Pronunciation

Word division

Part of speech

Word endings

Spelling

re·gard (rĕ–gärd′) *v.* **-gard·ed, -gard·ing, -gards.** — *tr.* **1.** To look at attentively; observe closely. **2.** To look upon or consider in a particular way: *I regard him as a fool.* **3.** To hold in esteem or respect: *She regards her teachers highly.* **4.** To relate or refer to; concern: *This item regards their liability.* **5.** To take into account; consider. **6.** *Obsolete.* To take care of. — *intr.* **1.** To look or gaze. **2.** To give heed; pay attention. — **regard** *n.* **1.** A look or gaze. **2.** Careful thought or attention; heed: *She gives little regard to her appearance.* **3. a.** Respect, affection, or esteem: *He has high regard for your work.* **b. regards.** Good wishes expressing such sentiment: *Give the family my best regards.* **4.** A particular point or aspect; respect: *She was lucky in that regard.* **5.** Basis for action; motive. **6.** *Obsolete.* Appearance or aspect.

Meanings

Usage label

Idioms

idioms. **as regards.** Concerning. **in** (or **with**) **regard to.** With respect to.

Etymology

[Middle English *regarden,* from Old French *regarder: re-,* re + *guarder,* to guard (of Germanic origin; *see* GUARD).]

Synonyms

SYNONYMS: *regard, esteem, admiration, respect.* These nouns refer to a feeling based on perception of a measure of approval for the worth of a person or thing. *Regard* is the least forceful and most general: *Please give your parents my warmest regards. "I once thought you had a kind of regard for her"* (George Borrow). *Esteem* connotes considered appraisal and positive regard: *"The near-unanimity of esteem he enjoyed during his lifetime has by no means been sustained since"* (Will Crutchfield). *Admiration* is a feeling of keen approbation: *"Greatness is a spiritual condition worthy to excite love, interest, and admiration"* (Matthew Arnold). *Respect* implies appreciative, often deferential regard resulting from careful assessment: *"I have a great respect for any man who makes his own way in life"* (Winston Churchill). See also Synonyms at **consider.**

Usage notes

USAGE NOTE: *Regard* is traditionally used in the singular in the phrase *in regard* (not *in regards*) *to. Regarding* and *as regards* are also standard in the sense "with reference to." In the same sense *with respect to* is acceptable, but *respecting* is not. • *Respects* is sometimes considered preferable to *regards* in the sense of "particular": *In some respects* (not *regards*) *the books are alike.*

Figure D-1. Dictionary sample entry.