place or position

: to put (someone or something) in a particular state, condition, or situation

—used to say who or what you believe should be trusted, blamed, etc.

placed plac·ing

Full Definition of PLACE

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 (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)

— [place·able](#) | \ˈplā-sə-bəl\ | *adjective*

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Examples of PLACE

- The box was *placed* at the center of the room.
- You can really see the similarities when you *place* the two pictures side by side.
- Her name was *placed* on the list.
- The husbands and wives were *placed* in separate groups.
- They were *placed* next to each other in line.
- Working with sick people *places* him at risk for infection.
- By not accepting the prosecutor's deal, he *places* his future in the hands of the jury.
- We're *placing* you under arrest.
- He was released from jail and *placed* on probation.

First Known Use of PLACE

15th century

Related to PLACE

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PLACE Defined for Kids

¹place

noun | \ˈplās\

Definition of PLACE for Kids

- 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*.>
- 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

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verb

placed plac-ing

Definition of PLACE for Kids

- 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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