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(*artifex*) 'carriage(-maker),' from *carpentum* 'wagon,' of Gaulish origin; related to *car*

car-pet /karpit/ • *n.* 1 a thick fabric for covering a floor or stairs. **b** piece of this fabric. 2 expanse or layer resembling a carpet in being smooth, soft, bright, or thick (*carpet of snow*). • *v.tr.* cover with or as with a carpet. □ **on the carpet** *colloq.* being reprimanded. **sweep under the carpet** conceal (a problem or difficulty).

car-pet-bag-gér /karpitbager/ *n.* 1 political candidate who has no local connections. 2 unscrupulous opportunist (orig. a Northerner in the South after the Civil War).

car-pet-ing /karpiting/ *n.* 1 material for carpets. 2 carpets collectively.

car-pool /karpool/ • *n.* (also **car' pool**) 1 arrangement by which a group of commuters travel to and from their destination in a single vehicle. 2 commuters taking part in such an arrangement (*there are four people in our car-pool*). • *v.intr.* (also **car'-pool**) participate in or organize a carpool.

car-port /karpawrt/ *n.* shelter with a roof and open sides for a car, usu. beside a house.

car-pus /karpus/ *n.* (*pl.* **car-pl/-pī/**) small bones between the forelimb and metacarpus in terrestrial vertebrates, forming the wrist in humans.

car-rel /karel/ *n.* small cubicle for a reader in a library.

car-riage /karij/ *n.* 1 wheeled vehicle, esp. one pulled by horses. 2 carrying part of a machine (e.g., a typewriter). 3 gun carriage. 4 bearing; deportment.

car-ri-er /kareear/ *n.* 1 person or thing that carries. 2 transport or freight company. 3 person or animal that may transmit a disease or a hereditary characteristic. 4 = *aircraft carrier*. □ **carrier pigeon** pigeon trained to carry messages.

car-ri-on /karee-on/ *n.* dead putrefying flesh.

car-rot /karat/ *n.* 1 umbelliferous plant, with a tapering, edible orange-colored root. 2 means of enticement or persuasion. □ **car'rot'y** *adj.*

car-ry /kárce/ • *v.* (-ries, -ried) 1 *tr.* support or hold up, esp. while moving. 2 *tr.* convey with one or have on one's person. 3 *tr.* conduct or transmit (*pipe carries water*). 4 *tr.* take (a process, etc.) to a specified point; continue (*carry into effect; carry a joke too far*). 5 *tr.* involve; imply; entail as a feature or consequence (*principles carry consequences*). 6 *tr.* (in reckoning) transfer (a figure) to a column of higher value. 7 *tr.* hold in a specified way (*carry oneself erect*). 8 *tr.* publish or broadcast esp. regularly. 9 *tr.* keep a regular stock of. 10 *intr.* be audible at a distance. 11 *tr.* a win victory or acceptance for (a proposal, etc.). **b** gain (a state or district) in an election. **c** *Golf* cause the ball to pass beyond (a bunker, etc.). 12 *tr.* endure the weight of; support. 13 *tr.* be pregnant with. • *n.* (*pl.* -ries) 1 act of carrying. 2 *Golf* distance a ball travels in the air. □ **carry away** 1 remove. 2 inspire; affect emotionally or spiritually. 3 deprive of self-control (*got carried away*). **carry the day** be victorious or successful. **carry off** 1 take away, esp. by force. 2 win (a prize). 3 (esp. of a disease) kill. 4 render acceptable or passable. **carry on** 1 continue. 2 engage in (a conversation or a business). 3 *colloq.* behave strangely or excitedly. 4 advance (a process) by a stage. **carry out** put (ideas, instructions,

etc.) into practice. **carry weight** be influential or important.

car-sick /karsik/ *adj.* affected with nausea caused by the motion of a car. □ **car'sick-ness** *n.*

cart /kaart/ • *n.* 1 strong vehicle with two or four wheels for carrying loads, usu. drawn by a horse. 2 light vehicle for pulling by hand. • *v.tr.* convey in or as in a cart. □ **cart off** remove, esp. by force. **put the cart before the horse** 1 reverse the proper order or procedure. 2 take an effect for a cause. □ **cart'er** *n.* **cart'ful** *n.* (*pl.* -fuls).

carte blanche /kært blónsh, blánsh/ *n.* full discretionary power given to a person.

car-tel /kaartél/ *n.* informal association of manufacturers or suppliers to maintain prices at a high level. □ **car-tel-ize** /kaarteliz/ *v.*

car-ti-lage /kært'lij/ *n.* gristle; firm flexible connective tissue. □ **car-ti-lag-i-noid** /-lájinojd/ *adj.* **car-ti-lag'i-nous** *adj.*

car-tog-ra-phy /kaartógrafee/ *n.* science or practice of map drawing. □ **car-tog'ra-pher** *n.* **car-to-graph-ic** /-təgráfik/ *adj.*

car-ton /kært'n/ *n.* light box or container, esp. one made of cardboard.

car-toon /kaartoon/ *n.* 1 humorous drawing in a newspaper, magazine, etc., esp. as a topical comment. 2 sequence of drawings telling a story. 3 animated sequence of these. □ **car'toon'ist** *n.*

car-touche /kaartóosh/ *n.* *Archit.* scroll-like ornament, e.g., the volute of an Ionic capital.

car-tridge /kærtrij/ *n.* 1 case containing a charge of propelling explosive for firearms or blasting, with a bullet or shot if for small arms. 2 spool of film, magnetic tape, etc., in a sealed container ready for insertion. 3 ink container for insertion in a pen. □ **cartridge belt** belt with pockets or loops for cartridges (in sense 1).

cart-wheel /kært-hweel, -weel/ *n.* 1 wheel of a cart. 2 circular sideways handspring.

carve /kaarv/ *v.tr.* 1 produce or shape (a statue, representation in relief, etc.) by cutting into a hard material (*carved a figure out of rock*). 2 cut patterns, designs, letters, etc., in (hard material). 3 (*absol.*) cut (meat, etc.) into slices for eating. □ **carve out** 1 take from a larger whole. 2 establish (a career, etc.) purposefully (*carved out a name for themselves*). □ **carv'er** *n.*

carv-ing /kaarving/ *n.* carved object, esp. as a work of art.

Cas-a-no-va /kásəno-və/ *n.* man notorious for seducing women.

cas-cade /kaskáy/ • *n.* 1 small waterfall, esp. one in a series. 2 material, etc., draped in descending folds. • *v.intr.* fall in or like a cascade.

case¹ /kays/ *n.* 1 instance of something occurring. 2 state of affairs, hypothetical or actual. 3 a instance of a person receiving professional guidance, e.g., from a doctor or social worker. **b** such a person. 4 matter under official investigation, esp. by the police. 5 *Law* cause or suit for trial. 6 a sum of the arguments on one side, esp. in a lawsuit. **b** set of arguments, esp. in relation to persuasiveness (*have a good case*). **c** valid set of arguments (*have no case*). 7 *Gram.* a relation of a word to other words in a sen-

col-or-fast /kúlərfast/ *adj.* dyed in colors that will not fade nor be washed out. □ **col'or-fast-ness** *n.*

col-or-ful /kúlərfoöl/ *adj.* 1 having much or varied color; bright. 2 vivid; lively. □ **col'or-ful-ly** *adv.* **col'or-ful-ness** *n.*

col-or-ing /kúlərɪŋ/ *n.* 1 process of or skill in using color(s). 2 appearance as regards color, esp. complexion.

col-or-ize /kúlərɪz/ *v.tr.* add color to (orig. black-and-white film) with computer technology.

col-or-less /kúlərlɪs/ *adj.* 1 without color. 2 lacking character or interest. 3 dull or pale in hue. □ **col'or-less-ly** *adv.*

col-los-sal /kəlósəl/ *adj.* 1 huge; gigantic. 2 *colloq.* remarkable; splendid. 3 *Archit.* (of an order) having more than one story of columns.

col-los-sus /kəlósəs/ *n.* (*pl.* **col-los-si** /-sɪ/ or **col-los-sus-es**) 1 gigantic statue. 2 gigantic or important person or thing.

col-los-to-my /kəlóstómee/ *n.* (*pl.* **-mies**) *Surgery* operation on the colon to make an artificial anus in the abdominal wall.

colt /kólt/ *n.* young, uncastrated male horse.

col-um-bine /kóləmbɪn/ *n.* garden plant having drooping belled flowers.

col-umn /kóləm/ *n.* 1 *Archit.* upright, usu. cylindrical pillar. 2 column-shaped structure or part. 3 vertical cylindrical mass of liquid or vapor. 4 vertical division of a page, etc., containing a sequence of figures or words. 5 regular newspaper feature devoted to a particular subject. 6 arrangement of troops or ships in successive lines, with a narrow front. □ **col-um-nar** /kólumnər/ *adj.* **col'umned** *adj.*

col-um-nist /kólumnɪst, -mɪst/ *n.* journalist contributing regularly to a newspaper.

com- /kóm, kəm, kum/ *prefix* (also **co-**, **col-**, **con-**, **cor-**) with; together; jointly.

co-ma /kómə/ *n.* prolonged deep unconsciousness.

Co-man-che /kamánchee/ *n.* 1 a N. American people native to the western plains. 2 member of this people. 2 language of this people.

co-ma-tose /kómətós, kóm-/ *adj.* 1 in a coma. 2 lethargic.

comb /kóm/ • *n.* 1 toothed strip of rigid material for grooming hair. 2 tool having a similar design. 3 red, fleshy crest of esp. male fowl. • *v.tr.* 1 groom (hair) with a comb. 2 dress (wool or flax) with a comb. 3 search (a place) thoroughly.

com-bat • *n.* /kómbat, kúm-/ 1 armed conflict; battle. 2 struggle; contest. • *v.* /kəmbát, kómbat/ 1 *intr.* engage in combat. 2 *tr.* engage in combat with. 3 *tr.* oppose. □ **combat fatigue** mental disorder caused by stress in wartime combat.

com-bat-ant /kəmbát'nt, kómbat'nt/ • *n.* person engaged in fighting. • *adj.* 1 fighting. 2 for fighting.

com-bat-ive /kəmbátív/ *adj.* ready or eager to fight.

com-bi-na-tion /kómbínáyshən/ *n.* 1 a combining; process of being combined. 2 combined state (*in combination with*). 3 combined set of things or people. 4 sequence of numbers used

to open a combination lock. □ **combination lock** lock that opens only by a specific sequence of movements.

com-bine • *v.* /kəmbɪn/ 1 *tr.* & *intr.* join together; unite. 2 *tr.* possess (qualities usually distinct) together. 3 *intr.* form or cause to form a chemical compound. • *n.* /kómbɪn/ combination of esp. commercial interests. □ **combine harvester** /kómbɪn/ machine that reaps and threshes. **combining form** *Gram.* linguistic element used with another element to form a word (e.g., *bio-* = life, *-graphy* = writing).

com-bo /kómbō/ *n.* (*pl.* **-bos**) *sl.* small jazz or dance band.

com-bus-ti-ble /kəmbústɪbəl/ • *adj.* capable of or used for burning. • *n.* combustible substance. □ **com-bus-ti-bil'i-ty** *n.*

com-bus-tion /kəmbúschən/ *n.* 1 burning; consumption by fire. 2 *Chem.* development of light and heat from the chemical combination of a substance with oxygen. □ **com-bus-tive** /-bústív/ *adj.*

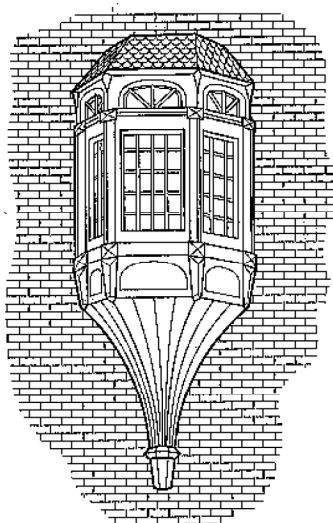
Comdr. *abbr.* commander.

come /kum/ *v.intr.* (*past came* /kaym/; *past part. come*) 1 move, be brought toward, or reach a place. 2 reach or be brought to a specified situation or result (*you'll come to no harm; came into prominence*). 3 reach or extend to a specified point. 4 traverse or accomplish (*have come a long way*). 5 occur; happen (*how did you come to break your leg?*). 6 take or occupy a specified position in space or time (*it comes on the third page*). 7 become perceptible or known (*the news comes as a surprise*). 8 be available (*comes in three sizes*). 9 become (*the handle has come loose*). 10 (*fol.* by *from*, *of*) a be descended from (*comes from a rich family*). b be the result of (*that comes of complaining*). 11 (*in subj.*) *colloq.* when a specified time is reached (*come next month*). □ **come about** happen; take place. **come across** 1 a be effective or understood. b appear or sound in a specified way (*the ideas came across clearly*). 2 meet or find by chance (*came across an old jacket*). **come along** 1 make progress. 2 (as *imper.*) hurry up. **come around** 1 pay an informal visit. 2 recover consciousness. 3 be converted to another opinion. **come away** become detached or broken off. **come back** 1 return. 2 recur to one's memory. 3 become fashionable or popular again. 4 reply; retort. **come between** 1 interfere with the relationship of. 2 separate; prevent contact between. **come by** 1 pass; go past. 2 call on; visit. 3 acquire; obtain. **come down** 1 lose position or wealth. 2 reach a decision or recommendation (*the report came down against change*). 3 (*fol.* by *to*) signify; be dependent on (a factor) (*it comes down to who is willing to go*). 4 (*fol.* by *on*) criticize harshly. 5 (*fol.* by *with*) begin to suffer from (a disease). **come in** 1 take a specified position in a race, etc. (*came in third*). 2 a have a useful role or function. b prove to be (*came in very handy*). 3 begin speaking, esp. in radio transmission. **come into** receive, esp. as heir. **come off** 1 *colloq.* (of an action) succeed; be accomplished. 2 fare; turn out (*came off badly; came off the winner*). 3 be detached or detachable (from). **come off it** (as *imper.*) *colloq.* expression of disbelief or refusal to accept another's opinion, behavior, etc. **come on** 1 a advance, esp. to attack. b (*fol.* by *to*) make sexual advances. 2 be heard or seen on television, on the telephone, etc. 3 (as *imper.*) expressing encouragement. **come-on** *n.*

or-gasm /áwrgazəm/ *n.* climax of sexual excitement. □ **or-gas-mic** /-gázmik/ *adj.*

or-gy /áwrjee/ *n.* (*pl. -gies*) **1** wild drunken festivity, esp. one at which indiscriminate sexual activity takes place. **2** excessive indulgence in an activity.

or-iel /áwreeəl/ *n.* projecting window of an upper story.



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or-ient • *n.* /áwreeənt/ (**the Orient**) countries E. of the Mediterranean, esp. E. Asia. • *v.* /áwree-ent/ **1 tr.** a find the bearings of. **b** bring (oneself, different elements, etc.) into a clearly understood position or relationship; direct. **2 tr.** a place or build (a church, building, etc.) facing toward the East. **b** bury (a person) with the feet toward the East. **3 intr.** turn eastward or in a specified direction.

or-ien-tal /áwree-éntəl/ • *adj.* often offens. **1** (often **Oriental**) of or characteristic of Eastern civilization, etc. **2** of or concerning the East, esp. E. Asia. • *n.* (esp. **Oriental**) native of the Orient.

¶ The term **Oriental**, which has many associations with European empire in Asia, is regarded as offensive by many Asians, especially Asian Americans. **Asian** or, if appropriate, **East Asian** is preferred for reference to people or ethnic groups.

or-ien-ta-tion /áwree-entáyshan/ *n.* **1** orienting; being oriented. **2 a** relative position. **b** person's attitude or adjustment in relation to circumstances, esp. politically or psychologically. **3** introduction to a subject or situation; briefing. □ **or-ien-ta'tion-al** *adj.*

or-ien-teen-ing /áwree-entéering/ *n.* cross-country race in which participants use a map and a compass to navigate along an unfamiliar course.

or-i-fice /áwrifis, ór-/ *n.* opening, esp. the mouth of a cavity.

orig. *abbr.* **1** original. **2** originally.

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or-i-ga-mi /áwrigamee/ *n.* Japanese art of folding paper into decorative shapes.

or-i-gin /áwríjin, ór-/ *n.* **1** beginning or starting point; source. **2** (often in *pl.*) person's ancestry (*what are his origins?*).

or-ig-i-nal /ərijinəl/ • *adj.* **1** existing from the beginning; innate. **2** inventive; creative. **3** not derivative or imitative; firsthand. • *n.* **1** original model, pattern, picture, etc., from which another is copied or translated. **2** eccentric or unusual person. □ **or-ig-i-nal-i-ty** /-nál-/ *n.* **or-ig'i-nal-ly** *adv.*

or-ig-i-nate /ərijinayt/ *v.* **1 tr.** cause to begin; initiate. **2 intr.** (usu. foll. by *from, in, with*) have as an origin; begin. □ **or-ig-i-na-tion** /-náyshən/ *n.* **or-ig'i-na-tive** *adj.* **or-ig'i-na-tor** *n.*

O-ring /ó-ring/ *n.* gasket in the form of a ring with a circular cross section.

or-i-ole /áwreeöl/ *n.* American bird with black and orange plumage in the male.

Or-lon /áwrilon/ *n. propr.* synthetic fiber and fabric for textiles and knitwear.

or-mo-lu /áwrmləʊ/ *n.* **1** (often *attrib.*) gilded bronze or gold-colored alloy of copper, zinc, and tin used to decorate furniture, make ornaments, etc. **2** articles made of or decorated with these.

or-na-ment • *n.* /áwrnəmənt/ **1** thing used to adorn, esp. a trinket, vase, figure, etc. **2** quality or person conferring adornment, grace, or honor (*an ornament to her profession*). • *v. tr.* /áwrnəmənt/ adorn; beautify. □ **or-na-men'tal** *adj.* **or-na-men-ta'tion** *n.*

or-nate /áwrnáynt/ *adj.* elaborately adorned; highly decorated. □ **or-nate'ly** *adv.* **or-nate'ness** *n.*

or-ner-y /áwrnəree/ *adj. colloq.* cantankerous; unpleasant. □ **or'ner-i-ness** *n.*

or-ni-thol-o-gy /áwrnithólójee/ *n.* the scientific study of birds. □ **or-ni-tho-log-i-cal** /-thəlójikəl/ *adj.* **or-ni-thol'o-gist** *n.*

or-ro-tund /áwrətund/ *adj.* **1** (of the voice) round; imposing. **2** (of writing, style, etc.) pompous; pretentious.

or-phan /áwrfən/ • *n.* (often *attrib.*) **1** child whose parents are dead. **2** young animal that has lost its mother. **3** person or thing bereft of previous protection, support, advantages, etc. • *v. tr.* bereave (a child) of its parents.

or-phan-age /áwrfənij/ *n.* residential institution for orphans.

or-rer-y /áwrree, ór-/ *n.* (*pl. -ies*) clockwork model of the solar system.

ortho- /áwrthō/ *comb. form* **1** straight; rectangular; upright. **2** right; correct.

or-tho-don-tics /áwrthədóntiks/ *n. pl.* (treated as *sing.*) (also **or-tho-don-tia** /-dónshə/) treatment of irregularities in the teeth and jaws. □ **or-tho-don'tic** *adj.* **or-tho-don'tist** *n.*

or-tho-dox /áwrthədoks/ *adj.* **1** holding correct or currently accepted opinions, esp. on religious doctrine, morals, etc. **2** not independent-minded; unoriginal; unheretical. □ **Orthodox Church** Eastern Christian Church, separated from the Western Christian Church in the 11th c., having the Patriarch of Constantinople as its head, and including the national churches of Russia, Romania, Greece, etc. □ **or'tho-dox-y** *n.*

sorghum /sáwrgəm/ *n.* tropical cereal grass.

soror-i-ty /sərawritee, -rór-/ *n.* (*pl.* -ties) female students' society in a university or college, usu. for social purposes.

sorrel /sáwrəl, sór-/ • *adj.* of a light reddish-brown color. • *n.* 1 this color. 2 sorrel animal, esp. a horse.

sorrow /sáwrō, sór-/ • *n.* 1 mental distress caused by loss or disappointment, etc. 2 cause of sorrow. • *v.intr.* 1 feel sorrow. 2 mourn. □ **sor'row-er** *n.* **sor'row-ing** *adj.*

sor-row-ful /sáwrōfōl, sór-/ *adj.* 1 feeling or showing sorrow. 2 distressing; lamentable. □ **sor'row-ful-ly** *adv.* **sor'row-ful-ness** *n.*

sorry /sáwree, sór-/ *adj.* (**sor-ri-er**, **sor-ri-est**) 1 (*predic.*) pained or regretful or penitent. 2 (*predic.*; foll. by *for*) feeling pity or sympathy for. 3 wretched; in a poor state. □ **sor'ri-ly** *adv.*

sort /sawrt/ • *n.* 1 group of things, etc., with common attributes; class or kind. 2 (foll. by *of*) roughly of the kind specified (*is some sort of doctor*). • *v.tr.* arrange systematically or according to type, class, etc. □ **of a sort** (or **of sorts**) *colloq.* not fully deserving the name (*a holiday of sorts*). **out of sorts** slightly unwell. **sort** of *colloq.* as it were; to some extent. □ **sort'a-ble** *adj.* **sort'er** *n.* **sort'ing** *n.*

¶ See note at **KIND**.

sort-ie /sáwrtee, sawrtée/ *n.* 1 sally, esp. from a besieged garrison. 2 operational flight by a single military aircraft.

SOS /ésō-és/ *n.* (*pl.* **SOSs**) international code signal of extreme distress, used esp. by ships at sea.

sot /sot/ *n.* habitual drunkard.

sot-to-vo-ce /sótō vōchee, sawt-tō vāvche/ *adv.* in an undertone or aside.

sou-bri-quet var. of **SOBRIQUET**.

souf-flé /sōōfláy/ *n.* light dish usu. made with flavored egg yolks added to stiffly beaten egg whites and baked.

sought *past* and *past part.* of **SEEK**.

soul /sōl/ *n.* 1 spiritual or immaterial part of a human being, often regarded as immortal. 2 moral or emotional or intellectual nature of a person or animal. 3 personification or pattern of something (*the very soul of discretion*). 4 an individual (*not a soul in sight*). 5 animating or essential part. 6 African-American culture, music, ethnic pride, etc. □ **soul mate** person ideally suited to another. **soul music** a kind of music incorporating elements of rhythm and blues and gospel music, popularized by African Americans.

soul-ful /sōl-fōl/ *adj.* having or expressing or evoking deep feeling. □ **soul'ful-ly** *adv.* **soul'ful-ness** *n.*

soul-less /sōl-lis/ *adj.* 1 lacking sensitivity or noble qualities. 2 having no soul. □ **soul'less-ly** *adv.* **soul'less-ness** *n.*

sound¹ /sownd/ • *n.* 1 sensation caused in the ear by the vibration of air or other medium. 2 vibrations causing this sensation. 3 what is or may be heard. 4 idea or impression conveyed by words (*don't like the sound of that*). • *v.* 1 *intr.* & *tr.* emit or cause to emit sound. 2 *tr.* utter or pronounce (*sound a note of alarm*). 3 *intr.* convey an impression when heard (*you sound worried*). □ **sound barrier** high resistance of air to objects moving at speeds near that of sound. **sound bite** short extract from a recorded interview, chosen for its pungency or appropriateness. **sound effect**

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sound other than speech or music made artificially for use in a play, movie, etc. □ **sound'less** *adj.* **sound'less-ly** *adv.* **sound'less-ness** *n.*

sound² /sownd/ • *adj.* 1 healthy; not diseased, injured, or rotten. 2 (of an opinion or policy, etc.) correct; orthodox; well-founded; judicious; legally valid. 3 financially secure. 4 restful; undisturbed. • *adv.* soundly (*sound asleep*). □ **sound'ly** *adv.* **sound'ness** *n.*

sound³ /sownd/ *v.tr.* 1 test the depth or quality of the bottom of (the sea or a river, etc.). 2 (often foll. by *out*) inquire (esp. cautiously or discreetly) into the opinions or feelings of (a person). □ **sound'er** *n.*

sound⁴ /sownd/ *n.* 1 narrow passage of water connecting two seas or a sea with a lake, etc. 2 arm of the sea.

sound-ing /sównding/ *n.* 1 measurement of the depth of water. 2 (in *pl.*) waters close to shore. □ **sounding board** 1 canopy over a pulpit, etc., to direct sound toward the congregation. 2 person, etc., used as a trial audience.

sound-proof /sówndprōf/ • *adj.* impervious to sound. • *v.tr.* make soundproof.

sound-track /sówndtrak/ *n.* the sound element of a movie, television broadcast, etc.

soup /sōp/ • *n.* liquid dish made by boiling meat, fish, or vegetables, etc., in stock or water. • *v.tr.* (usu. foll. by *up*) *colloq.* 1 increase the power and efficiency of (an engine). 2 enliven. □ **in the soup** *colloq.* in difficulties.

soup-çon /sōōpsáwn, sōōpsón/ *n.* small quantity; dash.

soup-y /sōōpee/ *adj.* (**soup-i-er**, **soup-i-est**) 1 of or resembling soup. 2 *colloq.* sentimental. □ **soup'i-ly** *adv.* **soup'i-ness** *n.*

sour /sowr/ • *adj.* 1 acid in taste or smell. 2 (of food, esp. milk or bread) bad because of fermentation. 3 (of a person, temper, etc.) harsh; morose; bitter. 4 (of a thing) unpleasant; distasteful. • *v.* make or become sour (*soured the cream*). □ **sour grapes** resentful disparagement of something one cannot personally acquire. □ **sour'ish** *adj.* **sour'ly** *adv.* **sour'ness** *n.*

source /sawrs/ *n.* 1 place, person, or thing from which something issues or originates. 2 person or document, etc., providing evidence (*reliable sources of information*).

sour-puss /sówrpōōs/ *n.* *colloq.* ill-tempered person.

souse /sows/ • *v.* 1 *tr.* put (pickles, fish, etc.) in brine. 2 *tr.* & *intr.* plunge into liquid. 3 *tr.* (usu. foll. by *in*) soak (a thing) in liquid. • *n.* 1 a pickling brine made with salt. 2 pickled food. 2 a dip, plunge, or drenching in water.

south /sowth/ • *n.* 1 point of the horizon 90° clockwise from east. 2 compass point corresponding to this. 3 direction in which this lies. 4 (usu. **the South**) a part of the world or a country or a town lying to the south. 5 southern states of the US, especially those that were part of the Confederacy. • *adj.* 1 toward, at, near, or facing the south. 2 coming from the south (*south wind*). • *adv.* 1 toward, at, or near the south. 2 (foll. by *of*) further south than. □ **South African** *adj.* of or relating to the republic of South Africa. • *n.* 1 native or inhabitant of South Africa. 2 person of South African descent. **South American** *adj.* of or relating to South