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n.

1.

a. A formal meeting of members, representatives, or delegates, as of a political party, fraternal society, profession, or industry.

b. The body of persons attending such an assembly: *called the convention to order.*

2. An agreement between states, sides, or military forces, especially an international agreement dealing with a specific subject, such as the treatment of prisoners of war.

3. General agreement on or acceptance of certain practices or attitudes: *By convention, north is at the top of most maps.*

4. A practice or procedure widely observed in a group, especially to facilitate social interaction; a custom: *the convention of shaking hands.*

5. A widely used and accepted device or technique, as in drama, literature, or painting: *the theatrical convention of the aside.*

[Middle English *convencioun*, from Latin *conventiō*, *conventiōn-*, meeting, from *conventus*, past participle of *convenīre*, to assemble; see [CONVENE](#).]

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