

rent¹ (rěnt) *n.* 1. Payment, usually of an amount fixed by contract, made by a tenant at specified intervals in return for the right to occupy or use the property of another. 2. *Econ.* **a.** The return derived from cultivated or improved land after deduction of all production costs. **b.** The revenue yielded by a piece of land in excess of that yielded by the poorest or least favorably located land, under equal market conditions. —*v.* **rented, rent·ing, rents.** —*r.* 1. To obtain occupancy or use of (another's property) in return for regular payments. 2. To grant temporary occupancy or use of (one's own property) in return for regular payments. —*intr.* To be for rent: *The cottage rents for \$200 a month.* —*idiom.* for rent. Available for use or service in return for payment. [ME < OFr. *rente* < VLat. **rendita*, fem. p.part. of **rendere*. —see RENDER.] —**rent·a·bil·ity** *n.* —**rent'a·ble** *adj.*

rent² (rěnt) *v.* A past tense and past participle of **rend**. —*n.* 1. An opening made by rending; rip. 2. A breach of relations between persons.