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n. pl. cem·e·ter·ies

A place for burying the dead; a graveyard.

[Middle English *cimiterie*, from Old French *cimitiere*, from Medieval Latin *cimitĕrium*, from Late Latin *coemĕtĕrium*, from Greek *koimĕtĕrion*, from *koimān*, to put to sleep; see **kei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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