duty

noun

dū·ty |ˈdū-tə| also ˈdū-ə-
plural duties

**Definition of duty**

(Entry 1 of 2)

1 : conduct due to parents and superiors : respect filial duty and obedience—John Locke
2a : obligatory tasks, conduct, service, or functions that arise from one's position (as in life or in a group) was his duty to support his familyHer primary duty at the meeting was to take attendance performs a variety of administrative duties
b(1) : assigned service or business was put on kitchen duty jury duty
(2) : active military service returning from duty overseas
(3) : a period of being on duty report for duty at 7 a.m.
3a : a moral or legal obligation felt it was their duty to help
b : the force of moral obligation will be ready when duty calls
4 : **tax** especially : a tax on imports a 15 percent duty
5a : **work sense 1c**
b(1) : the service required (as of an electric machine) under specified conditions
(2) : functional application : **use** got double duty out of the trip
(3) : use as a substitute making the word do duty for the thing—Edward Sapir
off duty
: free from assignment or responsibility a police officer who was off duty at the time
on duty
: engaged in or responsible for an assigned task or duty not allowed to take personal calls while on duty
duty

**adjective**

Definition of duty (Entry 2 of 2)

1 : done as a duty pay a duty call on her elderly aunt
2 : being on duty : assigned to specified tasks or functions the duty officer

**Synonyms for duty**

Synonyms. Noun

assessment, imposition, impost, levy, tax

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Noun
function, office, duty, province mean the acts or operations expected of a person or thing. function implies a definite end or purpose or a particular kind of work. the function of language is two-fold: to communicate emotion and to give information — Aldous Huxley office is typically applied to the function or service associated with a trade or profession or a special relationship to others. they exercise the offices of the judge, the priest, the counsellor — W. E. Gladstone duty applies to a task or responsibility imposed by one's occupation, rank, status, or calling. it is the judicial duty of the court, to examine the whole case — R. B. Taney province applies to a function, office, or duty that naturally or logically falls to one. I felt it was not my province to inquire — Anne Brontë

task, duty, job, chore, stint, assignment mean a piece of work to be done. task implies work imposed by a person in authority or an employer or by circumstance. charged with a variety of tasks duty implies an obligation to perform or responsibility for performance. the duties of a lifeguard job applies to a piece of work voluntarily performed; it may sometimes suggest difficulty or importance. the job of turning the company around chore implies a minor routine activity necessary for maintaining a household or farm. every child was assigned chores stint implies a carefully allotted or measured quantity of assigned work or service. a 2-month stint as a reporter assignment implies a definite limited task assigned by one in authority. a reporter's assignment

Examples of duty in a Sentence

Noun

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First Known Use of duty

Noun

13th century, in the meaning defined at sense 1

Adjective

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English Language Learners Definition of duty

: something that is done as part of a job
: something that you must do because it is morally right or because the law requires it
: active military service

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Kids Definition of duty

1: something a person feels he or she ought to do because it is morally right Dad says it's his duty to take care of Grandma.
2: something a person is required to do by law jury duty
3: an action done as part of a job or position a principal's duties
4: the time during which a person must do his or her job The police officer was on duty.
5: active military service He returned from duty overseas.
6: a tax especially on imports into a country

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Legal Definition of duty
1: tasks, service, or functions that arise from one's position performing a police officer's duties also: a period of being on duty — see also jury duty
2: an obligation assumed (as by contract) or imposed by law to conduct oneself in conformance with a certain standard or to act in a particular way duty of good faith duty to warn of danger— see also public duty doctrine, special duty doctrine
— duty of candor ˈkan-dar
: a duty obligating directors of a corporation to disclose all material facts known to them about a transaction when they are seeking shareholder approval
— duty of care
: a duty to use due care toward others in order to protect them from unnecessary risk of harm
— duty of fair representation
: a duty obligating a labor union to represent the employees in its collective bargaining unit fairly and in good faith
— duty of loyalty
: a duty obligating directors of a corporation to refrain from using their positions to further their own interests rather than the interests of the shareholders (as by self-dealing or fraud)
— fiduciary duty
: a duty obligating a fiduciary (as an agent or trustee) to act with loyalty and honesty and in a manner consistent with the best interests of the beneficiary of the fiduciary relationship (as a principal or trust beneficiary)
3: tax especially: a tax on imports
off duty
: not engaged in a duty a police officer who is off duty
on duty
: engaged in a duty

History and Etymology for duty
Anglo-French deuté indebtedness, obligation, from deu owing, due, from Old French — see due

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