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n.

1. The act or an instance of retaliating for a loss or injury.
2. The act or practice of forcibly seizing an enemy's goods or citizens in retaliation for a loss or injury inflicted.

[Middle English *reprisail*, from Old French *reprisaille*, from Old Italian *ripresaglia*, from *ripreso*, past participle of *riprendere*, to take back, from Latin *reprehendere*, *reprēdere*, to take hold of; see [REPREHEND](#).]

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