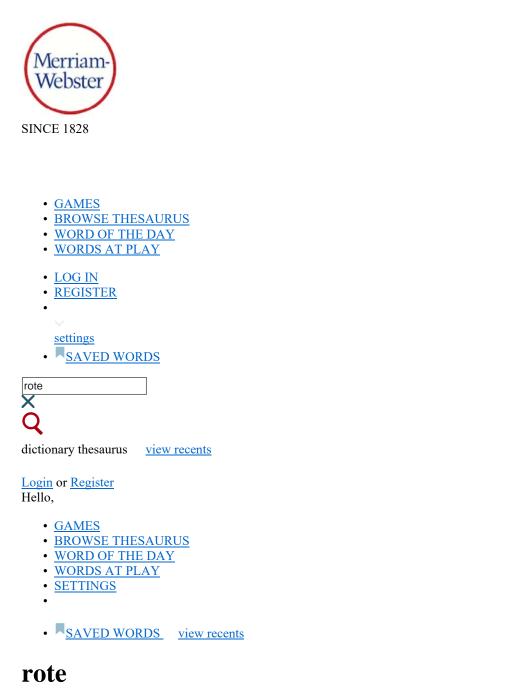
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Definition of *rote*

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1: the use of memory usually with little intelligence learn by rote

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2: mechanical or unthinking routine or repetition a joyless sense of order, rote, and commercial hustle-L. L. King

rote

adjective

Definition of rote (Entry 2 of 4)

1 : learned or memorized by rote 2 : mechanical sense 3a

rote

<u>noun (2)</u>

Definition of *rote* (Entry 3 of 4)

: crowd entry 3 sense 1

rote

<u>noun (3)</u>

Definition of rote (Entry 4 of 4)

: the noise of surf on the shore

Other Words from rote

Adjective

rotely adverb

First Known Use of rote

Noun (1)

14th century, in the meaning defined at sense 1

Adjective

1844, in the meaning defined at sense 1

Noun (2)

14th century, in the meaning defined above

Noun (3)

1610, in the meaning defined above

History and Etymology for rote

Noun (1)

Middle English

Noun (2)

Middle English, from Anglo-French, of Germanic origin; akin to Old High German hruozza crowd

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Noun (3)

perhaps of Scandinavian origin; akin to Old Norse rauta to roar — more at rout entry 5

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Kids Definition of *rote*

: the act of repeating over and over often without attention to meaning I learned the poem by *rote*.

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