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**Definition of regulate in English:**

**regulate**

Pronunciation: /ˈreɡyəˌlæt/

**verb**

* [with object]
  1. Control or maintain the rate or speed of (a machine or process) so that it operates properly: *a hormone that regulates metabolism and organ function*

More example sentences

- Water is necessary to transport nutrients around the body, remove wastes, maintain body temperatures and regulate metabolic processes in our bodies.
- He slipped inside and, struggling to think over the deafening noise of the generator, he found the control panel that regulated the machine and switched it off.
- Depression stiffens the body's response to insulin, the hormone that helps regulate energy metabolism.
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**Synonyms**

*control*, adjust, manage

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1.1 Control or supervise (something, especially a company or business activity) by means of rules and regulations: *the organization that regulates fishing in the region*

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One can only suspect that both the US and the EU are responding to pressure from business leaders not to regulate their overseas activities.

Often governments for a variety of reasons decide to regulate the activities of firms that compete against each other.

In contrast, no previous treaty or customary rule existed regulating method of combat in internal armed conflict.

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Synonyms

**supervise**, police, monitor, check, check up on, be responsible for;
control, manage, direct, guide, govern

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1.2 Set (a clock or other apparatus) according to an external standard.

Example sentences

- Clocks were regulated by electricity to Greenwich mean time.
- Mr. Davies came every Friday to wind and regulate the clocks.

**Derivatives**

**regulative**

Pronunciation: /ˈregyəˌlædiv/

Adjective

Example sentences

- On the other hand, the public should accept some inconvenience to their daily routines due to regulative measures the government will inevitably take in order to protect them from the dangerous illness.
- Meanwhile, back at home, businesses have very strong lobby groups that exert massive pressure on the government to not pass any regulative legislation.
- In the West, liberal support for the child's independence rather than regulative monitoring by parents tends to prevent juvenile delinquency.
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**Origin**

Late Middle English (in the sense 'control by rules'): from late Latin *regulat-* 'directed, regulated', from the verb *regulare*, from Latin *regula* 'rule'.

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Syllabification: reg·u·late

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