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Kind implies a deep-seated characteristic shown either habitually or on occasion by considerate behavior: a kind father. Gracious often refers to kindness from a superior or older person to a subordinate, an inferior, a child, etc.; a gracious monarch. Kindhearted implies an emotionally sympathetic nature, sometimes easily imposed upon: a kindhearted old woman. Kindly, a mild word, refers usually to general disposition, appearance, manner, etc.: a kindly face.Examples have not been reviewed.So far, me that kind of feels like a ban."I think it's kind of like one big family in this arcade. It feels a community, as opposed to a bunch of just separate shops," said Jax Jones, who co-owns the Mythos tattoo studio.There are days that you forget about this whole thing because we moved on kind of, sort of, Jean Malki, one of the victims, told me. The Times a few weeks before the indictment was unsealed.After saying she fears about the impact this kind of abuse can have on younger players, Boulter has received support and backing from her fellow players. Here he would continue the kind of transformation of the orchestra into a vehicle for social and technological good that he had begun in his 17 years as music director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic.Definitions and idiom definitions from Dictionary.com Unabridged, based on the Random House Unabridged Dictionary, Random House, Inc. 2023Idioms from The American Heritage Idioms Dictionary copyright 2002, 2001, 1995 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. 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Benevolent; filled with general good-will.By the kind gods, tis most ignobly doneTo pluck me by the beard.William Shakespeare, King Lear.Some of the ancients, like kind hearted men, have talked much of annual refrigeriums, or intervals of punishment to the damned, as particularly on the great festivals of the resurrection and ascension.Robert South, Sermons 2. Favourable; beneficent.He is kind to the unthankful and evil.Lu. vi. 35.kindnounEtymology: cygne, Saxon 1. Race; general class. Kind in Teutonic English answers to genus, and sort to species; though this distinction, in popular language, is not always observed.Thus far we have endeavoured in part to open of what nature and force laws are, according to their kinds.Richard Hooker.As when the total kindOf birds, in orderly array on wing,Came summond over Eden, to receiveTheir names of Thee,John Milton, Parad. Lost, b. vi.That both are animalia,I grant; but not rationalia;For though they do agree in kind,Specific difference we find.Hudibras, p. i.God and nature do not principally concern themselves in the preservation of particulars, but of kinds and companies.Robert South, Sermons.He with his wife were only left behindOf perishd man; they two were human kind.Dryden.I instance some acts of virtue common to Heathens and Christians; but I suppose them to be performed by Christians, after a more sublime manner than ever they were among the Heathens; and even when they do differ in kind from moral virtues, yet differ in the degrees of perfection.Francis Atterbury.He, with a hundred acts refind,Shall stretch thy conquests over half the kind.Alexander Pope.2. Particular nature.No human laws are exempt from faults, since those that have been looked upon as most perfect in their kind, have been found, upon enquiry, to have so many.Thomas Baker.3. Natural state.He did, by edict, give the goods of all the prisoners unto those that had taken them, either to take them in kind, or compound for them.Francis Bacon, Henry VII.The tax upon tillage was often levied in kind upon corn, and called decum, or tithes.John Arbuthnot, on Coins.4. Nature; natural determination.The skilful shepherd peeld me certain wanders.And in the doing of the deed of kind,He stuck them up before the fulsome eyes.William Shakespeare.Some of you, on pure instinct of nature.Are led by kind I admire your fellow- creature.Dryden.5. Manner; way.Send me your prisoners with the speediest means.Or you shall hear in such a kind from meAs will displease you.William Shakespeare, Henry IV.This will encourage industrious improvements, because many will rather venture in that kind than take five in the hundred.Francis Bacon, Essays 6. Sort. It has a slight and unimportant sense.Diogenes was asked, in a kind of scorn, what was the matter that philosophers haunted rich men, and not rich men philosophers? He answered, because the one knew what they wanted, the other did not.Francis Bacon.ChatGPT0.0 / 0 voteskindKind is an adjective that describes someone who is considerate, empathetic, and compassionate towards others, showing a genuine willingness to help and support them without expecting anything in return.Webster Dictionary4.0 / 1 voteKindcharacteristic of the species; belonging to one's nature; natural; nativeKindhaving feelings befitting our common nature; congenial; sympathetic; as, a kind man; a kind heartKindshowing tenderness or goodness; disposed to do good and confer happiness; averse to hurting or painning; benevolent; benignant; graciousKindproceeding from, or characterized by, goodness, gentleness, or benevolence; as, a kind actKindgentle; tractable; easily governed; as, a horse kind in harnessKindadjectivenature; natural instinct or dispositionKindadjectiverace; genus; species; generic class; as, in mankind or humankindKindadjectivenature; style; character; sort; fashion; manner; variety; description; class; as, there are several kinds of eloquence, of style, and of music; many kinds of government; various kinds of soil, etcKindverbto begetEtymology: [See Kin.]Chambers 20th Century Dictionary0.0 / 0 votesKindkind, n. those of a kind, a race: sort or species, a particular variety: nature: style, method of action, character: produce, as distinguished from money:adj. having the feelings natural for those of the same family: disposed to do good to others: benevolent:adj. kind-hearted n. Kind-heartedness,adj. Kindless (Shak.), destitute of kindness, unatural,n. Kindness,adj. Kind-spoken, spoken kindly: given to speaking kindly.Kind (of coll.), somewhat, in some extentused adverbially with adjectives and even verbs.Do one's kind (Shak.), to act according to one's nature; In a kind, in a way, to some extent; In kind, payment in goods instead of money. [A.S. cyndecynn, kin.]Kind(n. v.t. (Spens.) to beget. (From kin.)Editors Contribution0.0 / 0 voteskindA type or variety. The shoes were of the kind you would wear as often as you could as they were so beautiful.Submitted by MaryC on February 15, 2020kindTo love and be generous. The community were so kind, they all united to ensure everyone had a fair share of the community allotment food.Submitted by MaryC on February 15, 2020Suggested Resources0.0 / 0 votesSurnames Frequency by Census Records0.0 / 0 votesKINDAccording to the U.S. Census Bureau, Kind is ranked #17789 in terms of the most common surnames in America. The Kind surname appeared 1,574 times in the 2010 census and if you were to sample 100,000 people in the United States, approximately 1 would have the surname Kind.83.6% or 1,316 total occurrences were White.13.4% or 212 total occurrences were Black.1.5% or 24 total occurrences were Hispanic origin.0.7% or 11 total occurrences were of two or more races.British National CorpusSpoken Corpus FrequencyRank popularity for the word 'KIND' in Spoken Corpus Frequency: #4337Written Corpus Frequency: #346Nouns FrequencyRank popularity for the word 'KIND' in Written Corpus Frequency: #100Adjectives FrequencyRank popularity for the word 'KIND' in Adjectives Frequency: #714Usage in printed sourcesFrom: Anagrams for KIND How to pronounce KIND?How to say KIND in sign language?NumerologyChaldean NumerologyThe numerical value of KIND in Chaldean Numerology is: 3Pythagorean NumerologyThe numerical value of KIND in Pythagorean Numerology is: 2Yuichi Kumami:They may not be able to produce the same kind of works again and it was my hope that there would be more memorable works in the future, but that may be impossible now and that is very saddening.Jessica Bolter:It has been murky, setting out clear and accurate information about how and who might get in might lead to fewer migrants making the trip, so theres not this game of chance that kind of seems to be in place right now.Patrick Canlay:I mean, when you're out there, you can have everything's been solid something or said something like I mean, that's sports, it's not a sport if you got people cheering (Portuguese) Deutsch (German) (Arabic) Français (French) (Russian) (Kannada) (Korean) (Hebrew) Gaeilge (Irish) (Ukrainian) (Urdu) Magyar (Hungarian) (Hindi) Indonesia (Indonesian) Italiano (Italian) (Tamil) Türkçe (Turkish) (Telugu) (Thai) Ting Vit (Vietnamese) etina (Czech) Polski (Polish) Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian) Română (Romanian) Nederlands (Dutch) (Greek) Latinum (Latin) Svenska (Swedish) Dansk (Danish) Suomi (Finnish) (Yiddish) (Armenian) Norsk (Norwegian) English (English) Also found in: Thesaurus, Legal, Financial, Acronyms, Idioms, Encyclopedia, Wikipedia. (knd)adj, kinder, kindest 1. Having or showing a friendly, generous, sympathetic, or warm-hearted nature.2. Agreeable or beneficial: a dry climate kind to asthmatics.Synonyms: kindl, kindly, kindhearted, benign, benevolent These adjectives mean having or showing a tender, considerate, and helping nature. Kind and kindly are the least specific: thanked her for her kind letter; a kindly gentleman. Kindhearted especially suggests an innately kind disposition: a kindhearted teacher. Benign implies gentleness and mildness: benign intentions; a benign sovereign. Benevolent suggests charitableableness and a desire to promote the welfare or happiness of others: a benevolent contributor. (knd)n1. a. A group of individuals or instances sharing common traits; a category or sort: different kinds of furniture; a new kind of politics.b. A doubtful or borderline member of a given category: fashioned a kind of shelter; a kind of bluish color.2. Archaic a. Underlying character as a determinant of the class to which a thing belongs; nature or essence.b. The natural order or course of things; nature.3. Obsolete a. Lineal ancestry or descent.b. Lineal ancestors or descendants considered as a group.Idioms: all kinds of Informal Plenty of; ample: We have all kinds of time to finish the job, in kind1. With produce or commodities rather than with money: pay in kind.2. In the same manner or with an equivalent: returned the slight in kind. kind of Informal Rather; somewhat: I'm kind of hungry. of a kind Of the same kind; alike: My father and my uncle are two of a kind.Usage Note: The words kind, sort, and type can be used interchangeably with kind of, sort of, and type of. For example, I don't like kind of films is the same as I don't like sort of films and I don't like type of films. The sentence Those kind of buildings seem old-fashioned. Fully 88 percent of the Panel found unacceptable the use of kind with a singular modifier and plural noun and verb in That kind of buildings seem old fashioned. In these examples kind would presumably function as a determiner like number in a great number of people have crowded into the lobby. (Note that number here is singular, but the plural verb have agrees with the plural noun people, so number is not really the subject of the sentence). This problem can be avoided by making the phrase entirely singular (as in That kind of movie is always enjoyable) or by revising so that the noun is the plural subject (as in Movies of that kind are always enjoyable). Be in mind that plural kinds often implies that the phrase refers to a number of different categories of thingsmore than one genre of movie, for example. Perhaps the best solution is to drop the kind phrase entirely (Those movies are always enjoyable) or to be specific (Those spy movies are always enjoyable).American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. (kand)adj1. having a friendly or generous nature or attitude2. helpful to others or to another: a kind deed. 4. cordial: courteous (esp in the phrase kind regards)5. pleasant; agreeable; mild: a kind climate 6. informal beneficial or not harmful: a detergent that is kind to the hands. 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