hierarchy

['haı(ə)ra:kı] n

1. 1) иерархия

the hierarchy of the Civil Service - иерархия на государственной службе, «служебная лестница»

2) церковная иерархия

2. священноначалие, церковная власть, теократия

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noun (pl. hier archies)

1. countable, uncountable a system, especially in a society or an organization, in which people are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest

- the social/political hierarchy
- She's quite high up in the management hierarchy.
- 2. countable + singular or plural verb the group of people in control of a large organization or institution
- 3. countable (formal) a system that ideas or beliefs can be arranged into

• a hierarchy of needs

Word Origin:

late Middle English: via Old French and medieval Latin from Greek hierarkhia, from hierarkhēs 'sacred ruler', from hieros 'sacred' + arkhēs 'ruler'. The earliest sense was 'system of orders of angels and heavenly beings'; the other senses date from the 17th cent.

Example Bank:

- He joined the party in 1966 and quickly moved up the hierarchy.
- She is above me in the hierarchy.
- There was a clear hierarchy of power in the company.
- There was a range of opinion within the ecclesiastical hierarchy on the issue.
- · high up in the party hierarchy
- · the rigid class hierarchy of rural society
- At the bottom of the corporate hierarchy are part-time low-paid workers.
- In most large families there is a hierarchy of age, with the older siblings having more status.
- She's fairly high up in the management hierarchy.
- There is a rigid party hierarchy.
- Why does there need to be such a strict hierarchy within the church?

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hier ar chy AC / har a rache k a rache Br E Am E noun (plural hierarchies)

[Word Family: noun: hierarchy; adverb hierarchically; adjective: hierarchical]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: ierarchie, from Latin, from Greek hierarches, from hieros 'holy' + -arches 'ruler' (from archein 'to rule')]

1. [uncountable and countable] a system of organization in which people or things are divided into levels of importance:

- a rigid social hierarchy
- She worked her way up through the corporate hierarchy to become president.
- 2. [countable] the most important and powerful members of an organization:

the church hierarchy

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