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y dealing with salvation esp. as effected by
-ri-o-log-ical \-e-a-lj-i-ka-l/ adj
a(1)
c. 54th-ik- / n : a cycle of 1460 Sothic years
his the star Sirius; an ancient Egyptian year

• a group of closely related Bantu languages
and northern So. Africa 2 : any one of the
esp. the language of Lesotho
terSp, fr. Nahuatl *tzotzil*; a plant (genus
family of the southwestern U.S. and Mexico

1 : resembling a sot : DRUNKEN; also : DULL,
adv — sot-ness n
-ché / adv or adj [It sotto voce, lit., under the
breath : in an undertone; also : in a private
ly — used as a direction in music
süz / [F, fr. OF sol, fr. LL *solidus solidus*]
me piece

1 [F *souari* tree producing souari nuts, fr.
large edible oil-yielding seed of a So.
aryear of the family *Caryocaraceae*, esp. C.

2, fr. Charles de Rohan, Prince de Soubise
white or brown sauce containing onions or

[F, fr. Prov *soubreita*, fem. of *soubret* coy,
nt, exceed, fr. L *superare* — more at
puetish maid or frivolous young woman in
who plays such a part 2 : a soprano who
n comic opera

sü-, sü- / var of SOBRIQUET
shöy / n [Chin (Pek) *huao* 'chung', lit.,
ved black tea esp. from China
[F, fr. *soufflé*, pp. of *souffler* to blow, puff
ub- / flow to blow — more at blow]
made with a sauce, egg yolks and stiffly
seasonings

flad, -flad / adj : puffed by or in cooking
E swoghen, fr. OE *swigan*; akin to Goth
swaght to sound] : to make a moaning or
n

• fr. OE *sawol*; akin to OHG *seula* soul]
e, animating principle, or activating cause
a : the spiritual principle embodied in
l and spiritual beings, or the universe b
GOD lb 3 : a person's total self 4 a
art b : a moving spirit : LEADER 5 a
onal nature b : the quality that arouses c
a : spiritual or moral force : FERVOR 6
ATION, PERSONIFICATION -che is the ~ of
g positive feeling (as of intense sensitivity
veyed esp. by American Negro perform-
Soul music d : SOUL FOOD e : SOUL

to, or characteristic of American Negroes
gned for or controlled by Negroes <~

Negro — used esp. by other Negroes
g a soul : possessing soul and feeling —
<whole-souled repentance>
terlings, ham hocks, and collard greens)
thern American Negroes
l of or expressing feeling or emotion —
-soul-ful-ness n

iving no soul or no greatness or warmth
less-ly adv — soul-less-ness n
ersons esp. of opposite sex tempermen-
esp : LOVER, MISTRESS

originated in American Negro gospel
rhythm and blues, and is characterized
earthiness

chiv / n : examination of one's con-
motives and values

fr. OE *gesund*; akin to OHG *gsunt*
injury or disease : exhibiting normal
, defect, or decay <~ timber> 2
E 3 a : free from error, fallacy, or
ning> b : exhibiting or based on
perence <~ scholarship> c : legally
ally valid and having true premises a
ews : ORTHODOX 4 a : THOROUGH b
~ sleep> c : HARD, SEVERE <~ a
good judgment or sense syn 1 see

ee VALID ant unsound, fallacious 1
— sound-ness \saund(-nas) n
ent : THOROUGHLY <~ asleep>

son, fr. L *sonus*; akin to OE *swinn*
3, Skt *svanati* it sounds] 1 a : the
sense of hearing b : a particular
c : mechanical radiant energy that is
pressure waves in a material medium

ave of hearing 2 a : a speech sound
blue in terms of speech sounds <~cher-
ture have the same ~> 3 archaic
ringless noise b obs : MEANING c

IMPORT 5 : hearing distance : EAR-
material 7 : a particular musical
dividual, a group, or an area <the

aning element : a sensation or effect
f the auditory receptors

*sound w 1 a : to make a sound b : RESOUND c : to give a
summons by sound <the bugle ~ to battle> 2 : to make or
convey an impression : SEEM <his story ~s incredible> — v 1
1 : to cause to sound <~ a trumpet> 2 : to put into words
VOICE 3 a : to make known : PROCLAIM b : to order, signal, or
indicate by a sound <~ the alarm> 4 : to examine by causing to
emit sounds <~ the lungs> — sound-able \saund(-da-bol) adj

*sound n [ME, fr. OE *sund* swimming, sea & ON *sund* swimming,
strait; akin to OE *swimman* to swim] 1 a : a long broad inlet of
the ocean generally parallel to the coast b : a long passage of
water connecting two larger bodies (as a sea with the ocean) or
separating a mainland and an island 2 : the air bladder of a fish

*sound vb [ME *souden*, fr. MF *souder*, fr. *sonde* sounding line,
prob. of Gmc origin; akin to OE *sundline* sounding line, *sund* sea]
v 1 : to measure the depth of : FATHOM 2 : to try to find out
the views or intentions of : PROBE 3 : to explore or examine (a
body cavity) with a sound — w 1 a : to ascertain the depth of
water esp. with a sounding line b : to look into or investigate the
possibility <sent commissioners ~ to ~ for peace> — Thomas
Jefferson> 2 : to dive down suddenly — used of a fish or whale

*sound n [F *sonde*, fr. MF, lit., sounding line] : an elongated
instrument for exploring or sounding body cavities

sound barrier n : SONIC BARRIER

sound-board \saund(-bōrd),
-bō(-rd) n 1 : a thin resonant board
(as the belly of a violin) so placed in an
instrument as to reinforce its tones by
sympathetic vibration — see VIOLIN il-
lustration 2 : SOUNDING BOARD la

sound box n : the thick part of a bell
against which the clapper strikes — see
BELL illustration

sound box n 1 : a device in a phono-
graph using vibrating needle and thin
diaphragm to convert phonograph re-
cord groove undulations into sound 2
: a hollow chamber in a musical instrument for increasing its
sonority

sound camera n : a motion-picture camera equipped to record
sound simultaneously with the picture on a single film

sound effects n pl : effects that are imitative of sounds called for
in the script of a play, radio or television program, or motion
picture and are produced by various means

sound-er \saund(-dar) n : one that sounds; specif : a device for
making soundings

*sounding \saund(-dij) n 1 a : measurement by sounding b
: the depth so ascertained c pl : a place or part of a body of water
where a hand sounding line will reach bottom 2 : measurement of
atmospheric conditions at various heights 3 : a probe, test, or
sampling of opinion or intention

*sounding adj 1 : RESONANT, SONOROUS 2 a : POMPOUS b : IM-
POSING — sound-ing-ly \-dij(-lē) adv

sounding board n 1 a : a structure behind or over a pulpit,
rostrum, or platform to give distinctness and sonority to sound b
: a device or agency that helps propagate opinions or utterances

2 : SOUNDBOARD 1

sounding line n : a line or wire weighted at one end for sounding

sounding rocket n : a rocket used to obtain information concern-
ing atmospheric conditions at various altitudes

*sound-less \saund(-dlas) adj [soun] : incapable of being
sounded : UNFATHOMABLE

*soundless adj [soun] : making no sound : SILENT — sound-
less-ly adv

sound motion picture n : a motion picture accompanied by
synchronized recorded sound

sound off w 1 : to play three chords before and after marching
up and down a line of troops during a ceremonial parade or formal
guard mount 2 : to count cadence while marching 3 a : to
speak up in a loud voice b : to voice one's opinions freely and
vigorously

sound pollution n : NOISE POLLUTION

sound pressure n : the difference between the actual pressure at
any point in the field of a sound wave at any instant and the average
pressure at that point

*sound-proof \saund(-d)pruf/ adj : impervious to sound

*soundproof vt : to insulate so as to obstruct the passage of sound

sound track n : the area on a motion-picture film that carries the
sound record

sound truck n : a truck equipped with a loudspeaker

sound wave n 1 : SOUND lb 2 pl : longitudinal pressure waves
in any material medium regardless of whether they constitute
audible sound <earthquake waves and ultrasonic waves are
sometimes called sound waves>

*soup \sup/ n [F *soupe* soup, soup, of Gmc origin; akin to ON *soppa*
soup, OE *sopp* soup] 1 : a liquid food esp. with a meat, fish, or
vegetable stock as a base and often containing pieces of solid food
2 : something having or suggesting the consistency of soup (as a
heavy fog or nitroglycerine) 3 : an unfortunate predicament

*soup w [E slang *soup* (dope injected into a racheorse to improve
its performance)] : to increase the power or efficiency of <~ up an
engine>

soup-çon \süp(-sō, -süp(-sān) n [F, lit., suspicion, fr. (assumed) VL
suspicio, *suspicio*, pp. of *suspice* to suspect —
more at SUSPECT] : a little bit : TRACE

soup du jour \süp(-da)-zhü(-a)r/ n [part trans. of F *soupe du jour*
soup of the day] : a soup that is offered by a restaurant on a
particular day

soup kitchen n : an establishment dispensing minimum dietary
essentials (as soup and bread) to the needy

soup-spoon \süp(-spün) n : a spoon with a large or rounded bowl
for eating soup

soupy \süp(-pē) adj soup-i-er; -est 1 : having the consistency of
soup 2 : densely foggy or cloudy



1, soundboard 1 (of a piano)

*sour \sau(-sə) adj [ME, fr. OE *sūr*; akin to OHG *sūr* sour, Lith
suras salty] 1 : causing or characterized by the one of the four
basic taste sensations that is produced chiefly by acids <~ pickles>
— compare BITTER, SALT, SWEET 2 a (1) : having the acid taste or
smell of or as if of fermentation : TURNED <~ milk> (2) : of or
relating to fermentation b : smelling or tasting of decay : RANCID
ROTTEN <~ breath> c (1) : BAD, WRONG <a project gone ~>
(2) : HOSTILE, DISENCHANTED <went ~ on Marxism> 3 a : UN-
PLEASANT, DISTASTEFUL b : CROSS, SULLEN c : not up to the
usual, expected, or standard quality or pitch 4 : acid in reaction
— used esp. of soil 5 : containing malodorous sulfur compounds
— used esp. of petroleum products — sour-ish \sau(-sə)-ish/ adj

— sour-ly adv — sour-ness n

syn SOUR, ACID, ACIDULOUS, TART shared meaning element : having
a taste devoid of sweetness

*sour n 1 a : something sour b : the primary taste sensation
produced by acid stimuli 2 : a cocktail made with a liquor (as
whiskey), lemon or lime juice, sugar, and sometimes soda water

*sour w : to become sour ~ w : to make sour

sour ball n : a spherical piece of hard candy having a tart flavor

source \so(-sərs, -sə(-rs) n [ME *sours*, fr. MF *sors*, source, fr. OF,
fr. pp. of *sourdre* to rise, spring forth, fr. L *surgere* — more at
SURGE] 1 a : the point of origin of a stream of water : POUN-
TAINHEAD b archaic : SPRING, FOUNT 2 a : a generative
force : CAUSE b (1) : a point of origin : BEGINNING (2) : one
that initiates : AUTHOR, also : PROTOTYPE, MODEL (3) : one
that supplies information 3 : a firsthand document or primary refer-
ence work syn see ORIGIN — source-less \-lās/ adj

source book n : a fundamental document or record (as of history,
literature, art, or religion) upon which subsequent writings,
compositions, opinions, beliefs, or practices are based; also : a
collection of such documents

source language n : a language which is to be translated into
another language — compare TARGET LANGUAGE

sour cherry n : a round-headed Eurasian tree (*Prunus cerasus*)
widely grown for its bright red to almost black soft-fleshed acid
fruits; also : its fruit

sour cream n : a commercial cream product produced by the use
of lactic acid

sour-dough \sau(-dō), -dō/ n 1 : a leaven consisting
of dough in which fermentation is active 2 [fr. the use of
sourdough for making bread in prospectors' camps] : a veteran
inhabitant and esp. an old-time prospector of Alaska or north-west-
ern Canada

sour grapes n pl [fr. the fable ascribed to Aesop of the fox who
after finding himself unable to reach some grapes he had desired
disparaged them as sour] : disparagement of something that has
proven unattainable

sour gum n : BLACK GUM

sour mash n : grain mash for brewing or distilling whose initial
acidity has been adjusted to optimum condition for yeast fermenta-
tion by mash from a previous run

sour orange n : a citrus tree (*Citrus aurantium*) that is used esp.
as an understock in grafting citrus; also : its bitter fruit

sour-puss \sau(-pūs) n [puss] : GROUCH, KILLJOY

sour salt n : CITRIC ACID

sour-sop \sau(-səp) n 1 : a small tropical American tree
(*Annona muricata*) of the custard-apple family that has spicy
odoriferous leaves 2 : the large edible fruit of the sour-sop that has
fleshy spines and a slightly acid fibrous pulp

sourwood \sau(-wüd) n : a small tree (*Oxydendrum arboreum*) of the
heath family with white flowers and sour-tasting leaves

sou-sa-phon \su(-zə)-fōn, -sə- / n
[John Philip Sousa] : a large circular
tuba that has a flared adjustable bell,
that is designed to rest on the player's
left shoulder, and that is used primar-
ily in marching bands

*souse \saus/ vb soused; sousing
[ME *sousen*, fr. MF *souz*, source pick-
ling solution, of Gmc origin; akin to
OHG *sulza* brine, OE *sealt* salt] vi 1
: PICKLE 2 a : to plunge in liquid
: IMMERSE b : DRENCH, SATURATE 3
: to make drunk : INEBRIATE ~ w
: to become immersed or drenched

*souse n 1 : something pickled; esp
: seasoned and chopped pork trim-
mings, fish, or shellfish 2 : an act of
sousing : WETTING 3 a : an habitual
drunkard b : a drinking spree

: BINGE

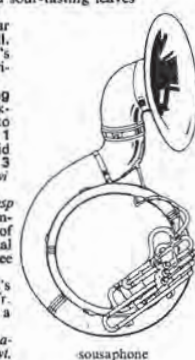
*souse n [ME *souse* start of a bird's
flight, alter. of *sours*, fr. MF *sourse*, fr.
sourdre to rise] obs : the stoop of a
hawk intercepting a bird

*souse vb soused; sousing vi, archa-
ic : to swoop down : PLUNGE ~ vt,
archaic : to swoop down upon

sou-tache \sü(-tash) n [F, fr. Hung *sujtás*] : a narrow braid with
herringbone pattern used as trimming

sou-tane \sü(-tān, -tan) n [F, fr. It *sottana*, lit., undergarment, fr.
fem. of *sottano* being underneath, fr. ML *subianus*, fr. L *subius*
underneath; akin to L *sub* under — more at UP] : CASSOCK

souter \sü(-sə) n [ME, fr. OE *sūtere*, fr. L *sutor*, fr. *sutus* pp. of
suere to sew — more at SEW] chiefly Scot : SHOEMAKER



sousaphone

a abut 2 kitten or further a back 3 bake 4 cot, carl
aú out ch chin e less e easy g gift i trip t life
j joke 9 sing o flow ó flaw o coin th thin th this
ü loot ú foot y yet yú few yú furious zh vision