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VERB

[no object, with adverbial]

- 1 Look with difficulty or concentration at someone or something.

'Faye peered at her with suspicion'

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- 1.1 Be just visible.

'the towers peer over the roofs'

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- 1.2 *archaic [no object]* Come into view; appear.

'for yet a many of your horsemen peer'

Origin

Late 16th century perhaps a variant of dialect *pire* or perhaps partly from a shortening of [appear](#).

Pronunciation

peer /pɪə/

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NOUN

- 1 A member of the nobility in Britain or Ireland, comprising the ranks of duke, marquess, earl, viscount, and baron.

In the British peerage, earldoms and baronies were the earliest to be conferred; dukes were created from 1337, marquesses from the end of the 14th century, and viscounts from 1440. Such peerages are hereditary, although since 1958 there have also been non-hereditary life peerages. All peers were entitled to a seat in the House of Lords until 1999, when their number was restricted to 92 as an interim reform measure

'hereditary peers could still dominate the proceedings of the House of Lords'

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- 2 A person of the same age, status, or ability as another specified person.

'he has incurred much criticism from his academic peers'

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VERB

archaic

Make or become equal with.

[no object] 'the Thames could not peer with the mill-streamlet close to my home'

[with object] 'of Homer it is said that none could ever peer him for poetry'

Phrases

without peer

Unrivalled.

'he is a goalkeeper without peer'

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Which of the following is a type of horse?

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Harbinger

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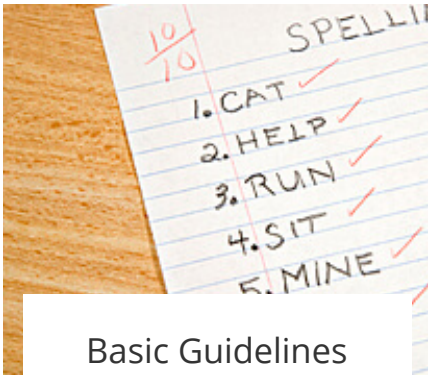
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2. birth rate
3. ryegrass
4. Beauvoir, Simone de
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Middle English from Old French peer, from Latin par 'equal'.

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