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source. **ex-pe-dience** *adv.* [ME f. L. *expedire*:

to hasten (an action, etc.). **ex-pe-dite** *n.* as *EX-1*, *pes* (pedis foot) voyage for a particular, or war. **2** the person-ness; speed. **ex-pe-** (as *EXPEDITE*)

r used in an expedition,

done with speed and. **ex-pe-ditiously** *ous*

ften foll. by *from*) **1** de-volement in (a school, om its container, etc.).

ex-pe-l-able *adj.* **ex-pe-** *AE* f. L. *expellere* *expuls-*

ney, time, etc.). [ME f.

y be sacrificed or dis-not regarded as worth nificant. **3** not normal-ably *adv.*

ness or an instance of of money) expended. rge of expenditure, f. *pendere*

nt of money. **2** (usu. in job, etc. *will pay your this offered me \$40 per uch expense (the house f so as to cause loss or OF expense f. LL *expen-* EXPEND]*

's expenses payable by

2 making a high charge. *ses*). **ex-pen-sive-ly**

ctual observation of or s. **2** knowledge or skill as affecting one (an un-oeing so affected (*learn-*sf; undergo. **2** feel or be *ence-able* *adj.* [ME f.

had much experience. *river*).

ving or based on *ex-* *nial-ist* *n.* *ex-per-i-*

hy that treats all knowl-

procedure adopted on i hypothesis, etc., or to test or trial of. *v. intr.* nt. **ex-per-i-men-ta-** riment or L *experimen-*

on or making use of ex-used in experiments. etc) experiment; tenta-on on authority or com-ment-*alist* *n.* *ex-per-i-*

[ME f. med. L. *experi-*

by *at*, *in*) having spec-ig or resulting from this

(often foll. by *at*, *in*) a *ex-pert-ly* *adv.* *ex-pert-* *experiri*: see *EXPERIENCE* vledge, or judgment. [F

rt opinion. **2** *tr.* give an

r (wrongdoing). **2** make *al/* *adj.* *ex-pi-a-to-ry* *ex-pi-a-tor* *n.* [L. *expiare*

ut. **2** the end of the va-o (as *EXPIRE*)

, validity, etc.) come to

an end. **2** *intr.* (of a document, authorization, etc.) cease to be val-id; become void. **3** *intr.* (of a person) die. **4** *tr.* (usu. foll. by *from*; also *absol.*) exhale (air, etc.) from the lungs. **ex-pi-a-to-ry** *adj.* (in sense 4). [ME f. OF *expirer* f. L. *expirare* (as *EX-1*, *spirare* breathe)]

ex-pi-ry /ikspire/ *n.* **1** expiration. **2** death.

ex-plain /iksplain/ *v. tr.* **1** make clear or intelligible with detailed information, etc. (also *absol.*: *let me explain*). **2** (foll. by *that* + clause) say by way of explanation. **3** account for (one's conduct, etc.). **ex-plain away** minimize the significance of (a difficulty or mistake) by explanation. **explain oneself** **1** make one's meaning clear. **2** give an account of one's motives or conduct. **ex-plain-able** *adj.* **ex-plain-er** *n.* [L. *explanare* (as *EX-1*, *planus* flat, assim. to *PLAIN*)]

ex-pla-na-tion /eksplanayshn/ *n.* **1** the act or an instance of explaining. **2** a statement or circumstance that explains something. **3** a declaration made with a view to mutual understanding or reconciliation. [ME f. L. *explanatio* (as *EXPLAIN*)]

ex-pla-na-to-ry /iksplanatwree/ *adj.* serving or intended to serve to explain. **ex-pla-na-to-ry-ly** *adv.* [LL *explanatorius* (as *EXPLAIN*)]

ex-plant /eksplant/ *v. & n.* *Biol.* *v. tr.* transfer (living cells, tissues, or organs) from animals or plants to a nutrient medium. *n.* a piece of explanted tissue, etc. **ex-plan-ta-tion** *n.* [mod. L. *explantare* (as *EX-1*, *plantare* PLANT)]

ex-ple-tive /ekspletiv/ *n. & adj.* *n.* **1** an oath, swearword, or other expression, used in an exclamation. **2** a word used to fill out a sentence, etc., esp. in verse. *adj.* serving to fill out (esp. a sentence, line of verse, etc.).

WORD HISTORY expletive

Late Middle English (as an adjective): from late Latin *expletivus*, from *explere* 'fill out,' from *ex-* 'out' + *plere* 'fill.' The general noun sense 'word used merely to fill out a sentence' (early 17th century) was applied specifically to an oath or swear word in the early 19th century.

ex-pli-ca-ble /eksplikəbəl, iksplik-1 *adj.* that can be explained.

ex-pli-cate /eksplikayt/ *v. tr.* **1** develop the meaning or implication of (an idea, principle, etc.). **2** make clear; explain (esp. a literary text).

ex-pli-ca-tion /-kayshn/ *n.* **ex-pli-ca-tive** /eksplikaytiv, iksplikativ/ *adj.* **ex-pli-ca-tor** *n.* **ex-pli-ca-to-ry** /eksplikatwree, iksplik-1 *adj.* [L. *explicare* *explicat-* unfold (as *EX-1*, *picare* *plicat-* or *plicat-* fold)]

ex-pli-cit /iksplicit/ *adj.* **1** expressly stated, leaving nothing merely implied; stated in detail. **2** (of knowledge, a notion, etc.) definite; clear. **3** (of a person, book, etc.) expressing views unreservedly; outspoken. **ex-pli-cit-ly** *adv.* **ex-pli-cit-ness** *n.* [F *explicite* or L. *explicitus* (as *EXPLICATE*)]

► See note at *IMPLICIT*.

ex-plode /iksploəd/ *v.* **1** *a* *intr.* (of gas, gunpowder, a bomb, a boiler, etc.) expand suddenly with a loud noise owing to a release of internal energy. **b** *tr.* cause (a bomb, etc.) to explode. **2** *intr.* give vent suddenly to emotion, esp. anger. **3** *intr.* (of a population, etc.) increase suddenly or rapidly. **4** *tr.* show (a theory, etc.) to be false or baseless. **5** *tr.* (as *exploded* *adj.*) (of a drawing, etc.) showing the components of a mechanism as if separated by an explosion but in the normal relative positions. **ex-plod-er** *n.* [earliest in sense 4: L. *explodere* hiss off the stage (as *EX-1*, *plodere* *plos-* = *plaudere* clap)]

ex-ploit *n. & v.* *n.* /eksplɔɪt/ a bold or daring feat. *v. tr.* /iksploɪt/ **1** make use of (a resource, etc.); derive benefit from. **2** *usu. derog.* utilize or take advantage of (esp. a person) for one's own ends. **ex-ploit-able** *adj.* **ex-ploit-a-tion** *n.* **ex-ploit-a-tive** /iksploɪtətiv/ *adj.* **ex-ploit-er** *n.* **ex-ploit-ive** *adj.* [ME f. OF *exploit*, *exploiter* ult. f. L. *explicare*: see *EXPLICATE*]

ex-plor-a-tion /eksplɔɪrəʃən/ *n.* **1** an act or instance of exploring.

2 the process of exploring. **ex-plor-a-tion-al** *adj.*

ex-plor-a-to-ry /iksploɪrətəwree/ *adj.* **1** (of discussion, etc.) preliminary; serving to establish procedure, etc. **2** of or concerning exploration or investigation (*exploratory surgery*).

ex-plore /iksploɪr/ *v. tr.* **1** travel extensively through (a country, etc.) in order to learn or discover about it. **2** inquire into; investigate thoroughly. **3** *Surgery* examine (a part of the body) in detail. **ex-plor-a-tive** /-tətiv/ *adj.* [F *explorer* f. L. *explorare*]

ex-plor-er /iksploɪrə/ *n.* a traveler into undiscovered or uninvestigated territory, esp. to get scientific information.

ex-plor-sion /iksploɪʒən/ *n.* **1** the act or an instance of exploding. **2** a loud noise caused by something exploding. **3** a sudden outburst of noise. **b** a sudden outbreak of feeling, esp. anger. **4** a rapid or sudden increase, esp. of population. [L. *explosio* scornful rejection (as *EXPLODE*)]

ex-plo-sive /eksplɔɪsiv/ *adj. & n.* *adj.* **1** able or tending or likely to explode. **2** likely to cause a violent outburst, etc.; (of a situation, etc.) dangerously tense. *n.* an explosive substance. **ex-plo-sive-ly** *adv.* **ex-plo-sive-ness** *n.*

ex-po /eks-po/ *n.* (also *Ex-po*) (*pl.* -*pos*) a large international exhibition. [abbr. of *EXPOSITION*]

ex-pon-ent /ikspɒnənt/ *n. & adj.* *n.* **1** a person who favors or promotes an idea, etc. **2** a representative or practitioner of an activity,

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profession, etc. **3** a person who explains or interprets something. **4** an executant (of music, etc.). **5** a type or representative. **6** *Math.* a raised symbol or expression beside a numeral indicating how many times it is to be multiplied by itself (e.g., $2^3 = 2 \times 2 \times 2$). *adj.* that sets forth or interprets. [L. *exponere* (as *EX-1*, *ponere* *pos-* put)]

ex-po-nen-tial /eksponənshəl/ *adj.* **1** *Math.* of or indicated by a mathematical exponent. **2** (of an increase, etc.) more and more rapid. **ex-po-nen-tial-ly** *adv.* [F *exponentiel* (as *EXPONENT*)]

ex-po-nen-tial function *n.* *Math.* a function that increases as a quantity raised to a power determined by the variable on which the function depends.

ex-po-nen-tial growth *n.* *Biol.* a form of population growth in which the rate of growth is related to the number of individuals present.

ex-port *v. & n.* *v. tr.* /ekspɔɪt/ **1** send out (goods or services) esp. for sale in another country. *n.* /ekspɔɪt/ **1** the process of exporting. **2** a an exported article or service. **b** (in *pl.*) an amount exported (*exports exceeded \$50 billion*). **3** (*attrib.*) suitable for export, esp. of better quality. **ex-port-a-ble** *adj.* **ex-port-a-bil-ity** *n.* **ex-ports *n.* **ex-port-er** *n.* [L. *exportare* (as *EX-1*, *portare* carry)]**

ex-pose /ikspəʊz/ *v. tr.* **1** leave uncovered or unprotected, esp. from the weather. **2** (foll. by *to*) a cause to be liable to or in danger of (*was exposed to great danger*). **b** lay open to the action or influence of; introduce to (*exposed to bad influences, exposed to Hemingway at a young age*). **3** (as *exposed* *adj.*) **a** (foll. by *to*) open to; unprotected from (*exposed to the east*). **b** vulnerable; risky. **4** *Photog.* subject (film) to light, esp. by operation of a camera. **5** reveal the identity or fact of (esp. a person or thing disapproved of or guilty of crime, etc.). **6** disclose; make public. **7** exhibit; display. **8** put up for sale. **ex-pose oneself** display one's body, esp. the genitals, publicly and indecently. **ex-poser** *n.* [ME f. OF *exposer* after L. *exponere*: see *EXPONENT*, *POSE*]

ex-po-sé /ekspəzay/ *n.* (also *ex-poser*) **1** an orderly statement of facts.

2 the act or an instance of revealing something discreditable. [F, past part. of *exposer* (as *EXPOSE*)]

ex-po-si-tion /eks-pəzishən/ *n.* **1** an explanatory statement or account. **2** an explanation or commentary; an interpretative article or treatise. **3** *Mus.* the part of a movement, esp. in sonata form, in which the principal themes are first presented. **4** a large public exhibition. **5 *archaic* exposure. **ex-po-si-tion-al** *adj.* **ex-po-si-tive** /-pəzitiv/ *adj.* [ME f. OF *exposition*, or L. *expositio* (as *EXPOSITION*)]**

ex-pos-i-tor /ikspəzɪtər/ *n.* an expounder or interpreter. **ex-pos-i-to-ry** *adj.*

ex post fac-to /eks pɒst fæktə/ *adj. & adv.* with retrospective action or force. [L. *ex postfacto* in the light of subsequent events]

ex-pos-tu-late /ikspɒschəlayt/ *v. intr.* (often foll. by *with* a person) make a protest; remonstrate earnestly. **ex-pos-tu-la-tion** /-ləyʃən/ *n.* **ex-pos-tu-la-to-ry** /-lətəwree/ *adj.* [L. *expostulare* *expos-tulat-* (as *EX-1*, *postulare* demand)]

ex-po-sure /ikspəʊʒər/ *n.* **1** (foll. by *to*) the act or condition of exposing or being exposed (to air, cold, danger, etc.). **2** the condition of being exposed to the elements, esp. in severe conditions (*died from exposure*). **3** the revelation of an identity or fact, esp. when concealed or likely to find disapproval. **4** *Photog.* a the action of exposing film, etc., to the light. **b** the duration of this action. **c** the area of film, etc., affected by it. **5 an aspect or outlook (*has a fine southern exposure*). **6 experience, esp. of a specified kind of work. [EXPOSE after *enclosure*, etc.]****

ex-po-sure meter *n.* *Photog.* a device for measuring the strength of the light to determine the correct duration of exposure.

ex-pound /ikspəʊnd/ *v. tr.* **1** set out in detail (a doctrine, etc.). **2** explain or interpret (a literary or doctrinal work). **ex-pound-er** *n.* [ME f. OF *espondre* (as *EXPONENT*)]

ex-press /iksprez/ *v. tr.* **1** represent or make known (thought, feelings, etc.) in words or by gestures, conduct, etc. **2** *refl.* say what one thinks or means. **3** *esp. Math.* represent by symbols. **4** squeeze out (liquid or air). **ex-press-er** *n.* **ex-press-i-ble** *adj.* [ME f. OF *expresser* f. Rmc (as *EX-1*, *press*)]

ex-press /iksprez/ *adj., adv., n., & v.* *adj.* **1** operating at high speed.

2 also /eksprez/ a definitely stated, not merely implied. **b** *archaic* (of a likeness) exact. **3** a done, made, or sent for a special purpose. **b** (of messages or goods) delivered by a special messenger or service. *adv.* **1** at high speed. **2** by express messenger or train. *n.* **1** a an express train or messenger. **b** an express rifle. **2** a company undertaking the transport of packages, etc. *v. tr.* send by express messenger or delivery. **ex-press-ly** *adv.* (in senses 2 and 3a of *adj.*) [ME f. OF *expres* f. L. *expressus* distinctly shown, past part. of *exprimere* (as *EX-1*, *primere* press)]

ex-pres-sion /ikspreshən/ *n.* **1** the act or an instance of expressing.

2 a word or phrase expressed. **b** manner or means of expressing in language; wording; diction. **3** *Math.* a collection of symbols expressing a quantity. **4** a person's facial appearance or intonation

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