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comb

and cleaning textile fibers 2 : a fleshy crest on the head of a fowl 3 : HONEY-COMB — **combed** \ˈkōmd\ *adj*
comb *vb* 1 : to draw a comb through for the purpose of arranging or cleaning 2 : to pass across with a scraping or raking action 3 : to eliminate (as with a comb) by a thorough going-over 4 : to search or examine systematically
comb *abbr* combination; combining
com-bat \ˈkām-bat\ *n* ♦ : a fight or contest between individuals or groups

♦ battle, conflict, confrontation, contest, duel, face-off, rivalry, struggle, tug-of-war, warfare — more at **CONTEST** ♦ battle, clash, conflict, contest, fight, fracas, fray, hassle, scrap, scrimmage, scuffle, skirmish, struggle, tussle — more at **FIGHT**

combat \kəm-ˈbat, ˈkām-bat\ *vb* -bat-ed or -bat-ted; -bat-ing or -bat-ting 1 ♦ : to fight with : **FIGHT**, **CONTENT** 2 ♦ : to struggle against : **OPPOSE** 3 : to engage in battle during war — **com-bat-ant** \kəm-ˈbat-ənt, ˈkām-bə-tənt\ *n*

♦ battle, contend, counter, fight, oppose — more at **FIGHT**

combat fatigue *n* : a traumatic psychological reaction occurring under wartime conditions (as combat) that cause intense stress

com-bat-ive \kəm-ˈba-tiv\ *adj* ♦ : marked by eagerness to fight or contend

♦ aggressive, argumentative, bellicose, belligerent, contentious, discordant, disputatious, militant, pugnacious, quarrelsome, scrappy, truculent, warlike — more at **BELLIGERENT**

comb-er \ˈkō-mər\ *n* 1 : one that combs 2 : a long curling wave of the sea

com-bi-na-tion \kām-bə-ˈnā-shən\ *n* 1 a ♦ : a result or product of combining b ♦ : an alliance of individuals, corporations, or states united to achieve a social, political, or economic end c ♦ : two or more persons working as a team 2 : a sequence of letters or numbers chosen in setting a lock 3 a ♦ : the act or process of combining b : the quality or state of being combined

♦ [1a] admixture, amalgam, blend, composite, compound, fusion, intermixture, mix, mixture — more at **BLEND** ♦ [1b] alliance, bloc, coalition, combine, confederacy, confederation, federation, league, union — more at **CONFEDERACY** ♦ [1b, 1c] bloc, body, coalition, combine, faction, party, sect, set, side, wing ♦ [3a] connection, consolidation, coupling, junction, unification, union — more at **UNION**

com-bine \kəm-ˈbīn\ *vb* **com-bined**; **com-bin-ing** 1 ♦ : to become one : **UNITE** 2 ♦ : to cause (as two or more things or ideas) to mix together

♦ [1] associate, coalesce, conjoin, connect, couple, fuse, join, link, marry, unify, unite — more at **UNITE** ♦ [2] amalgamate, blend, commingle, fuse, incorporate, integrate, intermingle, merge, mingle, mix — more at **MIX**

com-bine \ˈkām-bīn\ *n* 1 ♦ : a combination esp. of business or political interests 2 : a machine that harvests and threshes grain while moving over a field
♦ alliance, bloc, coalition, combination, confederacy, confederation, federation, league, union — more at **CONFEDERACY** ♦ cartel, combination, syndicate, trust — more at **CARTEL** ♦ bloc, body, coalition, combination, faction, party, sect, set, side, wing

comb-ings \ˈkō-mīnz\ *n pl* : loose hairs or fibers removed by a comb

combining form *n* : a linguistic form that occurs only in compounds or derivatives

com-bo \ˈkām-bō\ *n, pl* **combos** : a small jazz or dance band

com-bus-ti-ble \kəm-ˈbəs-tə-bəl\ *adj* ♦ : capable of being burned — **com-bus-ti-bil-i-ty** \-bəs-tə-ˈbi-lə-tē\ *n* — **combustible** *n*

♦ flammable, ignitable, inflammable; also explosive, incendiary *Ant* fireproof, incombustible, noncombustible, nonflammable, noninflammable

com-bus-tion \kəm-ˈbəs-ʃən\ *n* 1 : an act or instance of burning 2 : slow oxidation (as in the animal body)

comdg *abbr* commanding

comdr *abbr* commander

comdt *abbr* commandant

come \ˈkəm\ *vb* **came** \ˈkām\; **come**; **com-ing** \ˈkə-mīn\ 1 ♦ : to move toward something : **APPROACH** 2 ♦ : to arrive at a particular place, end, result, or conclusion : **ARRIVE** 3 : to reach the point of being or becoming (< to a boil) 4 a ♦ : to reach a total : add up : **AMOUNT** <the bill **came** to \$10> b ♦ : to be equal or nearly equal in or at the end 5 ♦ : to come to pass : take place 6 : **ORIGINATE**, **ARISE** 7 : to be available 8 : **REACH**, **EXTEND** — **come across** 1 : to make a specified impression <came across as rude> 2 : to find esp. by chance <came across an intriguing story> — **come clean** : **CONFESS** — **come into** : **ACQUIRE**, **ACHIEVE** — **come of age** : **MATURE** — **come to grips with** : to meet or deal with frankly — **come to pass** : **HAPPEN** — **come to terms** : to reach an agreement

♦ [1] advance, approach, near; also drop (in), enter, pop (in) *Ant* go, retreat, withdraw ♦ [2] arrive, land, show up, turn up; also hit, make, reach *Ant* go ♦ *usu* **come to** [4a, 4b] add up, amount, equal, number, sum, total — more at **AMOUNT (TO)** ♦ [5] be, befall, betide, chance, go, happen, occur, pass, transpire — more at **HAPPEN**

come around *vb* 1 : to come round 2 ♦ : to recover consciousness

♦ come round, come to, revive — more at **COME TO**

come-back \ˈkəm-bak\ *n* 1 ♦ : a sharp or witty reply : **RETORT** 2 ♦ : a return to a former position or condition — **come back** *vb*

♦ [1a] demure, humble, lowly, meek, retiring, unassuming, unpretentious — more at HUMBLE ♦ [1b] bashful, coy, demure, diffident, introverted, retiring, sheepish, shy — more at SHY ♦ [2] chaste, clean, decent, immaculate, pure — more at CHASTE ♦ [3] average, intermediate, median, medium, middle, moderate — more at MIDDLE

mod-est-ly \-lē\ *adv* ♦ : in a modest manner or to a modest extent

♦ humbly, lowly, meekly, sheepishly
♦ chastely, purely, righteously, virtuously — more at PURELY

mod-es-ty \mā-də-stē\ *n* 1 ♦ : freedom from conceit or vanity 2 ♦ : propriety in dress, speech, or conduct

♦ [1] humbleness, humility, lowliness, meekness — more at HUMILITY ♦ [2] chastity, purity — more at CHASTITY

mod-i-cum \mā-di-kəm\ *n* ♦ : a small amount

♦ hoot, jot, lick, rap, tittle, whit — more at JOT

modif *abbr* modification

mod-i-fi-ca-tion \mā-də-fə-'kā-shən\ *n*
♦ : the act, process, or result of modifying

♦ alteration, change, difference, revise, revision, variation — more at CHANGE

mod-i-fy \mā-də-'fī\ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing
1 : MODERATE 2 : to limit the meaning of esp. in a grammatical construction
3 ♦ : to make changes in : ALTER — **mod-i-fi-er** \mā-də-'fī-ər\ *n*

♦ alter, change, make over, recast, redo, refashion, remake, remodel, revamp, revise, rework, vary — more at CHANGE

mod-ish \mō-dish\ *adj* ♦ : conforming to the custom, fashion, or established mode : FASHIONABLE — **mod-ish-ly** *adv*

♦ à la mode, chic, fashionable, in, popular, sharp, smart, snappy, stylish — more at STYLISH

mod-ish-ness \-nəs\ *n* ♦ : the quality or state of being modish

♦ favor, popularity, vogue — more at POPULARITY

mo-diste \mō-'dēst\ *n* : a maker of fashionable dresses and hats

mod-u-lar \mā-jə-lər\ *adj* : constructed with standardized units

mod-u-lar-ized \mā-jə-lə-'rīzd\ *adj* : containing or consisting of modules

mod-u-late \mā-jə-'lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing
1 : to tune to a key or pitch 2 : to keep in proper measure or proportion : TEMPER 3 : to vary the amplitude or frequency of a carrier wave for the transmission of information (as in radio or television) — **mod-u-la-tion** \mā-jə-'lā-shən\ *n* — **mod-u-la-tor** \mā-jə-'lā-tər\ *n* — **mod-u-la-to-ry** \-lə-'tōr-ē\ *adj*

mod-ule \mā-jūl\ *n* 1 : any in a series of standardized units for use together
2 : an assembly of wired electronic parts for use with other such assemblies
3 : an independent unit that constitutes

a part of the total structure of a space vehicle <a propulsion ~>

mo-dus ope-ran-di \mō-dəs-'ā-pə-'ran-dē-, -dī\ *n*, *pl* **mo-di operandi** \mō-'dē-, -ā-, 'mō-'dī-\ : a method of procedure

'mo-gul \mō-gəl, mō-'gəl\ *n* ♦ : an important person : MAGNATE

♦ baron, czar, king, magnate, prince, tycoon — more at MAGNATE

²mogul \mō-gəl\ *n* : a bump in a ski run
mo-hair \mō-'har\ *n* : a fabric or yarn made wholly or in part from the long silky hair of the Angora goat; *also* : this goat hair

Mo-ham-med-an *also* **Mu-ham-mad-an** \mō-'ha-mə-dən, -'hā-, mü-\ *n* : MUSLIM — **Mo-ham-med-an-ism** *also* **Mu-ham-mad-an-ism** \-də-'ni-zəm\ *n*

Mo-hawk \mō-'hók\ *n*, *pl* **Mohawk** or **Mo-hawks** : a member of an American Indian people of the Mohawk River valley, New York; *also* : the language of the Mohawk people

Mo-he-gan \mō-'hē-gən, mə-\ or **Mo-hi-can** \-'hē-kən\ *n*, *pl* **Mohegan** or **Mohe-gans** or **Mohican** or **Mohicans** : a member of an American Indian people of southeastern Connecticut

mo-hel \mō-(h)el, 'mói-(ə)\ *n*, *pl* **mohels** *also* **mo-hal-im** \mō-hā-'lēm\ *also* **mo-hel-im** \-(h)e-'lēm\ : a person who performs Jewish circumcisions

Mohican *var of* MAHICAN

moi-e-ty \mói-ə-tē\ *n*, *pl* -ties : one of two equal or approximately equal parts

moil \mói-(ə)\ *vb* : to work hard : DRUDGE — **moil** *n* — **moil-er** *n*

moi-ré \mō-'rā, mwā-\ or **moire** \same or 'móir, 'mwär\ *n* : a fabric (as silk) having a watered appearance

moist \móist\ *adj* : slightly or moderately wet — **moist-ly** *adv* — **moist-ness** *n*

moist-en \móis-'ən\ *vb* : to make or become moist — **moist-en-er** *n*

mois-ture \móis-'chər\ *n* : the small amount of liquid that causes dampness

mois-tur-ize *chiefly Brit var of* MOISTURIZE

mois-tur-ize \móis-'chə-'rīz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to add moisture to — **mois-tur-iz-er** *n*

mol *abbr* molecular; molecule

mo-lar \mō-lər\ *n* : any of the broad teeth adapted to grinding food and located in the back of the jaw — **molar** *adj*

mo-las-ses \mə-'la-səz\ *n* : the thick brown syrup that is separated from raw sugar in sugar manufacture

¹mold or **Can and Brit mould** \möld\ *n* : crumbly soil rich in organic matter

²mold or **Can and Brit mould** *n* 1 : distinctive nature or character 2 : the frame on or around which something is constructed 3 : a cavity in which something is shaped; *also* : an object so shaped 4 : MOLDING

³mold or **Can and Brit mould** *vb* 1 : to shape in or as if in a mold 2 : to ornament with molding — **mold-er** *n*

⁴mold or **Can and Brit mould** *n* : a surface growth of fungus esp. on damp or decaying matter; *also* : a fungus that produces molds — **mold-i-ness** \möld-dē-nəs\ *n* — **moldy** *adj*