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Definition of *peer*

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1 : one that is of equal standing with another : [equal](#) The band mates welcomed the new member as a peer.
especially : one belonging to the same societal group especially based on age, grade, or status teenagers spending time with their peers

2a : a member of one of the five ranks (duke, marquess, earl, viscount, or baron) of the British [peerage](#)

b : [noble sense 1](#) *Peers* and commoners alike were shown the same courtesy.

3 archaic : [companion](#)

peer

[verb \(1\)](#)

peered; peering; peers

Definition of *peer* (Entry 2 of 3)

[intransitive verb](#)

1 : to look narrowly or curiously a child peering from behind a tree especially : to look searchingly at something difficult to discern She peered into the dark closet looking for her missing shoe.

2 : to come slightly into view : emerge partly a vast white cloud, through which the sun peered— Francis Kingdon-Ward

peer

[verb \(2\)](#)

peered; peering; peers

Definition of *peer* (Entry 3 of 3)

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: a member of the British nobility

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[verb](#)

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peered; peering

Kids Definition of *peer*

(Entry 1 of 2)

1 : to look curiously or carefully
2 : to come slightly into view : peep out

peer

[noun](#)

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

1 : a person of the same rank or kind : [equal](#)
2 : a member of one of the five ranks (duke, marquis, earl, viscount, and baron) of the British nobility

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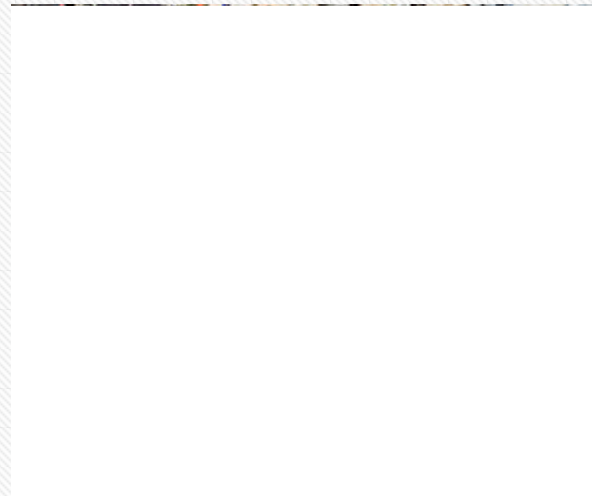
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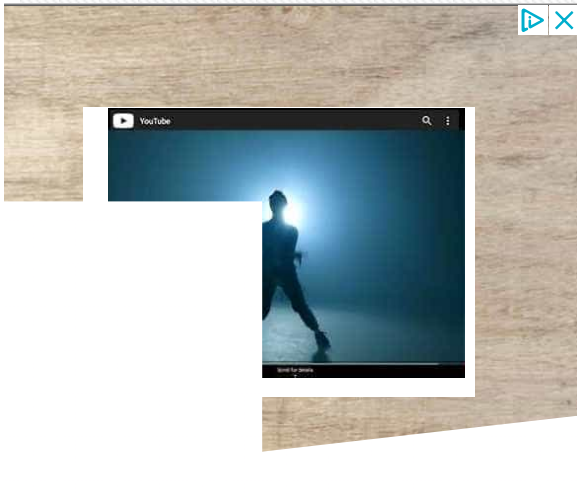
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