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Also found in: Thesaurus, Medical, Legal, Acronyms, Idioms, Encyclopedia, Wikipedia. (rōōl)n.1. a. Governing power or its possession or use; authority.b. The duration of such power.2. a. An authoritative, prescribed direction for conduct, especially one of the regulations governing procedure in a legislative body or a regulation observed by the players in a game, sport, or contest.b. The body of regulations prescribed by the founder of a religious order for governing the conduct of its members.3. A usual, customary, or generalized course of action or behavior: "The rule of life in the defense bar ordinarily is to go along and get along" (Scott Turow).4. A generalized statement that describes what is true in most or all cases: In this office, hard work is the rule, not the exception.5. Mathematics A standard method or procedure for solving a class of problems.6. Law a. A court decision serving as a precedent for subsequent cases: the Miranda rule.b. A legal doctrine or principle.d. A minor regulation or law.e. A statute or regulation governing the court process: rule of procedure; rule of evidence.8. Printing A thin metal strip of various widths and designs, used to print borders or lines, as between columns.v.tr.1. To exercise control, dominion, or direction over; govern: rule a kingdom.2. a. To have a powerful influence over; dominate: "Many found the lanky westerner naive, and supposed that he would be ruled by one of his more commanding cabinet officers" (William Marvel).b. To be a preeminent or dominant factor in: "It was a place where ... middle-class life was ruled by a hankering for all things foreign" (Amitav Ghosh).3. To decide or declare authoritatively or judicially; decree: The judges ruled that the answer was acceptable. The police ruled the death a homicide. The law was ruled unconstitutional. See Synonyms at decide.4. a. To mark with straight parallel lines.b. To mark (a straight line), as with a ruler.v.intr.1. To be in total control or command; exercise supreme authority.2. To formulate and issue a decree or decision.3. To prevail at a particular level or rate: Prices ruled low.4. Slang To be excellent or superior: That new video game rules!Phrasal Verb: rule out1. To prevent; preclude: The snowstorm ruled out their weekly meeting.2. To remove from consideration; exclude: The option of starting over has been ruled out.Idiom: as a rule In general; for the most part: As a rule, we take the bus.[Middle English reule, from Old French, from Vulgar Latin *regula, from Latin rēgula, rod, principle; see reg- in Indo-European roots.]American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright © 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. (ruːlz) pl n1. (Australian Rules Football) short for Australian Rules2. (Historical Terms) the Rules English history the neighbourhood around certain prisons (esp the Fleet and King's Bench prison) in which trusted prisoners were allowed to live under specified restrictionsCollins English Dictionary – Complete and Unabridged, 12th Edition 2014 © HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014lect - A regional or social variety within a language, a form of speech defined by a homogenous set of rules.precisian - An overly precise person, a strict observer of rules and procedures.ring - Boxing started off in circles, and when the Marquess of Queensbury introduced a set of rules in 1867, he also introduced the roped-off square, which continued to be called the "ring."mistress - First meant "a woman who rules or has control," or a "woman who employs others, as servants."Farlex Trivia Dictionary. © 2012 Farlex, Inc. All rights reserved. I'm very sorry; I didn't know the rules (US)I'm very sorry, I didn't know the regulations (UK) → أنا آسِفٌ جِداً ، لَمْ أَعْرِفْ اللوائح → Omlouvám se, ale neznám předpisy → Jeg er ked af et, jeg kendte ikke reglerne → Das tut mir wirklich leid, mir waren die Bestimmungen nicht bekannt → Λυπάμαι πολύ, δεν γ κανονισμούς → Lo siento mucho, pero no conocía las normas → Olen todella pahoillani, en tuntenut säännöksiä → Je suis désolé, je ne connaissais pas le règlement → Jako mi je žao, ali nisam znao pravila → Mi scusi tanto, non conoscevo le regole → 大变申し訳ありません、規則を知りませんでした → , 가 → Sorry, ik ken de regels niet → Jeg er lei for det, jeg kjente ikke til reglene → Bardzo mi przykro, nie znałemprzepisów → Desculpe-me, eu não sabia sobre as regulamentações → Мне очень жаль, мне были неизвестны эти правила → Jag är hemskt ledsen, jag kände inte till reglerna → □□□□□□□□□□□□ □□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□ → Özür dilerim, kuralları bilmiyordum → Tôi rất xin lỗi, tôi không biết quy định → 很对不起，我并不知道这些规定 Collins Multilingual Translator © HarperCollins Publishers 2009 Want to thank TFD for its existence? Tell a friend about us, add a link to this page, or visit the webmaster's page for free fun content. Link to this page: To strain the facts to fit the rules of history: to say that the field of battle at Borodino remained in the hands of the Russians, or that after Moscow there were other battles that destroyed Napoleon's army, is impossible.The wind rules the aspects of the sky and the action of the sea.Upon all these occasions the world seems to have embraced a maxim of our law, viz., cuicunque in arte sua perito credendum est: for it seems perhaps difficult to conceive that any one should have had enough of impudence to lay down dogmatical rules in any art or science without the least foundation.Because men, when they receive good from him of whom they were expecting evil, are bound more closely to their benefactor; thus the people quickly become more devoted to him than if he had been raised to the principality by their favours; and the prince can win their affections in many ways, but as these vary according to the circumstances one cannot give fixed rules, so I omit them; but, I repeat, it is necessary for a prince to have the people friendly, otherwise he has no security in adversity."Glinda the Good, who rules the Quadlings, sent her home again," said the boy.He swept away the virtues and the vices, the established laws of good and evil, with the idea of finding out the rules of life for himself.-- We will now consider a little more in detail the circumstances and rules governing the sterility of first crosses and of hybrids.THE next view which I shall take of the House of Representatives relates to the appointment of its members to the several States which is to be determined by the same rule with that of direct taxes."Mighty Jove," they cried, "send unto us a king that will rule over us and keep us in order." Jove laughed at their croaking, and threw down into the swamp a huge Log, which came down splashing into the swamp.You mean that you do not understand the nature of this payment which to the best men is the great inducement to rule? Of course you know that ambition and avarice are held to be, as indeed they are, a disgrace?Neither the value of lands, nor the numbers of the people, which have been successively proposed as the rule of State contributions, has any pretension to being a just representative.Kindness is all very well, but you can't rule them by kindness only. Meanings Synonyms Sentences The duration of such power. An authoritative regulation for action, conduct, method, procedure, arrangement, etc. An authoritative, prescribed direction for conduct, especially one of the regulations governing procedure in a legislative body or a regulation observed by the players in a game, sport, or contest. An established practice that serves as a guide to usage. A complete set or code of regulations in a religious order. More Noun Definitions (19) To have an influence over; guide. To be ruled by one's friends. To have authority over; govern; direct. To be the most important element of; dominate. To be a preeminent or dominant factor in. More Verb Definitions (12) (Internet slang, informal) The proposition that there is at least one pornographic depiction of anything and everything; and, especially, that the resulting pornography is accessible through the Internet. In general; for the most part: As a rule, we take the bus. to exclude, as by decision to prevent; make impossible noun: from Middle English rule, from Old French riule, from Vulgar Latin regula (“straight stick, bar, ruler, pattern"), from regere (“to keep straight, direct, govern, rule"); see regent. From Wiktionary verb: from Middle English rulen, from Old French riuler, from Latin regulare (“to regulate, rule"), from regula (“a rule"); see regular. From Wiktionary Middle English reule from Old French from Vulgar Latin regula from Latin rēgula rod, principle reg- in Indo-European roots From American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, 5th Edition From a list of “Rules of the Internet” originally circulated on 4chan by members of Anonymous, in which the rule was formulated as "if it exists, there is porn of it". From Wiktionary Collins Concise English Dictionary © HarperCollins Publishers:: Rules /ruːlz/ pl n short for Australian Rulesthe Rules ⇒ the neighbourhood around certain prisons (esp the Fleet and King's Bench prison) in which trusted prisoners were allowed to live under specified restrictions WordReference Random House Learner's Dictionary of American English © 2025rule /rul/USA pronunciation n., v., ruled, rul•ing. n. a principle guiding how one behaves, the way things are done, etc.:[countable]a rule in hockey saying to eject anyone fighting. the customary occurrence, practice, etc.; the normal way something is done:[countable]Her being late is the rule rather than the exception. government; amount of time ruling:[uncountable]in the days of foreign rule. [countable] the code of regulations observed by a religious congregation. Weights and Measuresruler (def. 2). v. to use power, authority, or influence over: [~ + object]to rule a kingdom.[no object]to rule for only a decade. to decide in a court of law or by some authority; decree: [no object]How will the court rule?[~ + on + object]The court will rule on the matter at its next session.[~ + (that) clause]The court ruled that she could not keep her baby. to mark with lines, esp. parallel straight lines, with the aid of a ruler:[~ + object]to rule paper. [~ + object] to be superior in (a group), so as to hold influence over. to influence or control:[~ + object]sometimes ruled by passion and not by logic. rule out, to eliminate from thinking about; to decide to ignore: [~ + out + object]We can rule out the possibility of an overnight improvement in the economy.[~ + object + out]We can't rule it out completely. Idioms Idioms as a rule, generally; usually:He's there by 7:30 as a rule. WordReference Random House Unabridged Dictionary of American English © 2025rule (rōōl),USA pronunciation n., v., ruled, rul•ing. n. a principle or regulation governing conduct, action, procedure, arrangement, etc.:the rules of chess. the code of regulations observed by a religious order or congregation:the Franciscan rule. the customary or normal circumstance, occurrence, manner, practice, quality, etc.:the rule rather than the exception. control, government, or dominion:under the rule of a dictator. tenure or conduct of reign or office:during the rule of George III. a prescribed mathematical method for performing a calculation or solving a problem. Weights and Measuresruler (def. 2). Astronomy(cap.) the constellation Norma. Printinga thin, type-high strip of metal, for printing a solid or decorative line or lines. Law Lawa formal order or direction made by a court, as for governing the procedure of the court (general rule) or for sending the case before a referee (special rule.) a legal principle. a court order in a particular case. Law rules, [Penol.](formerly) a fixed area in the neighborhood of certain prisons within which certain prisoners were allowed to live. the freedom of such an area. [Obs.]behavior. as a rule, generally; usually:He arrives at eleven o'clock, as a rule. v.t. to control or direct; exercise dominating power, authority, or influence over; govern:to rule the empire with severity. to decide or declare judicially or authoritatively; decree:The judge ruled that he should be exiled. to mark with lines, esp. parallel straight lines, with the aid of a ruler or the like:to rule paper. to mark out or form (a line) by this method:to rule lines on paper. to be superior or preeminent in (a specific field or group); dominate by superiority; hold sway over:For centuries, England ruled the seas. v.i. to exercise dominating power or influence; predominate. to exercise authority, dominion, or sovereignty. to make a formal decision or ruling, as on a point at law. to be prevalent or current:Higher prices ruled throughout France. rule out: to prove to be unrelated or not for consideration; eliminate; exclude:to rule out the possibility of error. to make impossible or impracticable:The rainstorm ruled out the holiday camping. rule the roost. See roost (def. 4). Late Latin rēgulāre, derivative of rēgula Old French riuler, rieuler, ruler Latin rēgula straight stick, pattern (see regula); (verb, verbal) Middle English riwlen, reulen, rewellen Old French riule (noun, nominal) Middle English riule, reule 1175–1225 1. standard, law, ruling, guide, precept, order. See principle. 4. command, domination, mastery, sway, authority, direction. 14. Rule, administer, command, govern, manage mean to exercise authoritative guidance or direction. Rule implies the exercise of authority as by a sovereign:to rule a kingdom.Administer places emphasis on the planned and orderly procedures used:to administer the finances of an institution.Command suggests military authority and the power to exact obedience; to be in command of:to command a ship.To govern is authoritatively to guide or direct persons or things, esp. in the affairs of a large administrative unit:to govern a state.To manage is to conduct affairs, i.e., to guide them in a unified way toward a definite goal, or to direct or control people, often by tact, address, or artifice:to manage a business. 15. order, judge. Collins Concise English Dictionary © HarperCollins Publishers:: rule /ruːl/ n an authoritative regulation or direction concerning method or procedure, as for a court of law, legislative body, game, or other human institution or activity: judges' rules, play according to the rules the exercise of governmental authority or control: the rule of Caesar the period of time in which a monarch or government has power: his rule lasted 100 days a customary form or procedure; regular course of action: she made a morning swim her rulethe rule ⇒ the common order of things; normal condition: violence was the rule rather than the exception a prescribed method or procedure for solving a mathematical problem, or one constituting part of a computer program, usually expressed in an appropriate formalism any of various devices with a straight edge for guiding or measuring; ruler: a carpenter's rule a printed or drawn character in the form of a long thin lineanother name for dash1: en rule, em rule a strip of brass or other metal used to print such a line a systematic body of prescriptions defining the way of life to be followed by members of a religious order an order by a court or judgeas a rule ⇒ normally or ordinarily vb to exercise governing or controlling authority over (a people, political unit, individual, etc) (when tr, often takes a clause as object) to decide authoritatively; decree: the chief executive ruled against the proposal (transitive) to mark with straight parallel lines or make one straight line, as with a ruler (transitive) to restrain or control (intransitive) to be pre-eminent or superior: football rules in the field of sportrule the roost, rule the roast ⇒ to be pre-eminent; be in chargeEtymology: 13th Century: from Old French riule, from Latin rēgula a straight edge; see regulate'rulable adj nounIdioms jump to other results [countable] a statement of what may, must or must not be done in a particular situation or when playing a gameShe laid down strict rules for her tenants, including prompt payment of rent.the rules of golf/tennis/footballto follow/obey a ruleto break/violate a ruleto enforce/apply a ruleYou can't just change the rules to suit yourself. against the rules It's against all the rules and regulations. under… rules These products are banned under international rules.This explains the rules under which the library operates.the unwritten rules of adult society (= that everyone understands)the rules of procedure/conduct (= saying how something must be done)New rules governing pensions come into effect next year.Normal competition rules apply. according to the rules (of something) According to the rules of the game, you have to miss a turn. see also gag rule, ground ruleExtra ExamplesHe was punished for breaking school rules.Tackling a player without the ball is against the rules.I believed I was acting within the rules.Employees are bound by rules of confidentiality.He made his children's lives a misery with all his petty rules.New accounting rules come into force next year.Several proposed rule changes have been announced.The packaging does not conform to EU rules.The aim is to get each member country to adhere to a single set of rules.The competition rules provide that a cash alternative may be given.The music was turned off at midnight, in accordance with the rules.The officials went strictly by the rule book.The punishment depends on how the umpire interprets the rules.The referee applied the rules to the letter.The rules on claiming have been tightened up.The rules were drawn up to make it fair for everyone.The sport has strict rules for player safety.Their action was in breach of Stock Exchange rules.Under this rule, only full members of the club are entitled to vote.You should know the rules by now.Topics Permission and obligationa1, Games and toysa1Oxford Collocations Dictionaryadjective… of rulesverb + rulerule + verbapplybe applicableoperate…rule + nounpropositionaccording to the rulesagainst the rulescontrary to the rules…phrasesa breach of the rulesa violation of the rulesa body of rules…See full entry [countable] a statement of what is possible according to a particular system, for example the grammar of a languagethe basic rules of grammar rule for doing something What is the rule for forming plurals?Extra ExamplesThere are several exceptions to the rule ‘“i” before “e” except after “c”’.He's a writer who doesn't seem to know the most basic rules of English grammar.Oxford Collocations Dictionaryadjective… of rulesverb + rulerule + verbapplybe applicableoperate…rule + nounpropositionaccording to the rulesagainst the rulescontrary to the rules…phrasesa breach of the rulesa violation of the rulesa body of rules…See full entry [countable] a statement of what you are advised to do in a particular situationThe first rule is to make eye contact with your interviewer.Follow these few simple rules and you won't go far wrong. rule for doing something There are no hard and fast rules for planning healthy meals. see also golden ruleTopics Suggestions and adviceb1Oxford Collocations Dictionaryadjective… of rulesverb + rulerule + verbapplybe applicableoperate…rule + nounpropositionaccording to the rulesagainst the rulescontrary to the rules…phrasesa breach of the rulesa violation of the rulesa body of rules…See full entry [countable, usually singular] a habit; the normal state of things; what is true in most casesHe makes it a rule never to borrow money.Cold winters here are the exception rather than the rule (= are rare).Extra ExamplesAmong her friends, casual dress and a relaxed manner are the rule.It's one of my rules not to get into debt.It was an unspoken rule in my family that my mother was always right.I've made it a rule not to talk to the press.He occasionally allowed himself to break his own rule.There are few exceptions to the general rule that bars close at midnight.The internet has changed the rules of business.The rules of dating have had to be rewritten, thanks to the movies.Oxford Collocations Dictionaryadjectivepreposition phrasesSee full entry [uncountable] the government of a country or control of a group of people by a particular person, group or systemmilitary/civilian/democratic ruleThe 1972 Act imposed direct rule from Westminster. under… rule The country was still under colonial rule.majority rule (= government by the political party that most people have voted for)Wordfinder see also home rule, self-ruleExtra ExamplesThere was a gradual process of returning the country to civilian rule.The president imposed emergency rule following the riots.The country remained under direct rule by the occupying powers.the lawless days of mob ruleTopics Politicsb2Oxford Collocations Dictionaryadjectiveauthoritarianharshdirect…verb + rulepreposition phrasesSee full entry [countable] a measuring instrument with a straight edge see also slide rule Word OriginMiddle English: from Old French reule (noun), reuler (verb), from late Latin regulare, from Latin regula ‘straight stick’.Idioms usually but not always I go to bed early as a rule.As a general rule, vegetable oils are better for you than animal fats. to change the rules to suit a particular person or situationCouldn't they just bend the rules and let us in without a ticket?Topics Permission and obligationc2 the exception that proves the rule (saying) people say that something is the exception that proves the rule when they are stating something that seems to be different from the normal situation, but they mean that the normal situation remains true in generalMost electronics companies have not done well this year, but ours is the exception that proves the rule. play by somebody’s (own) rules if somebody plays by their own rules or makes other people play by their rules, they set the conditions for doing business or having a relationshipIf he wanted a loan he would have to play by the bank's rules.Topics Permission and obligationc1 to deal fairly and honestly with people the condition in which all members of society, including its political leaders, accept the authority of the lawDemocracy and the rule of law are yet to be firmly established in the country. a practical method of doing or measuring something, usually based on past experience rather than on exact measurementAs a rule of thumb, you should cook a chicken for 20 minutes for each pound of weight. the standards of behaviour that most people accept or that actually operate in a particular area of life or business to follow the rules of your job in a very strict way in order to cause delay, as a form of protest against your employer or your working conditions see also work-to-rule See rule in the Oxford Advanced American DictionarySee rule in the Oxford Learner's Dictionary of Academic English Learning English grammar can be simple. When you know the main English rules and practice them with easy examples, you will speak and write well. This guide shows you the most important rules with clear steps, simple examples, and tips to help you avoid mistakes.What Are the Most Important Rules in English Grammar?Before you learn each rule, it helps to know why grammar matters.Grammar lets you share your ideas in a clear way. It also helps you avoid mistakes and confusion. Whether you are new to English or trying to get better, these simple rules will help you build strong, correct sentences.Why Learning Grammar Rules MattersHelps you speak and write clearlyMakes your writing betterHelps you avoid simple mistakesMakes you feel more confident when you speakHelps you prepare well for tests.1. Subject–Verb AgreementBasic RuleA singular subject uses a singular verb.A plural subject uses a plural verb.ExamplesSingular: The dog runs every morning.Plural: The dogs run every morning.Common Mistake People is excited. ✔ People are excited.2. Sentence Structure RulesA sentence is complete when it has:a subject,a verb,and a full meaning.ExamplesShe dances. He teaches English. Stop! (Subject understood: you)Basic Sentence Pattern (S + V + O)3. Consistent Verb TensesBasic RuleDo not mix verb tenses when actions happen in the same timeline.Correct vs Incorrect✔ She was cooking when I arrived. She was cooking when I arrive.4. Use of “Do/Does” and “Was/Were”These helping verbs form questions and negatives.Present SimpleI / You / We / They → doHe/She/It → doesPast SimpleExamplesHe does his homework every day.They did the project yesterday.5. Correct Use of Have / Has / HadExamplesI have a dog.She has a beautiful smile.They had breakfast early this morning.These verbs show possession or completed action.6. Punctuation RulesCapitalizationAlways capitalize:Proper nounsThe first word of every sentenceExamplesIndia is a beautiful country.My friend John lives in New York.End PunctuationEvery sentence must end with:a period (.)a question mark (?)or an exclamation mark (!)ExamplesWhere do you live?My dog is very clever!7. Apostrophes for Possession & ContractionsPossessionThe boy’s dog. (one boy)The boys’ dog. (many boys)Contractionsit’s = it isits = belongs to ityou’re = you areyour = belongs to you8. Correct Use of Articles (A, An, The)RulesUse “a” before consonant sounds.Use an before vowel sounds.Use the for specific or known items.Examplesa university (starts with “yu” sound)an elephantthe sun9. Prepositions (in, on, at)Examplesin the morning, in Indiaon Monday, on the tableat 5 pm, at school10. Pronoun AgreementRulePronouns must match the noun in number and gender.ExamplesEvery student must bring his/her notebook.The children finished their homework.11. Avoid Double NegativesExamples I don’t want no help. ✔ I don’t want any help.Double negatives change the meaning and should be avoided.12. Active vs Passive VoicePreferred UseUse active voice to make sentences clear.ExamplesThe cat ate the fish. (Active)The fish was eaten by the cat. (Passive)13. Correct Placement of ModifiersExamples She almost drove her kids to school every day. ✔ She drove her kids to school almost every day.Modifiers should be close to the word they describe.14. Forming Questions CorrectlyRuleSwitch the subject and helping verb.ExamplesYou are coming. → Are you coming?She can swim. → Can she swim?Summary Chart: Important English RulesRule TypeExampleSubject-Verb AgreementThe dog runs. / The dogs run.Complete SentencesShe sings.Consistent TensesI was eating when he called.Articlesa cat, an eagle, the moonPrepositionson the table, at nightApostrophesthe girl’s bagPronounsEveryone did their work.FAQs about English RulesWhat are the 12 basic rules of English grammar?They include subject–verb agreement, sentence structure, verb tenses, articles, prepositions, punctuation, pronoun rules, and more.What are the most important grammar rules for beginners?Beginners should focus on verb forms, articles, sentence structure, prepositions, and punctuation.What are V1, V2, V3, V4, and V5 in English?These are verb forms: V1 = base (go) V2 = past (went) V3 = past participle (gone) V4 = present participle (going) V5 = 3rd person singular (goes)What are easy rules to improve grammar fast?Read daily, practice writing, learn common patterns, and avoid translation.Download PDF: Important English Rules With Examples a principle or regulation governing conduct, action, procedure, arrangement, etc..the code of regulations observed by a religious order or congregation.the customary or normal circumstance, occurrence, manner, practice, quality, etc..the rule rather than the exception.control, government, or dominion.under the rule of a dictator.Synonyms: tyranny, oppression, mastery, domination, regulation, management, government, direction, sway, power, dominion, command, authoritytenure or conduct of reign or office.during the rule of George III.a prescribed mathematical method for performing a calculation or solving a problem.ruler.Astronomy., Rule, the constellation Norma.Printing., a thin, type-high strip of metal, for printing a solid or decorative line or lines.Law.a formal order or direction made by a court, as for governing the procedure of the court general rule or for sending the case before a referee special rule.a legal principle.a court order in a particular case.Penology., rules, (formerly)a fixed area in the neighborhood of certain prisons within which certain prisoners were allowed to live.the freedom of such an area.Obsolete., behavior.to control or direct; exercise dominating power, authority, or influence over; govern.to rule the empire with severity.to decide or declare judicially or authoritatively; decree.The judge ruled that he should be exiled.to mark with lines, especially parallel straight lines, with the aid of a ruler or the like.to mark out or form (a line) by this method.to be superior or preeminent in (a specific field or group); dominate by superiority; hold sway over.For centuries, England ruled the seas.to exercise dominating power or influence; predominate.to exercise authority, dominion, or sovereignty.to make a formal decision or ruling, as on a point at law.to be prevalent or current.Higher prices ruled throughout France.rule outto prove to be unrelated or not for consideration; eliminate; exclude.to rule out the possibility of error.to make impossible or impracticable.The rainstorm ruled out the holiday camping.an authoritative regulation or direction concerning method or procedure, as for a court of law, legislative body, game, or other human institution or activityjudges' rulesplay according to the rulesthe exercise of governmental authority or controlthe period of time in which a monarch or government has powera customary form or procedure; regular course of actionthe made a morning swim his rulethe common order of things; normal conditionviolence was the rule rather than the exceptiona prescribed method or procedure for solving a mathematical problem, or one constituting part of a computer program, usually expressed in an appropriate formalisma formal expression of a grammatical regularity in a linguistic description of a languageany of various devices with a straight edge for guiding or measuring; rulera printed or drawn character in the form of a long thin lineanother name for dash 1a strip of brass or other metal used to print such a lineChristianity a systematic body of prescriptions defining the way of life to be followed by members of a religious orderlaw an order by a court or judgenormally or ordinarily“Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged” 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012to exercise governing or controlling authority over (a people, political unit, individual, etc)he ruled for 20 yearshis passion for her ruled his life(when tr, often takes a clause as object) to decide authoritatively; decreethe chairman ruled against the proposal(tr) to mark with straight parallel lines or make one straight line, as with a ruler(tr) to restrain or control(intr) to be customary or prevalentchaos rules in this school(intr) to be pre-eminent or superiorfootball rules in the field of sport(tr) astrology (of a planet) to have a strong affinity with certain human attributes, activities, etc, associated with (one or sometimes two signs of the zodiac)to be pre-eminent; be in charge“Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged” 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012interrule verb (used with object)self-rule nounsubrule noununderrule verbunruled adjectivewell-ruled adjectiverulable adjectiveOrigin of rule1First recorded in 1175–1225; (noun) Middle English riule, reule, from Old French riule, from Latin rēgula “straight stick, pattern” (regula); (verb) Middle English riwlen, reulen, rewellen, from Old French riuler, rieuler, ruler, from Late Latin rēgulāre, derivative of rēgulaOrigin of rule1C13: from Old French riule , from Latin rēgula a straight edge; see regulateSee principle. Rule, administer, command, govern, manage mean to exercise authoritative guidance or direction. Rule implies the exercise of authority as by a sovereign: to rule a kingdom. Administer places emphasis on the planned and orderly procedures used: to administer the finances of an institution. Command suggests military authority and the power to exact obedience; to be in command of: to command a ship. To govern is authoritatively to guide or direct persons or things, especially in the affairs of a large administrative unit: to govern a state. To manage is to conduct affairs, i.e., to guide them in a unified way toward a definite goal, or to direct or control people, often by tact, address, or artifice: to manage a business.Examples are provided to illustrate real-world usage of words in context. Any opinions expressed do not reflect the views of Dictionary.com.Such vaccination is allowed in an emergency under EU rules, and farmers are putting a lot of pressure on the government to request vaccines from the Commission's available stock.Party officials said they had been expelled due to a clear breach of the rules that banned members from belonging to other political parties.He ruled out the likelihood of the symptoms being caused by more conventional crowd control measures, such as CS gas, which was also being deployed by Georgia's riot police last year.The inquiry's rules mean the names of the former directors accused by the officer cannot be reported.Tiani, the report said, had claimed "Niger's legitimate right to dispose of its natural riches to sell them to whoever wants to buy them, under the rules of the market, in complete independence".decree guideline law order precedent regulation ruling statute test Definitions and idiom definitions from Dictionary.com Unabridged, based on the Random House Unabridged Dictionary, © Random House, Inc. 2023Idioms from The American Heritage® Idioms Dictionary copyright © 2002, 2001, 1995 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. 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