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Definition of *service*

(Entry 1 of 5)

1a : the occupation or function of [serving](#) in active service

b : employment as a [servant](#) entered his service

2a : the work performed by one that [serves](#) good service

b : [help](#), [use](#), [benefit](#) glad to be of service

c : contribution to the welfare of others

d : disposal for use I'm entirely at your service

3a : a form followed in worship or in a religious ceremony the burial service

b : a meeting for worship —often used in pluralheld evening services

4 : the act of serving: such as

a : a helpful act did him a service

b : useful labor that does not produce a tangible commodity —usually used in pluralcharge for professional services

c : [serve](#)

5 : a set of articles for a particular use a silver tea service

6a : an administrative division (as of a government or business) the consular service

b : one of a nation's military forces (such as the army or navy)

7a : a facility supplying some public demand telephone service bus service

b : a facility providing maintenance and repair television service

8 : the materials (such as spun yarn, small lines, or canvas) used for serving a rope

9 : the act of bringing a legal writ, process, or summons to notice as prescribed by law

10 : the act of a male animal copulating with a female animal

11 : a branch of a hospital medical staff devoted to a particular specialty obstetrical service

service

[verb](#)

serviced; servicing

Definition of *service* (Entry 2 of 5)

[transitive verb](#)

: to perform [services](#) for: such as

a : to repair or provide maintenance for *serviced* the furnace

b : to meet interest and [sinking fund](#) payments on service government debt

c : to perform any of the business functions auxiliary to production or distribution of

d of a male animal : [serve sense 10](#)

service


[adjective](#)

Definition of *service* (Entry 3 of 5)

- 1 : of or relating to the armed [services](#)
 2 : used in [serving](#) or supplying delivery men use the service entrance
 3 : intended for hard or everyday use
 4a : providing services the service trades—from filling stations to universities— John Fischer
 b : offering repair, maintenance, or incidental services

service

[noun](#) (2)


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Definition of *service* (Entry 4 of 5)

: an Old World tree (*Sorbus domestica*) resembling the related mountain ashes but having larger flowers and larger edible fruit also : a related Old World tree (*S. torminalis*) with bitter fruits

Service

biographical name

Ser·vice | \ 'sər-vəs  \

Definition of *Service* (Entry 5 of 5)

Robert William 1874–1958 Canadian writer

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Examples of *service* in a Sentence

Verb I need to get my car *serviced*. The shop *services* sewing machines and old typewriters.

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First Known Use of *service*

Noun (1)

13th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1a](#)

Verb

1528, in the meaning defined [above](#)

Adjective

1837, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Noun (2)

1530, in the meaning defined [above](#)

History and Etymology for *service*

Noun (1)

Middle English, from Anglo-French *servise*, from Latin *servitium* condition of a slave, body of slaves, from *servus* slave

Noun (2)

Middle English *serve*s, plural of *serve* fruit of the service tree, service tree, from Old English *syrfe*, from Vulgar Latin **sorbea*, from Latin *sorbus* service tree

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[verb](#)

English Language Learners Definition of *service*


: to do the work that is needed to keep (a machine or vehicle) in good condition

technical : to pay interest on (a loan or debt)
 : to provide (someone) with something that is needed or wanted

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service

[noun](#)

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Kids Definition of *service*

(Entry 1 of 2)

- 1 : [help entry 2 sense 1](#), [use](#) Can I be of *service* to you?
- 2 : a religious ceremony the Sunday *service* a funeral *service*
- 3 : the occupation or function of serving or working as a servant
- 4 : the work or action of helping customers This restaurant gives quick *service*.
- 5 : a helpful or useful act : good turn My neighbor did me a *service* by retrieving my dog.
- 6 : a set of dishes or silverware a silver tea *service*
- 7 : an organization that provides something to the public the postal *service*
- 8 : a nation's armed forces During the war, Dad was called into the *service*.
- 9 : an organization or business that supplies some public demand or provides maintenance and repair for something bus *service* television sales and *service*
- 10 : [serve entry 2](#)

service

[verb](#)

serviced; servicing

Kids Definition of *service* (Entry 2 of 2)

: to work on in order to maintain or repair It's time to have my vehicle *serviced*.

service

[noun](#)

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Medical Definition of *service*

: a branch of a hospital medical staff devoted to a particular specialty pediatric service

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service

[noun](#)

ser·vice

Legal Definition of *service*

(Entry 1 of 2)

1 : the act of delivering to or informing someone of a writ, summons, or other notice as prescribed by law after service of process — see also [notice by publication](#) at [notice](#), [substituted service](#), [summons](#)

Note: Although service of process is primarily the means for a court to exert personal jurisdiction over a person, some form of service (as by publication of notice in a newspaper) is also usually required for exercise of in rem or quasi in rem jurisdiction.

2a : useful labor that does not produce a tangible commodity —usually used in pl. payment for services rendered

b : the maintenance or repair of tangible property machinery for the service and improvement of the residence

service

[transitive verb](#)

serviced; servicing

Legal Definition of *service* (Entry 2 of 2)

: to provide services for: as

a : to meet interest and sinking fund payments on (debt) didn't have the cash flow to service a large loan

b : to collect payments and maintain a payment schedule for (a loan) especially after sale of the loan to a secondary mortgage market (as the Federal National Mortgage Association) — compare [originate](#)

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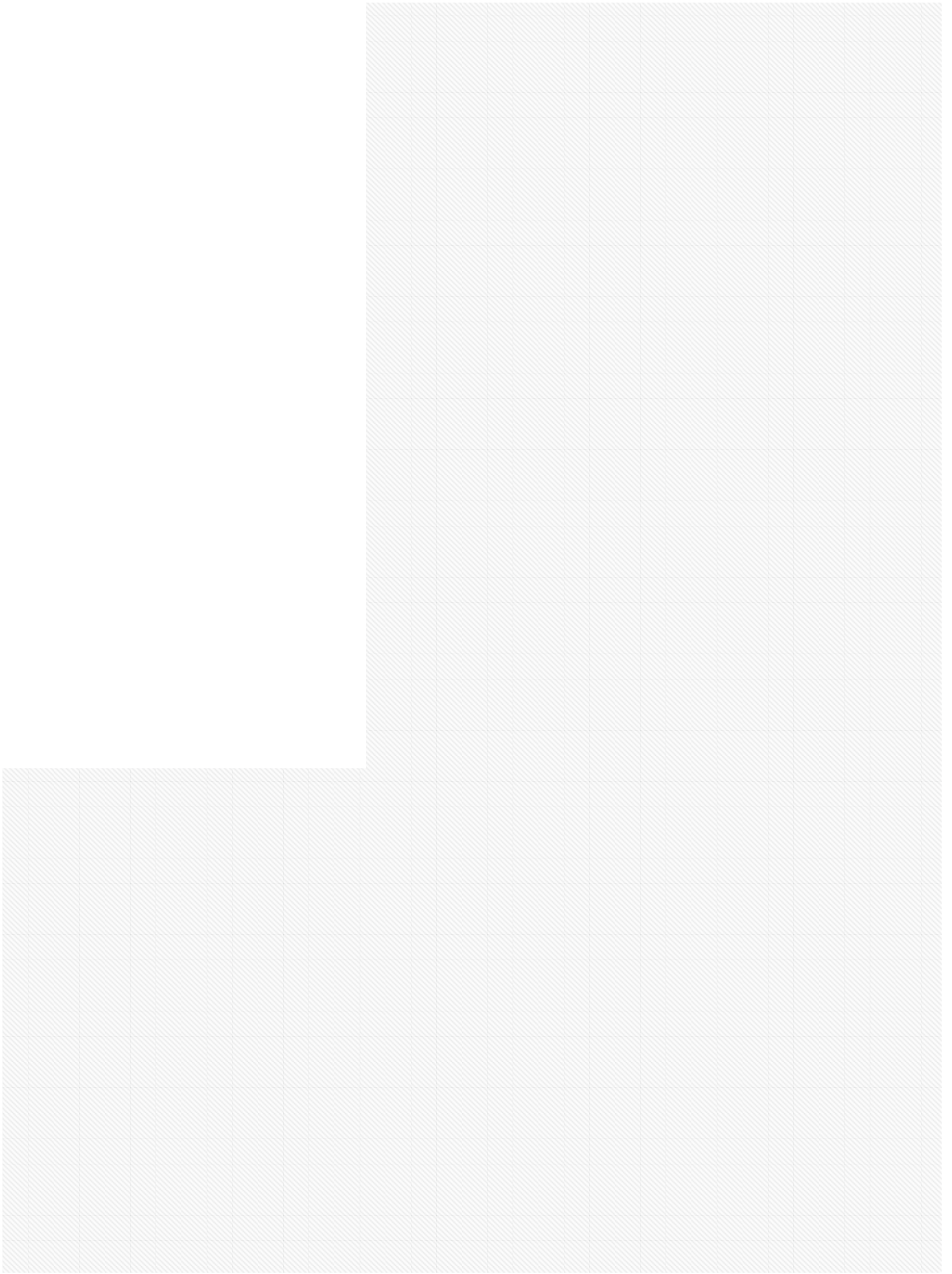
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