#### or

merriam-webster.com/dictionary/or 1 → —used as a function word to indicate an alternative coffee or tea sink or swim , the equivalent or substitutive character of two words or phrases lessen or abate , or approximation or uncertainty in five or six days 2 archaic : <u>EITHER</u> 3 archaic : WHETHER → —used in logic as a sentential connective that forms a complex sentence which is true when at least one of its constituent sentences is true → compare <u>DISJUNCTION</u> or 2 of 8 preposition archaic : BEFORE or 3 of 8 conjunction (2)

archaic

- : BEFORE
- : the heraldic color gold or yellow
- : a logical operator that requires at least one of two inputs to be present or conditions to be met for an output to be made or a statement to be executed OR gate in a computer

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### abbreviation

1

operating room

2

operational research; operations research

3

Oregon

4

owner's risk

5

own recognizance

-or

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### noun suffix (1)

: one that does a (specified) thing  $\operatorname{grant}\! or$ 

-or

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### noun suffix (2)

: condition : activity demean*or* 

### **Word History**

Etymology

Conjunction (1) and Noun (2)

Middle English, alteration of *other*, alteration of Old English *oththe*; akin to Old High German *eddo* or

Preposition

Middle English, from or, adverb, early, before, from Old Norse  $\bar{a}r$ ; akin to Old English  $\bar{x}r$  early — more at  $\underline{ere}$ 

Noun (1)

Middle English, from Anglo-French, gold, from Latin *aurum* — more at <u>aureus</u>

Noun suffix (1)

Middle English, from Anglo-French -ur, -our, -eour & Latin -or; Anglo-French -ur, -our, from Latin -or; Anglo-French -eour, from Latin -ator, from -a-, verb stem + -tor, agent suffix; akin to Greek - $t\bar{o}r$ , agent suffix, Sanskrit - $t\bar{a}$ 

Noun suffix (2)

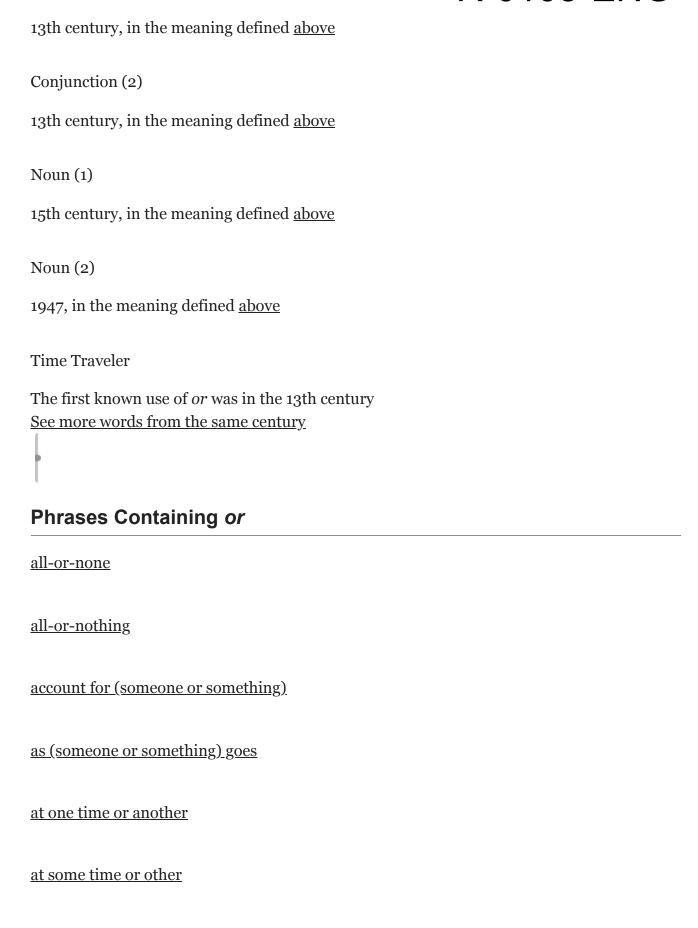
Middle English, from Anglo-French, from Latin

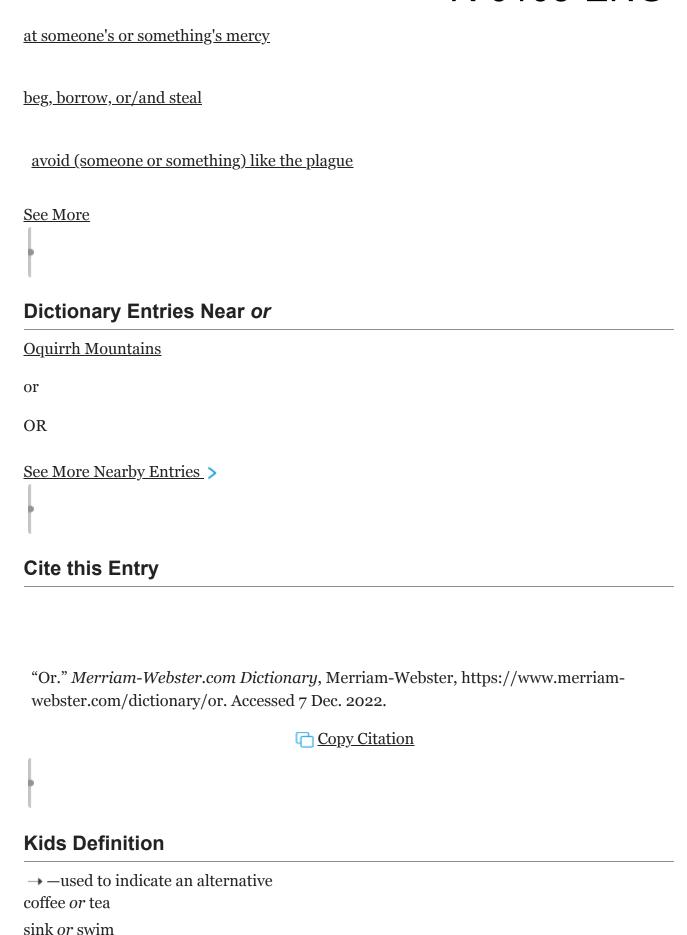
First Known Use

Conjunction (1)

13th century, in the meaning defined at sense 1

Preposition





: one that does a specified thing elevator: condition : activity demeanor

### **Medical Definition**

operating room

### **Legal Definition**

own recognizance

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