

System

1. “A set of things working together as parts of a mechanism or an interconnecting network; a complex whole:

e.g. *the state railway system,*

e.g. *fluid is pushed through a system of pipes or channels*

- Physiology: A set of organs in the body with a common structure or function: e.g. *the digestive system*
- The human or animal body as a whole: e.g. *you need to get the cholesterol out of your system*
- Computing: A group of related hardware units or programs or both, especially when dedicated to a single application.
- Geology: (in chronostratigraphy) a major range of strata that corresponds to a period in time, subdivided into series: e.g. *the Devonian system*
- Astronomy: A group of celestial objects connected by their mutual attractive forces, especially moving in orbits about a centre: e.g. *the system of bright stars known as the Gould Belt*
- short for crystal system.

2. A set of principles or procedures according to which something is done; an organized scheme or method:

e.g. *a multiparty system of government*

e.g. *the public-school system*

- A set of rules used in measurement or classification: e.g. the metric system
- [mass noun] Organized planning or behaviour; orderliness: e.g. there was no system at all in the company
- A method of choosing one's procedure in gambling.

3. (the system) The prevailing political or social order, especially when regarded as oppressive and intransigent: don't try bucking the system

4. Music a set of staves in a musical score joined by a brace.”

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