

Word for Word

With regard to *regarding*



The word *regard* can take many different forms. It can become multiple parts of speech and may completely change meaning if you add an s at the end. Here are the meanings you are most likely to encounter.

According to Merriam-Webster, the preposition *regarding* means “with respect to,” “concerning,” or “in relation to.” This word is useful to signal a change in subject or to focus attention in another direction. Regarding is also interchangeable with the phrases *with regard to*, *in regard to*, and *as regards*.

Examples:

Regarding the signature of resistance at the protein level, we found no differences between the two groups.

The tumor subtypes differed with regard to immune cell infiltration.

In regard to the second cohort of patients, data were frequently missing.

As regards the patients with pancreatic cancer, the treatment significantly improved symptoms.

However, the noun *regard* means “a feeling of respect and affection,” and the plural noun *regards* means “friendly greetings implying such feeling.”

Examples:

After all your contributions, you have my regard.

Please send your family my regards.

These forms are not to be confused with the verb *regard*, which means “to consider and appraise, usually from a particular point of view” or “to look at.”

Example:

Susan Sontag’s book *Regarding the Pain of Others* is about the act of looking at people who are suffering.

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