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n.

1. often **devoirs** An act or expression of respect or courtesy; civility: *pay one's devoirs*.
2. Duty or responsibility.

[Middle English, duty, from Old French, from *devoir*, to owe, from Latin *dēbēre*; see **ghabh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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