# oriental

connected with or typical of the eastern part of the world, especially China and Japan, and the people who live there • oriental languages

### Word Origin:

[oriental] late Middle English: from Old French, or from Latin orientalis, from orient- 'rising or east', from oriri 'to rise'.

Example Bank:

· She looks slightly oriental

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I. o ri en tal 1 /, ɔ ri entl pri- \$ , ɔ - BrE AmE adjective

- relating to or from the eastern part of the world, especially China and Japan:
  - a beautiful oriental rug
  - oriental art

### II. oriental <sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>\*</sup> AmE <sup>\*</sup> , Oriental noun [countable] old-fashioned not polite

a word for someone from the eastern part of the world, especially China or Japan, now considered offensive ⇒ <sup>†</sup>occidental

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