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latent *n* (1923): a fingerprint (as at the scene of a crime) that is scarcely visible but can be developed for study — called also *latent fingerprint*.

latent print *n* (ca. 1757): heat given off or absorbed in a process (as fusion or vaporization) other than a change of temperature.

latent period *n* (1837): 1: the incubation period of a disease 2: the interval between stimulation and response

latent root *n* (1883): an eigenvalue of a matrix

latent *adv* (13c): at some time subsequent to a given time; SUBSEQUENTLY, AFTERWARD (one week ~) (they ~ regretted the decision) — often used with *on* (experience that will be useful ~ on)

later *n* *comb form* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; worshiper (bibliolater)

later *adv* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; toward the side

later *adj* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; also *later* *adj* [ME *laterale*, fr. L *lateralis*, fr. *later*, *latus* side] (15c): 1: of or relating to the side 2: situated on, directed toward, or coming from the side 3: extending from side to side (the ~ axis of an airplane) 4: produced with passage of breath around the side of a constriction formed with the tongue (V ~) — **laterally** *adv*

lateral *n* (1851): 1: a branch from the main part (as in an irrigation or electrical system) 2: a pass in football thrown parallel to the line of scrimmage or in a direction away from the opponent's goal 3: a lateral speech sound

lateral *v* (1944): to throw a lateral

lateral bud *n* (1875): a bud that develops in the axil between a petiole and a stem

lateralization *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; localization of function or activity on one side of the body in preference to the other — **lateralize** *v* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; to make lateral

lateral line *n* (1752): a canal along the side of a fish containing pores that open into tubes supplied with sense organs sensitive to low vibrations; also: one of these tubes or sense organs

laterite *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; a residual product of rock decay that is red in color and has a high content in the oxides of iron and hydroxide of aluminum — **lateritic** *adj* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; of or relating to laterite

laterization *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; the process of conversion of rock to laterite

latest *adj* (1588): 1: archaic: LAST 2: most recent

latest *n* (1801): 1: the latest acceptable time — usu. used in the phrase *at the latest* 2: something that is the most recent or currently fashionable (the ~ in diving techniques)

late-wood *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; SUMMERWOOD

late *adj* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; 1: a milky usu. white fluid that is produced by cells of various seed plants (as of the milkweed, spurge, and poppy families) and is the source of rubber, gutta-percha, chicle, and balata 2: a water emulsion of a synthetic rubber or plastic obtained by polymerization and used esp. in coatings (as paint) and adhesives

late *adj* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; also *late* *adj* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; 1: a thin narrow strip of wood nailed to rafters, joists, or studding as a groundwork for slates, tiles, or plaster 2: a building material in sheets used as a base for plaster 3: a quantity of laths — **late** *v* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; to work with laths

lathe *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; 1: a machine in which work is rotated about a horizontal axis and shaped by a fixed tool

lathe *v* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; 1: to cut or shape with a lathe

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Lat-in-ate *adj* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (1904): of, relating to, resembling, or derived from Latin

Latin cross *n* (1797): a figure of a cross having a long upright shaft and a shorter crossbar traversing it above the middle — see CROSS illustration

Lat-in-ism *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (ca. 1570) 1 **a**: a characteristic feature of Latin occurring in another language 2: Latin quality or character

Lat-in-ist *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (15c): a specialist in the Latin language or Roman culture

lat-in-ity *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (1540) 1: a manner of speaking or writing Latin 2: LATINISM

lat-in-ize *v* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (1589) 1 **a** *obs*: to translate into Latin 2: to give a Latin form to 3: to introduce Latinisms into 4: ROMANIZE 2: to make Latin or Italian in doctrine, ideas, or traits; *specif*: to cause to resemble the Roman Catholic Church ~ **v**: 1: to use Latinisms 2: to exhibit the influence of the Romans or of the Roman Catholic Church — **lat-in-i-zation** *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (1540) 1: a manner of speaking or writing Latin 2: LATINISM

La-ti-no *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (1946) 1: a native or inhabitant of Latin America 2: a person of Latin-American origin living in the U.S. — **Latino** *adj*

Latin square *n* (1890): a square array which contains *n* different elements with each element occurring *n* times but with no element appearing twice in the same column or row and which is used esp. in the statistical design of experiments (as in agriculture)

lat-ish *adj* (1611): somewhat late

lat-tis-si-mus dor-si *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (1684): a broad flat superficial muscle chiefly of the middle and lower back that extends, adducts, and rotates the arm medially and draws the shoulder downward and backward

lat-i-tude *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (14c) 1: the angular distance from side to side: WIDTH 2: angular distance from some specified circle or plane of reference: as **a**: angular distance north or south from the earth's equator measured through 90 degrees **b**: angular distance of a celestial body from the ecliptic **c**: a region or locality as marked by its latitude 3 **a**: SCOPE, RANGE **b**: the range of exposures within which a film or plate will produce a negative or positive of satisfactory quality 4: freedom of action or choice (students are allowed considerable ~ in choosing courses) — **lat-i-tu-di-nal** *adj* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; of or relating to latitude

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lat-i-tu-di-nal-ly *adv* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; of or relating to latitude

lat-i-tu-di-nar-i-an *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (1697): not insisting on strict conformity to a particular doctrine or standard: TOLERANT; *specif*: tolerant of variations in religious opinion or doctrine — **latitudinarian** *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; of or relating to latitude

lat-ke *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (1927): POTATO PANCAKE

lat-o-sol *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (1949): a leached red and yellow tropical soil — **lat-o-sol-ic** *adj* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; of or relating to latosol

la-trine *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (1642) 1: a receptacle (as a pit in the earth) for use as a toilet 2: TOILET 3

latry *n* *comb form* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; worship (heliolatry)

lats *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (1923) — see MONEY table

lat-te *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (1991): CAFFE LATTE

lat-ten *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (14c): a yellow alloy identical to or resembling brass typically hammered into thin sheets and formerly much used for church utensils

lat-ter *adj* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (bef. 12c) 1 **a**: belonging to a subsequent time or period: more recent (the ~ stages of growth) **b**: of or relating to the end (in their ~ days) **c**: RECENT, PRESENT (affected by ~ calamities) 2: of, relating to, or being the second of two groups or things or the last of several groups or things referred to (of ham and beef the ~ meat is cheaper today) (of ham and beef the ~ is cheaper today)

lat-ter-day *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (1832) 1: of present or recent times (~ prophets) 2: of a later or subsequent time

Lat-ter-day Saint *n*, *often cap D* (1834): a member of any of several religious bodies tracing their origin to Joseph Smith in 1830 and accepting the Book of Mormon as divine revelation: MORMON

lat-ter-ly *adv* (1678) 1: LATER 2: of late: RECENTLY

lat-tice *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (14c) 1 **a**: a framework or structure of crossed wood or metal strips **b**: a window, door, or gate having a lattice **c**: a network or design resembling a lattice 2: a regular geometrical arrangement of points or objects over an area or in space; *specif*: the arrangement of atoms in a crystal 3: a mathematical set that has some elements ordered and that is such that for any two elements there exists a greatest element in the subset of all elements less than or equal to both and a least element in the subset of all elements greater than or equal to both — **lat-ticed** *adj* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; of or relating to lattice

lattice girder *n* (1852): a girder with top and bottom flanges connected by a latticework web

lat-tice-work *n* [F *-latre*, fr. LL *-latres*, fr. Gk *-latrēs*; akin to Gk *latron* payl]; (15c): a lattice or work made of



latitude 2a: hemisphere marked with parallels of latitude