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sur·ren·der  (sə-rĕn dər)

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v. sur-ren·dered, sur-ren·der-ing, sur-ren·ders

v.tr.

1. To relinquish possession or control of (something) to another because of demand or compulsion: *surrendered the city to the enemy*. See Synonyms at [relinquish](#).
2. To give up in favor of another, especially voluntarily: *surrendered her chair to her grandmother*.
3. To give up or abandon: *surrender all hope*.
4. To give over or resign (oneself) to something, as to an emotion: *surrendered himself to grief*.
5. *Law* To effectuate a surrender of.

v.intr.

To submit to the power of another, especially after resisting; give up.

n.

1. The act or an instance of surrendering: *The general demanded the unconditional surrender of the fort*.
2. *Law* The yielding of the possession of an estate to a party with a reversion or remainder interest in the estate, or of a lease to a landlord, prior to the term's expiration.

[Middle English *surrenderen*, from Old French *surrendre* : *sur-*, *sur-* + *rendre*, to deliver; see [RENDER](#).]

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