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When we're doing business in some office, there might be a few or more "windows" where clerks could serve us. Now, I was watching two different videos, both in the US, and in one office those were called "stations" and in the other "counters". I guess they could be called "windows" too, couldn't they?Are they all widely used? Last edited: Dec 15, 2022 In general I would use "window" or "desk." "Stations" sounds weirdly bureaucratic. I think I would only expect and/or use 'window' if the person behind the counter was also behind glass or in a 'framed' area: It depends a lot on context. We can't tell what sort of "office" the first picture is. Others seem to banks which I wouldn't call "offices." In general, I would call them counters, but evidently they can be stations too. I wouldn't make a fuss if I was asked to go to Station #14. Department of Motor Vehicles. Ah, thanks. Never heard of them. Given how many people in the US feel about their DMV, "circles of Hell" might be appropriate. But seriously, "stations" is probably well within the range of possibility. It's where you get and renew your driver's license. I think I would only expect and/or use 'window' if the person behind the counter was also behind glass or in a 'framed' area: And then, for those without actual windows, the location will decide what to name them - counter, station etc. Not a lot of consistency, I suspect - as usual! Do these sound natural?Can you come up to window numer 5, please?I was told at window number 10 that..... If that is what they are called in the establishment you are in at the time, then yes. And could "number" be dropped? Possibly, if it was clear in the context. Hola a todos: Alguien me sabra decir cmo es "counter mat" en castellano? Os adjunto la imagen de uno, es una especie de plstico a modo de alfombrilla, con informacin sobre los productos, y que se deja sobre el mostrador.Si a alguien se le ocurre, se lo agradecera muchsimo. Saludos, One tal vez directorio o folleto informativo o tambn trptico informativo, por lo que yo se no existe una palabra especdica. Hola de nuevo,Yo tambin habra utilizado la palabra "folleto", pero transmite la idea de algo de papel, y con "trptico" me pasa lo mismo, la verdad es que ninguna de las dos traducciones me acaba de convencer... Otro hilo ha buscado una traduccin sin encontrar una solucin.Salvamanteles promocional/publicitario?????(No sabemos lo que es en ingls tampoco). Gracias, frida-nc.Leyendo el otro hilo se me ha ocurrido utilizar la traduccin "expositor", al ser bastante general me aseguro de no meter la pata... las otras sugerencias me suenan bastante raras! The symbol that is the opposite of a slash (or /) or stroke, in French, to my knowledge, is referred to as 'anti-slash', on the basis of the English word 'slash'. The symbol is: \ However, 'anti-slash' is not, to the best of my knowledge, used in English; I believe the English term is 'reverse slash'. Can you confirm the above is correct? Thanks In AE, we often say "back slash" or "forward slash" if we need to distinguish between the two. anti-slash n'est pas dans Le Petit Robert 2007 OK, that's quite possible - what would you say in French then? I have heard 'forward slash' a million times but not 'backward slash'!... En franais, j'ai toujours entendu utiliser l'antislash (il ne devrait pas y avoir de tiret, logiquement). Jamais entendu, Kelly ! En revanche, barre oblique (pour slash) est trs courant en France. Ok, very interesting - so in French it would indeed be 'antislash' without a hyphen; 'barre oblique inverse' is officialese I think, i.e. a pseudo-French word some official dreamt up not to use an (ugly) 'Anglo-Saxon' word! I did not know 'barre oblique' for 'slash' is used in French... And 'reverse slash' would be the English term, presumably. Like Jann, I use "back slash" J'utilise indiffremment "anti slash" (je ne sais comment l'crire, je le dis seulement. A l'crit c'est \ ) ou "back slash".A ma grande honte, je dis aussi "anti quote" pour ceci : ` . OK, so we would have:- -In French: Barre oblique or slash-In English: Slash or stroke or forward slash And the opposite: -In French: Barre oblique inverse or antislash-In English: Reverse slash, or Backward slash, or Back slash I don't think 'slash' for 'barre oblique' is used in French... [Edit: Apparently, yes it is...] Karine,OK, I have amended my previous entry then Yes, you don't seriously think that people use "barre oblique" and "barre oblique inverse" when talking about computer path names, do you? Well I can tell you that they don't, otherwise you'd hear sentences like these: (Linux) Ok, va chercher dans barre oblique home barre oblique usr barre oblique tmp barre oblique partoche et tu trouveras ton fichier (ou mieux encore, Windows)Ok, va chercher dans C deux-points barre oblique inverse Windows barre oblique inverse System32 barre oblique inverse drivers barre oblique inverse etc pour trouver ton fichier "hosts" When I summed up, I did not imply that 'barre oblique' or 'barre oblique inverse' are widely used; what I meant was that they are recognised terms for 'slash' and 'reverse slash'. I did not know those terms and it is useful for me to know that they exist and may be used. If you read the whole Thread, you will see that some French-speakers did say that they do use those terms, in fact... Yes, you don't seriously think that people use "barre oblique" and "barre oblique inverse" when talking about computer path names, do you? Well I can tell you that they don't, otherwise you'd hear sentences like these: (Linux) Ok, va chercher dans barre oblique home barre oblique usr barre oblique tmp barre oblique partoche et tu trouveras ton fichier (ou mieux encore, Windows)Ok, va chercher dans C deux-points barre oblique inverse Windows barre oblique inverse System32 barre oblique inverse drivers barre oblique inverse etc pour trouver ton fichier "hosts" Ou encore Oublie les obliques et les slaches et utilise la fonction "Recherche" I stumbled on this thread from an accidental google search of "\" or "back slash". I thought it was very interesting and now I have to give my 2 cents (yes, 11 years later). Anyways I live in America, was born and raised here and I have not heard anything other than forward slash, front slash and back slash used in reference to a "slash". In fact I had no idea it was referred to as anything different until reading this thread right now. Especially antislash. Which I think is interesting, because basically you are saying "not a slash" or "opposite of slash". Whereas in America we are just calling it what it is. A slash that goes from left down to the right. Therefore it is a backwards leaning "slash" as oppose to "front slash" which is forward leaning? Maybe that is a strange way to think about it, but I thought "antislash" was a very amusing way of referring to it. Might as well say "not a slash"; but then I would say, "What is it then?". lol Maybe "anti" can be used as an adjective or noun too, I don't know, I think of it as a verb. Welcome to the Forum, motoxxx138!My impression, from reading the preceding posts, is that "antislash" is one of the terms that is used in French. I don't think anyone was proposing that the word is used in the US. To people who don't speak English, I would probably say "anti-slash".But to my English-speaking French colleagues, I would say "backslash" because that's shorter. And this is very likely why almost no one will use "Barre oblique (inverse)" in normal speech. Academicians feel obliged to translate every single word/expression which has a non-French root into something based on French words only.But obviously, when the French equivalent is longer than the English version, laziness (+ defiance of authority (here, the Academy)) will usually win.And this is also what can lead us to even use "fake" English expressions like 'anti-slash' or "un parking" (= a car park), because they just roll off the tongue. I believe 'antislash' is used in French, not in English. (I must admit I haven't re-read the entire -- vintage -- Thread.) 'Anti' in apposition in English can have the meaning of 'the opposite of' (e.g.: an anti-Communist leader); it can also have the meaning of 'the reverse of' (e.g.: anticlockwise does not mean that you are against clocks or the ways of the clocks!). Yep, exactly James, I most definitely wasn't implying antislash is used in the United States, I just thought it was interesting the way the word is made up, like James was saying. Although I think counter-clockwise is the only way I have ever heard that one. James did make me realize that I overlooked the fact that just because anti means opposite doesn't mean that's how it is interpreted in French. BTW, I'm sure it's obviously, but I do not know a single word of French. 'Anticlockwise' is used in British English, and is nothing unusual. But it is true there would not be many words like this. I have checked the Oxford Concise Dictionary and virtually all the words starting with 'anti--' mean 'an opponent of'. In the case of Antipodes, the etymology would be 'feet [pode] apart [anti]', so, once more, you find the idea of contrast/opposition.I would say that, in French, as far as I am aware, 'anti--' also means 'the opposite of', as in 'an opponent of', just like it does in English, generally speaking. E.g.: an anti-capitalist programme. Dear All,I wonder if information counter and information desk are one and the same thing. I am thinking of an airport setting: Passengers can go to this booth or stand manned by staff or volunteers where they can ask how to get to Terminal 2 or lost luggage office, etc.Thank you in advance for your help. Essentially, yes. I would use desk. Glasguensis,thank you very much. Hello. Is there any specific counter for this ? Or can I say: = 3 (different) towns?Thanks I am not very familiar with counters, but it seems that using is quite common: "" gave me 314000 hits on Google. There are some random samples from Wikipedia containing "N": 3 Last edited: Dec 17, 2011 Hell, areki. Most of kanji characters have two ways of reading; Japanese reading (kunyomi) and Chinese reading (Onyomi). When read the name of things by "kunyomi", we count things by "kunyomi". N When read things by "onyomi; ", we usually count things by "Onyomi; ". (N: The problem is, Ilmen, that the system only works up to 10, beyond that you need a counter. I wonder too what the counter for towns is. Here I am assuming that towns, cities and villages are translations of the Japanese minimum administrative units such as , , . An obvious question is how the three are different. There is no difference de jure. A common, but perhaps biased, perception is that a is a rural community and a is bigger and more modern (despite many examples to the contrary) and a is somewhere inbetween. There are distinct counters for towns, cities and villages, even though there is no consistent way to apply them. We count cities by as in 3 but villages by 3 but I think I have seen 3. I don't know how we go by with . An apparent counter is but it is also an obsolete unit for area (equivalent of 9917 m). Real-life solutions are more simple but more unwieldy. Generally, one does not just count villages or cities but counts the number of villages and cities that are in the same group (a group that one wants to talk about). So the counter is a compound of all the administrative units that are counted. 4517In fact, there is no entity called in Kagawa Prefecture, but using is wiser for preventing misunderstanding by non-experts of the region. As for the de-facto standard as manifested in the language, is the equivalent of (municipalities). The 's in Tokyo (there are 23 of them) are exceptions but there are the only and well-known exceptions. The same method is applied for counting larger municipalities (municipalities consisting of municipalities). Japan has 47 of them. In Japanese, the proposition is expressed by the following:47Again, there is no legal definition as to what is a and what is a . Hello everyone! A counter guy is a man who works at/behind/on the counter. Which preposition is better? Thank you in advance! At is right. On is definitely wrong, as that would me he literally is on top of the counter. Usually we talk about working behind a bar. There is one situation in which "on the counter" wouldn't bother me. Let's say the shift manager at a fastfood restaurant is assigning staff their work stations for the day. "Alice, you do the fries and onion rings; Bertrand, you take milkshakes and salads; Claudia, you're on the counter."I think it is notionally related to "on counter duty". I just found in the Cambridge dictionary the following sentence:"There was nobody behind/on the counter when I went into the bank, and I had to wait to be served."So according to them, both on and behind are correct.What do you think? Is the same true for the phrase "work ... the counter"? Just trusting my ears, "on" sounds more like workplace jargon. I could see it used as Nun-translator says, but not "working on the counter". mostrador o encimera? me refiero al "counter", pero el counter en la cocina no en una tienda. por ejemplo "he always leaves food on the counter, and he always leaves his dishes on the counter too." etc..... cual se usa en mexico? gracias Encimera= Worktop saludos desde Madrid BF Yo digo "encimera" al de la cocina y "mostrador" al del bar. Bueno, en realidad, digo "barra" jajaja... ah, y muchas veces se me escapa "bancada" para referirme al de la cocina, pero eso ya es dialectal... Besicos En Mxico le llamamos "barra de la cocina" Lo dej ah en la barra de la cocina, no lo viste? Saludos ILT En Espaa, "encimera", sin duda Nadie de ustedes llama a la encimera "el pollo"? - Cario, dnde pusiste las llaves? - Estn ah, en el pollo de la cocina. Ay, qu mal, estoy buscando en el Google y no hay ni un ejemplo en el que se use "pollo" como encimera. Me da que slo se usa aqu en Canarias. Algn canario que lo corrobore? Saludos! Nadie de ustedes llama a la encimera "el pollo"? - Cario, dnde pusiste las llaves?- Estn ah, en el pollo de la cocina. Ay, qu mal, estoy buscando en el Google y no hay ni un ejemplo en el que se use "pollo" como encimera. Me da que slo se usa aqu en Canarias.Algn canario que lo corrobore? Saludos! Jaja!! Yo no uso ni "pollo", ni "encimera", ni "barra" aunque es la que mejor me suena. Para m se llama "mesada". saludos Yo he escuchado la expresin "pollo", aunque crea que se escriba "poyo" (poyete incluso con mas frecuencia) para designar genericamente una superficie horizontal en la que se pueden poner o apoyar personas o cosas. EJ: el poyete de la ventana= el alfeizar. Saludos. Por ac decimos "mostrador" (counter). Supercrom En Guate tambin le decimos "mostrador" o si no "la mesa de la cocina" aunque en realidad no es una mesa. en Mxico usamos una tablas de madera que fijamos en la pared de la cocina y les llamamos repisas, donde tambin se pueden poner o apoyar cosas. mi intento sera: Lo dej ah en la barra de la cocina Lo dej ah en la repisa de la cocina Yo he escuchado la expresin "pollo", aunque crea que se escriba "poyo" (poyete incluso con mas frecuencia) para designar genericamente una superficie horizontal en la que se pueden poner o apoyar personas o cosas. EJ: el poyete de la ventana= el alfeizar. Saludos. De acuerdo con Rgoodfellow, yo tambin he odo "poyo" con ese significado Ahh, cierto, es "poyo" con Y no con LL. Incluso sale en el DRAE, aunque el significado no sea precisamente el mismo Gracias por la aclaracin. En Mxico (o al menos en el noreste) utilizamos la palabra "cubierta". "La cocina tiene cubierta de marml o acero inoxidable o melamina." "La cubierta de la cocina estaba llena de platos sucios." O lo ms comn e informal: "la cocina estaba llena de platos sucios" se sobrentiende que es la cubierta. "voy a limpiar la cocina" "la cocina no esta limpia, hay platos sucios" Si te quieres referir a limpiar las puertas y dentro de los espacios de almacen , decimos: "Voy a limpiar los gabinetes de la cocina" Y el lugar donde se lava es "fregadero". Los platos sucios estn en el "fregadero". Fregadero solo existe en la cocina, no es necesario decir "Fregadero de la cocina"JAJA, espero no confundir, y eso que me quede con ms definiciones de la cocina y que significa "el pollo de la cocina" aqu (que es una parte totalmente diferente, jaja), pero ya no quiero confundir ms. Jaja!! Yo no uso ni "pollo", ni "encimera", ni "barra" aunque es la que mejor me suena. Para m se llama "mesada". saludos Lo mismo digo. "Mesada" es la nica que yo haba odo y usado. Nunca haba odo ni ledo las otras. Para m un pollo es un pjaro o una escupida, y barra es una pieza alargada de metal o de madera, un grupo de amigos, un "gang", o estos signos: / y |. En cuanto a "encimera", nunca la haba odo, aunque debo reconocer que est en el DRAE y parece ser la palabra correcta, por lo menos en Espaa. Ahora, resulta que en el DRAE ni siquiera est "mesada" con este significado. En el DRAE, "mesada" tiene un significado completamente distinto: es una cantidad de dinero que se da o se paga todos los meses. "Mesada" con este significado de "counter" o "counter top" est en el "Diccionario del Habla de los Argentinos" de la Academia Argentina de Letras. Las cosas que se aprende leyendo este foro! (La prxima vez que vaya a Argentina no me van a entender cuando use todas estas palabras que estoy aprendiendo aqu) En argentina se usa mas "mesada".... Coincido con Phryne. Aqu le llamamos "mesada". Es exactamente el mismo lugar que se encuentra junto a la "bacha" o pileta de la cocina; en realidad forma parte de la misma. Suele ser de acero inoxidable o granito. Me explico? Saludos desde el cono sur! jeje... pues yo me pensaba que eran "los fogones" o "el fuego"... sin duda, una catalanada (de fogons)... jeje, encimera es la que me suena ms natural ... podramos escribir un diccionario de sinnimos!!! In Mexico City, is it more common to say "la cubierta" or "la barra" or "la encimera" or "el mesn" ??? How would you say (to a 5 year old child) ... !. Put the books on the kitchen counter. 2. Help me clean the kitchen counter off. 3. Turn off the faucet... water is getting all over the kitchen counter!4. Leave the candy on the kitchen counter! You can't eat it until after dinner. Buenas tardes a todos! Si bien esta conversacin viene del 2005, posiblemente esto le sirva a alguien. Empecemos con la siguiente aclaracin (tomada literalmente de internet):Pollo es un sustantivo que designa un gallo o una gallina joven (El pollo come hierbas y semillas). Poyo es un sustantivo que designa un banco que est junto a una pared o una puerta (Se sent en el poyo para tomar el caf).Para traducir "kitchen counter" sugerira "mesa de cocina"Atentamente, In Mexico City, is it more common to say "la cubierta" or "la barra" or "la encimera" or "el mesn" ??? 1. Put the books on the kitchen counter.2. Help me clean the kitchen counter off.3. Turn off the faucet... water is getting all over the kitchen counter!4. Leave the candy on the kitchen counter! You can't eat it until after dinner. I'm very late to the party, but I think this thread has shown that there are many different words used for counter in Spanish, and even in Mexico is seems to vary somewhat. However, I would bet that if you used any of those four words in Mexico, followed by "de la cocina" (unless you are already in the kitchen), the other person would understand you from the context.

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