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aviary /áyvee-eré/ *n.* (pl. **-ies**) large enclosure or building for keeping birds.

aviation /áyveeyáshən/ *n.* 1 skill or practice of operating aircraft. 2 aircraft manufacture.

aviator /áyveeyatər/ *n.* (fem. **a-vi-a-trix** /áyveeyátriks/) person who pilots an aircraft.

avid /ávid/ *adj.* eager; greedy. □ **a-vid-i-ty** /ávidíte/ *n.* **a'vid-ly** *adv.*

avi-on-ics /áyveeóniks/ *n.pl.* (treated as *sing.*) electronics as applied to aviation.

av-o-ca-do /ávəkádō, ávə-/ *n.* (pl. **-dos**) 1 pear-shaped fruit with rough leathery skin, smooth flesh, and a large stone. 2 tropical tree bearing this fruit. Also called **alligator pear**.

av-o-ca-tion /ávəkáyshan/ *n.* hobby.

avoid /ávóyd/ *v.tr.* 1 refrain or keep away from. 2 escape; evade. 3 *Law* a nullify. **b** quash. □ **a-void'a-ble** *adj.* **a-void'a-ble** *adv.* **a-void'ance** *n.* **a-void'er** *n.*

av-oir-du-pois /ávərdəpóyz/ *n.* (in full **av'oirdupois** 'weight') system of weights based on a pound of 16 ounces or 7,000 grains.

avow /ávów/ *v.tr.* admit; confess. □ **a-vow'al** *n.* **a-vow'ed-ly** *adv.*

avun-cu-lar /ávúngkyələr/ *adj.* like or of an uncle; kind and friendly, esp. toward a younger person.

await /əwáyt/ *v.tr.* 1 wait for. 2 be in store for.

awake /əwáyk/ • *v.* (past **a-woke** /əwók/; past part. **a-wok-en** /əwókən/) 1 *intr.* a cease to sleep. **b** become active. 2 *intr.* (foll. by *to*) become aware of. 3 *tr.* rouse, esp. from sleep. • *predic. adj.* 1 a not asleep. **b** vigilant. 2 (foll. by *to*) aware of.

a-wak-en /əwáykən/ *v.* = AWAKE *v.*

award /əwáwrd/ • *v.tr.* 1 give or order to be given as a payment or prize. 2 grant; assign. • *n.* 1 a payment, compensation, or prize awarded. **b** the act or process of awarding. 2 judicial decision. □ **a-ward'er** *n.*

aware /əwáir/ *predic. adj.* 1 conscious; having knowledge. 2 well-informed. □ **a-ware'ness** *n.*

awash /əwósh, əwésh/ *predic. adj.* 1 level with the surface of water, so that it just washes over. 2 overflowing, abounding.

away /əwáy/ • *adv.* 1 to or at a distance from. 2 toward or into nonexistence. 3 constantly; persistently. 4 without delay. • *adj.* 1 *Sports* played at an opponent's field, etc. 2 absent or distant. 3 *Baseball* out. • *n.* *Sports* away game or win. □ **away with** (as *imper.*) take away.

awe /aw/ • *n.* reverential fear or wonder. • *v.tr.* inspire with awe. □ **awe-inspiring** causing awe; magnificent.

aweigh /əwáy/ *predic. adj.* *Naut.* (of an anchor) clear of the sea or river bed; hanging.

awesome /áwsəm/ *adj.* 1 inspiring awe. 2 *colloq.* excellent; superb. □ **awe'some-ly** *adv.* **awe'some-ness** *n.*

awful /áwfúł/ *adj.* 1 *colloq.* a unpleasant or horrible. **b** poor in quality. **c** excessive. 2 *poet.* inspiring awe. □ **aw'ful-ness** *n.*

awful-ly /áwfúlee, -flee/ *adv.* 1 *colloq.* unpleasantly, badly. 2 *colloq.* very.

awhile /əhwíl, əwíl/ *adv.* for a short time.

awkward /áwkward/ *adj.* 1 difficult to use. 2 clumsy or bungling. 3 a embarrassed. **b** embarrassing. □ **awk'ward-ly** *adv.* **awk'ward-ness** *n.*



AWL

awn /awn/ *n.* stiff bristle growing from the grain sheath of grasses, or terminating a leaf, etc.

awn-ing /áwníng/ *n.* sheet of canvas or similar material stretched on a frame and used as a shelter from the sun or rain.

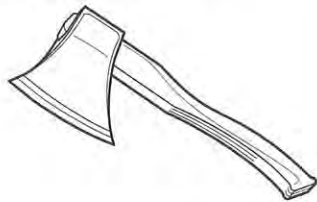
awoke past of AWAKE.

a-wok-en past part. of AWAKE.

AWOL /áywawl/ *abbr.* absent without leave.

awry /əwí/ • *adv.* 1 crookedly or askew. 2 improperly or amiss. • *predic. adj.* crooked; unsound.

ax /aks/ (also **axe**) • *n.* 1 chopping tool, usu. of iron with a steel edge at a right angle to a wooden handle. 2 drastic cutting or elimination of expenditure, staff, etc. • *v.tr.* (**ax-ing**) 1 use an ax. 2 cut (esp. costs or services) drastically. 3 remove or dismiss. □ **an ax to grind** private or selfish purpose to serve.



AX

ax-i-al /ákseel/ *adj.* of, forming, or placed around an axis. □ **ax'i-al-ly** *adv.*

ax-i-om /ákseem/ *n.* 1 established or widely accepted principle. 2 esp. *Geom.* self-evident truth. □ **ax-i-o-mat'ic** *adj.* **ax-i-o-mat'i-cal-ly** *adv.*

ax-is /áksis/ *n.* (pl. **ax-es** /-seez/) 1 a imaginary line about which a body rotates. **b** line that divides a regular figure symmetrically. 2 *Math.* fixed reference line for the measurement of coordinates, etc. 3 (**the Ax-is**) alliance of Germany and Italy during World War II, later also Japan.

ax-le /áksəl/ *n.* spindle on which a wheel is fixed.

ax-o-lotl /áksəlotl/ *n.* aquatic newtlike salamander from Mexico.

ax-on /ákson/ *n.* *Anat. & Zool.* long threadlike part of a nerve cell, conducting impulses from the cell body.

aya-tol-lah /átótólə/ *n.* Shiite religious leader in Iran.

aye /í/ (also **ay**) • *adv.* archaic or dial. yes. •

en-shroud /enshrówd, in-/ *v.tr.* 1 cover with or as with a shroud. 2 cover completely; hide from view.

en-sign /énsin, -sín/ *n.* 1 banner or flag, esp. the military or naval flag of a nation. 2 lowest commissioned officer in the US Navy or US Coast Guard.

en-slave /ensláyv, in-/ *v.tr.* make (a person) a slave. □□ **en-slave'ment** *n.* **en-slav'er** *n.*

en-snare /ensnáir, in-/ *v.tr.* catch in or as in a snare; entrap. □□ **en-snare'ment** *n.*

en-sue /ensóó, in-/ *v.intr.* happen afterward or as a result.

en-sure /enshóór, in-/ *v.tr.* 1 make certain. 2 make safe.

¶ See note at **INSURE**.

-ent /ənt, ɛnt/ *suffix* 1 forming adjectives denoting attribution of an action (*consequent*) or state (*existent*). 2 forming nouns denoting an agent (*coefficient*; *president*).

en-tail /entráyl, in-/ *v.tr.* 1 a necessitate or involve unavoidably. b give rise to; involve. 2 *Law* bequeath (property, etc.) so that it remains within a family. □□ **en-tail'ment** *n.*

en-tangle /entáγγəl, in-/ *v.tr.* 1 cause to get caught in a snare or among obstacles. 2 cause to become tangled. 3 involve in difficulties. 4 complicate. □□ **en-tan'gle'ment** *n.*

en-tente /aantáant/ *n.* friendly relationship between nations.

en-ter /éntər/ *v.* 1 a *intr.* go or come in. b *tr.* go or come into. c *intr.* come on stage. 2 *tr.* penetrate. 3 *tr.* write (a name, details, etc.) in a list, book, etc. 4 a *intr.* register or announce oneself as a competitor. b *tr.* become a competitor in (an event). 5 *tr.* a become a member of (a society, etc.). b enroll in a society, school, etc. 6 *tr.* present for consideration (*entered a protest*). 7 *intr.* (foll. by *into*) a engage in (conversation, an undertaking, etc.). b bind oneself by (an agreement, etc.). 8 *intr.* (foll. by *on, upon*) undertake; begin to deal with (a subject).

en-ter-prise /éntərpřiz/ *n.* 1 undertaking, esp. a bold or difficult one. 2 initiative. 3 business firm.

en-ter-pris-ing /éntərpřizing/ *adj.* 1 ready to engage in enterprises. 2 resourceful; imaginative. □□ **en-ter-pris-ing-ly** *adv.*

en-ter-tain /éntərtáyn/ *v.tr.* 1 amuse; occupy agreeably. 2 a receive as a guest. b receive guests (*they entertain a great deal*). 3 consider (an idea, feeling, etc.). □□ **en-ter-tain'er** *n.* **en-ter-tain'ing** *adj.*

en-ter-tain-ment /éntərtáymənt/ *n.* 1 act or instance of entertaining; process of being entertained. 2 public performance or show. 3 diversions or amusements for guests, etc.

en-thrall /enthráwl, in-/ *v.tr.* captivate; please greatly. □□ **en-thrall'ment** *n.*

en-throne /enthron, in-/ *v.tr.* place on a throne. □□ **en-throne'ment** *n.*

en-thuse /enthóóz, in-/ *v. colloq.* be or make enthusiastic.

en-thu-si-asm /enthóózecazəm, in-/ *n.* strong interest; great eagerness. □□ **en-thu'si-ast** *n.* **en-thu-si-as'tic** *adj.* **en-thu-si-as'ti-cal-ly** *adv.*

en-tice /entfs, in-/ *v.tr.* persuade by the offer of pleasure or reward. □□ **en-tice'ment** *n.* **en-tic'er** *n.* **en-tic'ing-ly** *adv.*

en-tire /entřr, in-/ *adj.* whole; complete; unbroken.

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en-tire-ly /entřlee, in-/ *adv.* 1 wholly; completely. 2 solely.

en-tire-ty /entřtee, in-/ *n.* (*pl. -ties*) 1 completeness. 2 sum total.

en-ti-tle /entřtal, in-/ *v.tr.* 1 give just claim or right. 2 give a title to. □□ **en-ti'tle'ment** *n.*

en-ti-ty /éntitee/ *n.* (*pl. -ties*) 1 thing with distinct existence. 2 existence or essential nature of a thing regarded distinctly.

en-tomb /entóóm, in-/ *v.tr.* place in or as in a tomb. □□ **en-tomb'ment** *n.*

en-to-mol-o-gy /éntəmolójee/ *n.* study of insects. □□ **en-to-mol-og'i-cal** /-molójikəl/ *adj.* **en-to-mol'o-gist** *n.*

en-tou-rage /éntóóráəzh/ *n.* people attending an important person.

en-trails /éntraylz, -trəlz/ *n.pl.* 1 bowels; intestines. 2 innermost parts.

en-trance¹ /éntrəns/ *n.* 1 going or coming in. 2 door, passage, etc., by which one enters. 3 right of admission. 4 coming of an actor on stage.

en-trance² /éntrəns, in-/ *v.tr.* 1 enchant; delight. 2 put into a trance. □□ **en-trance'ment** *n.* **en-tranc'ing** *adj.* **en-tranc'ing-ly** *adv.*

en-trant /éntrənt/ *n.* person who enters (esp. a competition, profession, etc.).

en-trap /entráp, in-/ *v.tr.* (**en-trapped**, **en-trap-ping**) 1 catch in or as in a trap. 2 beguile or trick. □□ **en-trap'per** *n.*

en-trap-ment /entrápment, in-/ *n.* 1 act or instance of entrapping; process of being entrapped. 2 *Law* inducement to commit a crime, esp. to secure a prosecution.

en-treat /entréet, in-/ *v.tr.* ask earnestly; beg. □□ **en-treat'ing-ly** *adv.* **en-treat'y** *n.* (*pl. -ies*).

en-trée /óntray/ *n.* (also **en'tree**) 1 main dish of a meal. 2 right of admission.

en-trench /entrénch, in-/ *v.* 1 *tr.* establish firmly (in a position, office, etc.). 2 *intr.* (foll. by *upon*) encroach; trespass. □□ **en-trench'ment** *n.*

en-tre-pre-neur /óntrepřəndör/ *n.* person who undertakes a commercial risk for profit. □□ **en-tre-pre-neur'al** *adj.* **en-tre-pre-neur'i-al-ly** *adv.* **en-tre-pre-neur'ship** *n.*

en-tro-py /éntropee/ *n.* *Physics* measure of the disorganization or degradation of the universe. □□ **en-tro-pic** /-trópik/ *adj.* **en-tro'pi-cal-ly** *adv.*

en-trust /entrúst, in-/ *v.tr.* give into the care of another. □□ **en-trust'ment** *n.*

en-try /éntree/ *n.* (*pl. -tries*) 1 going or coming in. 2 liberty to go or come in. 3 place of entrance. 4 item entered (in a diary, list, etc.). 5 registered competitor.

en-twine /entwín, in-/ *v.* 1 *tr. & intr.* twine together. 2 *tr.* interweave.

e-nu-mer-ate /inóómerayt, inyóó-/ *v.tr.* 1 specify (items) one by one. 2 count. □□ **e-nu'mer-a-ble** *adj.* **e-nu-mera-tion** /-ráyshan/ *n.* **e-nu-mer-a-tive** /-raytiv, -rativ/ *adj.* **e-nu'mer-a-tor** *n.*

e-nun-ci-ate /inúnseeayt/ *v.tr.* 1 pronounce clearly. 2 express in definite terms. □□ **e-nun-ci-a-tion** /-áyshan/ *n.* **e-nun'ci-a-tive** /-seeativ/ *adj.* **e-nun'ci-a-tor** *n.*

en-u-re-sis /ényóóréesis/ *n.* bedwetting.

en-vel-op /envélop, in-/ *v.tr.* 1 wrap up or cover completely. 2 completely surround. □□ **en-vel'op-ment** *n.*

spec² /spek/ *n. colloq.* specification.

special /speshəl/ • *adj.* **1** a particularly good; exceptional. **b** peculiar; specific. **2** for a particular purpose. **3** denoting education for children with particular needs, e.g., the disabled. • *n.* special edition of a newspaper, dish on a menu, etc. □ **special delivery** delivery of mail in advance of the regular delivery. **special edition** extra edition of a newspaper including later news than the ordinary edition. **special effects** movie or television illusions created by props, camera work, etc. □ **spe'cial-ly** *adv.* **spe'cial-ness** *n.*

special-ist /speshəlist/ *n.* person who is trained in a particular branch of a profession, esp. medicine. □ **spe'cial-ism** *n.*

special-ize /speshəliz/ *v.* **1 intr.** **a** be or become a specialist. **b** devote oneself to an area of interest, skill, etc. **2 tr.** adapt for a particular purpose. □ **spe'cial-i-za'tion** *n.*

special-ty /speshətee/ *n. (pl. -ties)* special pursuit, product, operation, etc., to which a company or a person gives special attention.

specie /spēshee, -see/ *n.* coin as opposed to paper money.

spec-ies /spēshee, -seez/ *n. (pl. same)* **1** class of things having some characteristics in common. **2 Biol.** category in the system of classification of living organisms consisting of similar individuals capable of exchanging genes or interbreeding. **3** kind or sort.

spec-if-ic /spisifik/ • *adj.* **1** clearly defined; definite. **2** relating to a particular subject; peculiar (*a style specific to that*). • *n.* specific aspect or factor (*shall we discuss specifics?*). □ **specific grav-ity** the ratio of the density of a substance to the density of a standard, as water for a liquid and air for a gas. □ **spe-cif'i-cal-ly** *adv.* **spe-c-i-fic-i-ty** /spēsifikitee/ *n.*

spec-i-fi-ca-tion /spēsifikāshən/ *n.* **1** act of specifying. **2** (esp. in *pl.*) detailed description of the construction, workmanship, materials, etc., of work done or to be done.

spec-i-fy /spēsifi/ *v.tr. (-fies, -fied)* **1** name or mention expressly or as a condition. **2** include in specifications. □ **spe-c'i-fi-er** *n.*

spec-i-men /spēsīmən/ *n.* **1** individual or part taken as an example of a class or whole. **2 Med.** sample of fluid or tissue for testing.

spec-ious /spēsheəs/ *adj.* plausible but wrong. □ **spe-ci-ous-i-ty** /-sheeōsitee/ *n.* **spe'cious-ly** *adv.* **spe'cious-ness** *n.*

speck /spek/ • *n.* **1** small spot or stain. **2** particle. • *v.tr.* (esp. as **specked** *adj.*) mark with specks. □ **speck-less** *adj.*

speck-le /spékəl/ • *n.* speck, esp. one of many. • *v.tr.* (esp. as **speckled** *adj.*) mark with speckles or patches.

specs /speks/ *n.pl. colloq.* pair of eyeglasses.

spec-ta-cle /spéktəkəl/ *n.* **1** public show, ceremony, etc. **2** anything attracting public attention.

spec-ta-cles /spéktəkəlz/ *n.pl.* old-fashioned or *joc.* eyeglasses.

spec-tac-u-lar /spéktákylər/ • *adj.* striking; amazing; lavish. • *n.* spectacular show. □ **spe-c'tac'u-lar-ly** *adv.*

spec-ta-tor /spéktáytor/ *n.* person who looks on at a show, game, incident, etc.

spec-ter /spéktor/ *n.* **1** ghost. **2** haunting presentiment.

spec-tral /spéktrol/ *adj.* **1** a of or relating to spec-ters or ghosts, **b** ghostlike. **2** of a spectrum. □ **spe-c'tral-ly** *adv.*

spec-trom-e-ter /spéktrómitər/ *n.* instrument used for the measurement of observed spectra. □ **spec-tro-met-ric** /spéktrométrik/ *adj.* **spec-trom-e-try** /-trómitree/ *n.*

spec-tro-scope /spéktřaskóp/ *n.* instrument for producing and recording spectra for examination. □ **spec-tro-scop-ic** /-skópik/ *adj.* **spec-tro-scop'i-cal** *adj.* **spec-tros-co-py** /-tróskapee/ *n.*

spec-trum /spéktrom/ *n. (pl. spec-tra /-trə/)* **1** band of colors, as seen in a rainbow, etc. **2** distribution of visible electromagnetic radiation arranged in a progressive series according to wavelength. **3** entire range or a wide range of anything arranged by degree or quality, etc.

spec-u-late /spékyəlayt/ *v.* **1 intr.** form a theory or conjecture. **2 tr.** conjecture; consider. **3 intr.** invest in stocks, etc., in the hope of gain but with the possibility of loss. □ **spec-u-la-tion** /-láyshən/ *n.* **spe-c'u-la-tor** *n.*

spec-u-la-tive /spékyəlativ, -lay-/ *adj.* **1** of speculation. **2** (of a business investment) involving the risk of loss (*a speculative builder*). □ **spe-c'u-la-tive-ly** *adv.*

spec-u-lum /spékyələm/ *n. (pl. spec-u-la /-lə/ or spec-u-lums)* **1** *Surgery* instrument for dilating the cavities of the human body for inspection. **2** mirror, usu. of polished metal, esp. in a reflecting telescope.

sped *past and past part.* of **SPEED**.

speech /speech/ *n.* **1** faculty, act, or manner of speaking. **2** formal public address. **3** language of a nation, region, group, etc. □ **speech'ful** *adj.*

speech-less /spéechlis/ *adj.* **1** temporarily unable to speak. **2** mute. □ **speech'less-ly** *adv.* **speech'less-ness** *n.*

speed /speed/ • *n.* **1** rapidity of movement. **2** rate of progress or motion over a distance in time. **3** arrangement of gears yielding a specific ratio in a bicycle or automobile transmission. **4 Photog.** a sensitivity of film to light. **b** light-gathering power of a lens. **c** duration of an exposure. **5 sl.** amphetamine drug. • *v.* (*past and past part.* **sped** /sped/) **1 intr.** go fast. **2** (*past and past part.* **speed-ed**) *intr.* travel at an illegal or dangerous speed. **3 tr.** send fast or on its way. □ **speed bump** raised ridge across a roadway to force slow travel. **speed up** move or work at greater speed. □ **speed'er** *n.*

speed-boat /spéedbót/ *n.* high-speed motor-boat.

speed-om-e-ter /spidómitər/ *n.* instrument on a motor vehicle, etc., indicating its speed to the driver.

speed-way /spéedway/ *n.* racetrack used for automobiles, motorcycles, etc.

speed-y /spéedee/ *adj. (speed-i-er, speed-i-est)* **1** moving quickly; rapid. **2** done without delay; prompt (*speedy answer*). □ **speed'i-ly** *adv.* **speed'i-ness** *n.*

spe-le-ol-o-gy /speleeólójee/ *n.* the study of caves. □ **spe-le-o-log-i-cal** /-leeólójikəl/ *adj.* **spe-le-ol-o-gist** *n.*

spell¹ /spel/ *v.tr. (past and past part. spelled or spelt)* **1** write or name correctly the letters

sub-mers-i-ble /səbmərsəbəl/ • *n.* submarine operating under water for short periods. • *adj.* capable of submerging.

sub-mis-sion /səbmɪʃən/ *n.* 1 a submitting or being submitted. 2 anything that is submitted. 3 submissiveness.

sub-mis-sive /səbmɪsɪv/ *adj.* humble; obedient. □ **sub-mis'sive-ly** *adv.* **sub-mis'sive-ness** *n.*

sub-mit /səbmɪt/ *v.* (**sub-mit-ted**, **sub-mit-ting**) 1 (usu. foll. by *to*) *intr.* cease resistance; give way; yield. 2 *tr.* present for consideration. 3 *tr.* subject (a person or thing) to an operation, process, treatment, etc. □ **sub-mit'ter** *n.*

sub-nor-mal /səbnɔːrməl/ *adj.* (esp. as regards intelligence) below or less than normal. □ **sub-nor-mal-i-ty** /-málitee/ *n.*

sub-or-di-nate • *adj.* /səbɔːrdɪnət/ of inferior importance or rank; secondary; subservient. • *n.* /səbɔːrdɪnət/ person working under another. • *v.tr.* /səbɔːrdɪnəɪt/ (usu. foll. by *to*) make or treat as subordinate. □ **subordinate clause** clause modifying or dependent on a main clause. □ **sub-or'di-nate-ly** *adv.* **sub-or-di-na-tion** /-náyshən/ *n.*

sub-orn /səbɔːrn/ *v.tr.* induce by bribery, etc., to commit perjury, etc. □ **sub-or-na'tion** *n.* **sub-orn'er** *n.*

sub-plot /səbplɒt/ *n.* subordinate plot in a play, etc.

sub-poe-na /səpeəno/ • *n.* writ ordering a person to appear in court. • *v.tr.* (*past* and *past part.* **sub-poe-naed**) serve a subpoena on.

sub-ro-sa /səb rɔːsə/ *adj.* & *adv.* in secrecy or confidence.

sub-scribe /səbskrɪb/ *v.* 1 *tr.* & *intr.* contribute (a specified sum) or make or promise a contribution to a fund, project, charity, etc., esp. regularly. 2 *intr.* express one's agreement with an opinion, resolution, etc. (*cannot subscribe to that*). 3 *tr.* & *intr.* arrange to receive a periodical, cable television service, etc., regularly. □ **sub-scrib'er** *n.*

sub-script /səbskrɪpt/ • *adj.* written or printed below the line. • *n.* subscript number or symbol.

sub-scrip-tion /səbskrɪpʃən/ *n.* 1 subscribing. 2 agreement to take and pay for usu. a specified number of issues of a newspaper, magazine, etc.

sub-se-quent /səbsɪkwənt/ *adj.* (usu. foll. by *to*) following a specified event, etc., in time, esp. as a consequence. □ **sub'se-quent-ly** *adv.*

sub-ser-vi-ent /səbsərveənt/ *adj.* 1 servile. 2 subordinate. □ **sub-ser'vi-ence** *n.* **sub-ser'vi-ent-ly** *adv.*

sub-set /səbset/ *n.* 1 secondary part of a set. 2 *Math.* a set, all the elements of which are contained in another set.

sub-side /səbsaɪd/ *v.intr.* 1 become tranquil; abate (*excitement subsided*). 2 (of water, etc.) sink. □ **sub-sid-ence** /-saɪdɪns, sɪbsaɪdɪns/ *n.*

sub-sid-i-ar-y /səbsaɪdeə-əreɪ/ • *adj.* 1 supplementary; auxiliary. 2 (of a company) controlled by another. • *n.* (*pl.* **-ies**) subsidiary thing, person, or company.

sub-si-dize /səbsaɪdaɪz/ *v.tr.* 1 pay a subsidy to. 2 reduce the cost of by subsidy. □ **sub-si-di-za'tion** *n.* **sub'si-diz'er** *n.*

sub-si-dy /səbsaɪdeɪ/ *n.* (*pl.* **-dies**) grant of money, esp. by the government.

sub-sist /səbsɪst/ *v.intr.* 1 keep oneself alive; be

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kept alive. 2 remain in being; exist. □ **sub-sist'ent** *adj.*

sub-sis-tence /səbsɪstəns/ *n.* 1 state or an instance of subsisting. 2 a means of supporting life; livelihood. 3 minimal level of existence or the income providing this.

sub-soil /səbsɔɪl/ *n.* soil immediately under the surface soil.

sub-son-ic /səbsɒnɪk/ *adj.* relating to speeds less than that of sound. □ **sub-son'i-cal-ly** *adv.*

subst. *abbr.* 1 substantive. 2 substitute.

sub-stance /səbstəns/ *n.* 1 particular kind of material having uniform properties. 2 reality; solidity. 3 content or essence as opposed to form, etc. 4 wealth and possessions.

sub-stand-ard /səbstándərd/ *adj.* of less than the required or normal quality or size; inferior.

sub-stan-tial /səbstánshəl/ *adj.* 1 a of real importance, value, or validity. 2 solid; stout (*substantial house*). 3 commercially successful; wealthy. 4 essential; true in large part. 5 having substance; real. □ **sub-stan'tial-ly** *adv.*

sub-stan-ti-ate /səbstánsheeəɪt/ *v.tr.* prove the truth of (a charge, claim, etc.). □ **sub-stan-ti-a-tion** /-áyshən/ *n.*

sub-stan-tive /səbstəntɪv/ • *adj.* (also /səbstántɪv/) having separate and independent existence. • *n.* *Gram.* = NOUN. □ **sub-stan-ti-val** /-tɪvəl/ *adj.* **sub-stan'tive-ly** *adv.* esp. *Gram.*

sub-sti-tute /səbstɪtʊt, -tɪtʊt/ • *n.* (also *attrib.*) person or thing acting or serving in place of another. • *v.* act or cause to act as a substitute. □ **sub-sti-tut'a-ble** *adj.* **sub-sti-tution** /-tʊʃshən, -tɪʃ- / *n.* **sub'sti-tu-tive** *adj.*

sub-strate /səbstræt/ *n.* 1 = SUBSTRATUM. 2 surface to be painted, printed, etc., on.

sub-stratum /səbstrætəm, -stræt-/ *n.* (*pl.* **sub-strata** /-tə/ or **substratums**) underlying layer or substance.

sub-struc-ture /səbstrʊktʃər/ *n.* underlying or supporting structure. □ **sub-struc'tur-al** *adj.*

sub-sume /səbsʊm, -syʊm/ *v.tr.* include (an instance, idea, category, etc.) in a rule, class, category, etc. □ **sub-sum'a-ble** *adj.*

sub-ter-fuge /səbtərɪfʊdʒ/ *n.* 1 evasive or conspiratorial lying or deceit. 2 statement, etc., used for such a purpose.

sub-ter-ra-ne-an /səbtəráneeən/ *adj.* underground; concealed.

sub-text /səbtekst/ *n.* underlying theme.

sub-ti-tle /səbtɪtəl/ • *n.* 1 secondary or additional title of a book, etc. 2 caption at the bottom of a movie, etc., esp. translating dialogue. • *v.tr.* provide with a subtitle or subtitles.

sub-tle /sʊtəl/ *adj.* (**sub-tler**, **sub-tlest**) 1 evasive or mysterious; hard to grasp (*subtle charm*). 2 (of scent, color, etc.) faint; delicate (*subtle perfume*). 3 a perceptive (*subtle senses*). b ingenious (*subtle device*). □ **sub'tle-ness** *n.* **sub'tle-ty** *n.* **sub'tly** *adv.*

sub-to-tal /səbtɒtəl/ *n.* total of one part of a group of figures to be added.

sub-tract /səbtrákt/ *v.tr.* (often foll. by *from*) deduct (a part, quantity, or number) from another. □ **sub-tract'er** *n.* **sub-trac-tion** /-trákshən/ *n.* **sub-trac'tive** *adj.*

sub-trop-ics /səbtrɒpɪks/ *n.pl.* regions adjacent

tel·e·cast /télíkast/ • *n.* television broadcast. • *v.tr.* transmit by television. □ **tel'·e·cast·er** *n.*

tel·e·com·mu·ni·ca·tion /télíkomyónikáy-shən/ *n.* 1 communication over a distance by cable, telegraph, telephone lines, etc. 2 (usu. in *pl.*) technology using these means.

tel·e·com·mute /télíkamyót/ *v.intr.* (**tel·e·com·mut·ed**, **tel·e·com·mut·ing**) work, esp. at home, communicating electronically with one's employer, etc., by computer, fax, and telephone.

tel·e·con·fer·ence /télíkónfərəns, -frəns/ *n.* conference with participants linked by telecommunication devices. □ **tel'·e·con·fer·ence·ing** *n.*

tel·e·gram /télígram/ *n.* message sent by telegraph.

tel·e·graph /télígraf/ • *n.* 1 system or device for transmitting messages or signals over a distance esp. by making and breaking an electrical connection. 2 (*attrib.*) used in this system (*telegraph pole*). • *v.tr.* 1 send a message to by telegraph. 2 send by telegraph. 3 give advance indication of. □ **te·leg·ra·pher** /tílegrəfər, -télígrəfər/ *n.* **tel·e·graph'·ic** *adj.* **tel·e·graph'·i·cal·ly** *adv.* **te·leg·ra·phy** /télígrəfee/ *n.*

tel·e·ki·ne·sis /télíkinéesis, -kí/ *n.* supposed paranormal force moving objects at a distance. □ **tel·e·ki·ne·tic** /-nétik/ *adj.*

tel·e·mar·ket·ing /télímárketing/ *n.* marketing by unsolicited telephone calls. □ **tel'·e·mar·ket·er** *n.*

tel·e·p·a·thy /tələpəthee/ *n.* supposed paranormal communication of thoughts. □ **tel·e·path·ic** /télipáthik/ *adj.* **tel·e·path'·i·cal·ly** *adv.* **tel·e·p·a·thist** *n.*

tel·e·phone /télifōn/ • *n.* 1 apparatus for transmitting and receiving sound (esp. speech) over a distance by using optical or electrical signals. 2 system of communication using a network of telephones. • *v.* 1 *tr.* speak to or send (a message) by telephone. 2 *intr.* make a telephone call. □ **telephone booth** public booth, etc., with a telephone. □ **tel·e·phon·ic** /-fónik/ *adj.* **tel·e·phon'·i·cal·ly** *adv.*

tel·e·pho·ny /tələfənee/ *n.* use or system of telephones.

tel·e·pho·to /télifótō/ *n.* (*pl.* -tos) (in full **tel'·e·pho'·to lens**) lens used in telephotography.

tel·e·pho·tog·ra·phy /télifátógrəfee/ *n.* photographing of distant objects with a system of magnifying lenses. □ **tel·e·pho·to·graph·ic** /-fótəgráfik/ *adj.*

Tel·e·Promp·Ter /télipromptər/ *n.* *prop.* device used in television and filmmaking to display a speaker's script.

tel·e·scope /télísköp/ • *n.* 1 optical instrument using lenses or mirrors to magnify distant objects. 2 = *radio telescope*. • *v.* 1 *tr.* press or drive (sections of a tube, etc.) together so that one slides into another. 2 *intr.* be capable of closing in this way. 3 *tr.* compress in space or time. □ **tel·e·scop·ic** /télískópik/ *adj.* **tel·e·scop'·i·cal·ly** *adv.*

tel·e·thon /télithon/ *n.* exceptionally long television program, esp. to raise money for a charity.

Tel·e·type /télítíp/ *n.* *prop.* telegraphic apparatus for direct exchange of printed messages.

tel·e·van·ge·list /tələvájəlist/ *n.* evangelical minister whose religious messages and services are broadcast regularly on television.

tel·e·vise /télivíz/ *v.tr.* transmit by television.

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tel·e·vi·sion /télivízhən/ *n.* 1 system for reproducing on a screen visual images transmitted (usu. with sound) by radio waves. 2 (in full **tel'·e·vi·sion set**) device with a screen for receiving these signals. 3 television broadcasting.

tel·ex /téleks/ (also **Telex**) • *n.* system of telegraphy for printed messages using a public telecommunications network. • *v.tr.* communicate by telex.

tell /tel/ *v.* (*past and past part.* **told** /töld/) 1 *tr.* relate in speech or writing. 2 *tr.* make known; express in words (*tell me what you want*). 3 *tr.* reveal or signify to (a person) (*your face tells me everything*). 4 *intr.* a divulge information, etc.; reveal a secret. **b** (*fol.* by *on*) *colloq.* inform against. 5 *tr.* instruct; order (*tell them to wait*). 6 *tr.* assure (*it's true, I tell you*). 7 *tr.* decide; predict; distinguish (*cannot tell what might happen*). 8 *intr.* produce a noticeable effect or influence. □ **tell apart** distinguish between. **tell off** *colloq.* reprimand; scold. **tell tales** report a discreditable fact about another. **there is no telling** it is impossible to know. □ **tell'·a·ble** *adj.*

tell·er /télər/ *n.* 1 person employed to receive and pay out money in a bank, etc. 2 person who tells esp. stories (*teller of tales*).

tell·ing /télíng/ *adj.* 1 having a marked effect; striking. 2 significant. □ **tell'ing·ly** *adv.*

tell·tale /téltayl/ *n.* 1 person who reveals secrets about another. 2 (*attrib.*) that reveals or betrays (*telltale smile*). 3 device for automatic indicating, monitoring, or registering of a process, etc.

tel·lu·ri·um /teldóreeəm/ *n.* *Chem.* rare lustrous silver-white element used in semiconductors. ¶ *Symb.*: **Te**. □ **tel·lu·ride** /télýəríd/ *n.* **tel·lu·rite** /télýərít/ *n.* **tel'·lu·rous** *adj.* **tel·lu'·ric** *adj.*

tem·er·i·ty /timéritee/ *n.* 1 rashness. 2 audacity; impudence.

temp /temp/ *colloq.* • *n.* temporary employee. • *v.intr.* work as a temp.

temp. /temp/ *abbr.* 1 temperature. 2 temporary.

tem·per /témper/ • *n.* 1 mood; mental disposition. 2 irritation; anger (*fit of temper*). 3 tendency to have fits of anger. 4 composure; calmness (*lose one's temper*). 5 hardness or elasticity of metal. • *v.tr.* 1 bring (metal or clay) to a proper hardness or consistency. 2 moderate (*temper justice with mercy*). □ **tem'per·a·ble** *adj.* **tem'pered** *adj.*

temper Old English *temprian* 'bring something into the required condition by mixing it with something else,' from Latin *temperare* 'mingle, restrain oneself.' Sense development was probably influenced by Old French *temprer* 'to temper, moderate.' The noun originally denoted a correct or proportionate mixture of elements or qualities, also the combination of the four bodily humors, believed in medieval times to be the basis of temperament, hence sense 1 (late Middle English).

tem·per·a /témperə/ *n.* method of painting using an emulsion, e.g., of pigment with egg, esp. on canvas.

tem·per·a·ment /témprəmənt/ *n.* person's or animal's nature and character.

tem·per·a·men·tal /témprəmənt'l/ *adj.* 1 of