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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

harem [harem harems] *BrE* [ˈhɑːrɪm] *BrE* [ˈhɑːrən] *NAmE* [ˈhærəm]

noun

1. the women or wives belonging to a rich man, especially in some Muslim societies in the past
2. the separate part of a traditional Muslim house where the women live
3. (**technical**) a group of female animals that share the same male for reproducing

Word Origin:

mid 17th cent. (in sense 2): from Arabic *ḥaram*, *ḥarīm*, literally ‘**prohibited, prohibited place**’ (hence ‘**sanctuary, women's quarters, women**’), from *ḥarama* ‘**be prohibited**’.

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harim /ˈhɑːrɪm, hæˈrɪm, ˈhɑːrəm, ˈher-/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable][**Date:** 1600-1700; **Language:** Arabic; **Origin:** harim ‘**something forbidden**’]

1. the group of wives or women who lived with a rich or powerful man in some Muslim societies in the past
2. part of a Muslim house that is separate from the rest of the house, where only women live

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