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so·vi·et  (sō vē-ět', -īt, sōv ē-, sō'vē-ět)

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n.

1. One of the popularly elected legislative assemblies that were created after the Russian Revolution (1917) and existed at local, regional, and national levels in the former Soviet Union.

2. **Soviet** A native or inhabitant of the former Soviet Union.

adj.

1. Of or relating to a soviet.

2. often **Soviet** Of or relating to the former Soviet Union.

[Russian *sovet*, council, soviet, from Old Russian *sŭvětŭ*; see **ksun** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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