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2. To request to be supplied with. 3. To put into a systematic arrangement. See Synonyms at **arrange**. — **idioms**: **in order to** For the purpose of. **on the order of** Similar to; like. **to order** According to the buyer's specifications. [*< Lat. **ōrdō**.*] — **or'der-er** *n.*
- or'der-ly** (ôr'dər-lē) *adj.* 1. Having a systematic arrangement; neat. 2. Devoid of disruption; peaceful. *pl.* **-lies** 1. An attendant in a hospital. 2. A soldier assigned to attend a superior officer. — **or'der-li-ness** *n.*
- or'di-nal** (ôr'dn-əl) *adj.* Being of a specified position in a numbered series. [*< Lat. **ōrdō**, **ōrdin-**, **order**.*]
- ordinal number** *n.* A number, such as *second* or *tenth*, indicating position in a series.
- or'di-nance** (ôr'dn-əns) *n.* 1. An authoritative command or order. 2. A municipal statute or regulation. [*< Lat. **ōrdināre**, **ordain**.*]
- or'di-nar-i-ly** (ôr'dn-ār'ə-lē, ôr'dn-ēr'-) *adv.* As a general rule; usually.
- or'di-nary** (ôr'dn-ēr'ē) *adj.* 1. Commonly encountered; usual. 2. Of no exceptional ability, degree, or quality; average. [*< Lat. **ordinārius**.*] — **or'di-nar'i-ness** *n.*
- or'di-nate** (ôr'dn-īt, -āt') *n.* Symbol **y** *Math.* The plane Cartesian coordinate representing the distance from a specified point to the *x*-axis, measured parallel to the *y*-axis. [*< Lat. **ordinātus**, **ordered**.*]
- or'di-na-tion** (ôr'dn-ā'shən) *n.* The act or ceremony of ordaining, as to the ministry.
- ord-nance** (ôrd'nəns) *n.* 1. Military materiel, such as weapons and ammunition. 2. Cannon; artillery. [*< Lat. **ordināre**, **put in order**.*]
- Or-do-vi-cian** (ôr'də-vish'ən) *Geol.* *adj.* Of or being the 2nd period of the Paleozoic Era, marked by the appearance of primitive fishes. *n.* The Ordovician Period. [*< Lat. **Ordovicēs**, **an ancient Welsh tribe**.*]
- or-dure** (ôr'jər) *n.* Excrement; dung. [*< Lat. **horridus**, **frightful**.*]
- ore** (ôr) *n.* A mineral or rock from which a valuable constituent, esp. a metal, can be mined or extracted. [*< OE **ōra**.*]
- o-re-ad** (ôr'ē-ād') *n.* *Gk. Myth.* A mountain nymph. [*< Gk. **Oreias**.*]
- o-reg-a-no** (ə-rēg'ə-nō', ô-rēg'-) *n.* An herb having aromatic leaves used as a seasoning. [*< Gk. **origanon**.*]
- O-re-gon** (ôr'i-gən, -gōn', ôr'-) A state of the NW US on the Pacific. Cap. Salem. — **Or'e-go-ni-an** (-gō'nē-ən) *adj. & n.*
- or-gan** (ôr'gən) *n.* 1. A musical instrument consisting of a set of pipes that sound tones when supplied with air and a keyboard that controls the flow of air to the pipes; pipe organ. 2. An instrument resembling or suggestive of a pipe organ. 3. *Biol.* A differentiated part of an organism that performs a specific function. 4. An instrument or agency performing specified functions: *a government organ*. 5. A periodical. [*< Gk. **organon**, **instrument**.*]
- or-gan-dy** (ôr'gən-dē) *n., pl. -dies* A sheer, stiff cotton fabric, used for curtains and light apparel. [*Fr. **organdi**.*]
- or-gan-elle** (ôr'gə-nēl') *n.* A structure within a cell, such as a vacuole, that performs a specific function. [*NLat. **organella**, **small organ**.*]
- or-gan-ic** (ôr-găn'ik) *adj.* 1. Of or affecting an organ of the body. 2. Of or derived from living organisms. 3. Cultivated or raised without the use of synthetic chemicals, such as pesticides, or drugs, such as hormones. 4. Resembling a living organism in organization or development: *an organic whole*. 5. Constituting an integral part of a whole; fundamental. 6. *Chem.* Of or designating carbon compounds. — **or-gan/i-cal-ly** *adv.* — **or-gan-ic/i-ty** (ôr'gə-nīs'i-tē) *n.*
- or-gan-ism** (ôr'gə-nīz'əm) *n.* 1. A living being. 2. A system similar to a living body: *the social organism*.
- or-gan-ist** (ôr'gə-nīst) *n.* One who plays the organ.
- or-gan-i-za-tion** (ôr'gə-nī-zā'shən) *n.* 1a. The act of organizing or process of being organized. b. A manner of accomplishing something in an efficient way. 2. A group of persons organized for a particular purpose; association. — **or-gan-i-za-tion-al** *adj.*
- or-gan-ize** (ôr'gə-nīz') *v.* **-ized, -iz-ing** 1. To put together into an orderly, functional, structured whole. 2. To arrange in a coherent form; systematize. 3. To arrange systematically for united action. See Synonyms at **arrange**. 4. To establish as an organization. See Synonyms at **establish**. 5. To persuade to form or join a labor union. [*< Lat. **organum**, **instrument**; see ORGAN.*] — **or-gan-iz'er** *n.*
- or-gan-za** (ôr-găn'zə) *n.* A sheer stiff fabric of silk or synthetic material. [*Prob. < **Organzi** (Urgench), Uzbekistan.*]
- or-gasm** (ôr'gāz'əm) *n.* The highest point of sexual excitement; climax. [*< Gk. **orgasmos**.*] — **or-gas'mic, or-gas'tic** *adj.*
- or-gy** (ôr'jē) *n., pl. -gies* 1. A social gathering involving unrestrained indulgence, esp. sexual activity. 2. Uncontrolled indulgence in an activity. [*< Gk. **orgia**.*] — **or-gi-ast** *n.* — **or-gi-as'tic** *adj.* — **or-gi-as'ti-cal-ly** *adv.*
- ori-el** (ôr'ē-əl) *n.* A projecting bay window supported by a bracket. [*< Med.Lat. **oriolum**, **porch**.*]
- ori-ent** (ôr'ē-ənt, -ēnt') *n.* **Orient** The countries of Asia, esp. of E Asia. *v.* (ôr'ē-ēnt') 1. To align or position in a particular relation to the points of the compass. 2. To make familiar with a new situation. [*< Lat. **oriēns**, **pr.part. of orīrī**, **rise**.*] — **ori-en-tate'** *v.*
- O-ri-en-tal** also **ori-en-tal** (ôr'ē-ēn'tl) *adj.* Of or designating the Orient. *n.* Often *Offensive* An Asian person.
- ori-en-ta-tion** (ôr'ē-ēn-tā'shən) *n.* 1. The act of orienting or the state of being oriented. 2. Location or position relative to the points of the compass. 3. A tendency of thought; a general inclination: *a Marxist orientation*. 4. Sexual orientation. 5. Introductory instruction concerning a new situation: *orientation for incoming students*.
- ori-fice** (ôr'ə-fis, ôr'-) *n.* An opening, esp. to a cavity or passage of the body. [*< LLat. **orificium**.*] — **ori-fi'cial** (-fish'əl) *adj.*
- orig.** *abbr.* originally
- ori-ga-mi** (ôr'i-gā'mē) *n.* The Japanese art of folding paper. [*J.*]
- ori-gin** (ôr'ə-jin, ôr'-) *n.* 1. The point at which something comes into existence. 2. Ancestry. 3. The fact of originating. 4. *Math.* The point of intersection of coordinate axes. [*< Lat. **origō** < **orīrī**, **arise**.*]