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-sur-mount/a-ble *adj.* —**sur-mount/er** *n.* *pl.* **surmullet** or **-lets** [Fr. *surmulet* reddish brown (of Germanic orig.) + the goatfish.]

-sur- + name, name. 1. One's family name added to one's name, as *the Great* **med., nam-ing, -names** To give a sur-

-is-ing, -pass-es [Ofr. *surpasser* : *sur-*, 1. To exceed the limit, powers, or ex-

-D, EXCEL, OUTDO, OUTSHINE, OUT- **core meaning** : to be greater or bet-

-s production quota That surpasses the usual or average :

ador —**sur-pass/ing-ly** *adv.*

-plis < Norman Fr. *surplis* < Ofr. *plis* : Lat. *super-*, over + *pellis*, of skin < *pellis*, skin.] A loose-fitting

worn over a cassock by some cler-

E < Ofr. < Med. Lat. *superplus* : Lat.

Being more than what is needed or

quantity in excess of what is needed,

all liabilities. 3. Excess of a corpo-

value of its capital stock. 4. Excess

PLUS 1. 2. An excess of words : ver-

legal pleading.

in the Marxian analysis of capital-

product produced by labor and the ac-

in wages.

-print-ing, -prints 1. To overprint. 2. To

upon a previously printed image of

se 1.

-') vt. -prised, -pris-ing, -pris-es also

surprisen, to overcome < Ofr. *sur-*

over + *prendre*, to take < Lat. *counter*

suddenly or unexpectedly :

capture suddenly and with no warn-

or astonishment. 4a. To cause (some-

unintended. b. To elicit or detect

act of surprising or the state of being

reprises. —**sur-pris'er** *n.*

ormation < SURREALISM.] 1. Having

sm. 2. Grotesque : bizarre < *surreal*

[Fr. *surréalisme* : *sur-*, beyond +

Ofr. *reel* < LLat. *realis* < Lat. *res*, and

artistic movement that attempts

subconscious by fantastic imagery

subject matter. —**sur-re'al-ist** *n.* —**sur-**

-al-is/ti-cal-ly *adv.*

to **sur-re-but-tal** (-büt'l) *n.* A plain-

utter.

1. A plaintiff's reply to a defendant's

-der-ing, -ders [ME *sorendren* < Ofr.

to deliver. —see *RENDER.*] —**ut.** 1. To

1 of to another as a result of demand

favor of another. 3. To give up or give

granted < *surrender* a contractual

n < *surrender* all hope of success.] 5.

to something, as to an emotion. —**vi.**

omy. —**n.** 1. An act or an instance of

isoner, fugitive from justice, or prin-

custody.

insurance policy either to the owner

expiration.

adj. [Lat. *surrupticius* < *surripere*, to

stly + *rapere*, to seize.] Made, done,

stealthy means. —**sur-rep-ti-tious-ly**

for *Surrey* cart, after *Surrey*, a county

ilt.] A four-wheeled horse-drawn car-

surrogate mother *n.* 1. A woman who bears a child for another per-

son or for a couple, often for pay, as after surgical implantation of

a fertilized egg. 2. One that acts as, serves as, or is a mother substi-

tute. —**surrogate motherhood** *n.*

sur-round (sə-round') *vt.* **-round-ed, -round-ing, -rounds** [ME

sourrounden, to inundate < Ofr. *surrounder* < LLat. *superundare* :

Lat. *super-*, over + Lat. *undare*, to rise in waves < *unda*, wave.] 1.

To encircle on all sides of simultaneously : **GIRD**. 2. To cause to be

surrounded by something. 3. To confine on all sides so as to prevent

escape or cut off outside communication.

✦ **synonyms**: SURROUND, CIRCLE, COMPASS, ENCIRCLE, ENCLOSE,

GIRD, HEM IN, RING *v.* **core meaning** : to shut in on all sides < *sur-*

round-ed by water >

sur-round-ings (sə-round'ingz) *pl.n.* The external circumstances, con-

ditions, and objects that affect existence and development : ENVI-

RONMENT.

sur-sum cor-da (sūr'səm kōr'də) *n.* [Lat., (lift) up (your) hearts.] 1.

often *Sursum Corda*. An ecclesiastical versicle offering praise and

thanksgiving to God. 2. Something instilling courage or fervor.

sur-tax (sūr'taks') *n.* 1. An additional tax. 2. A graduated income tax

added to the normal income tax levied on the amount by which

one's net income exceeds a certain sum. —**vt.** **-taxed, -tax-ing, -tax-es**

To levy a surtax on.

sur-veil (sər-vāl') *vt.* **-veiled, -veil-ing, -veils** [Back-formation < *sur-*

veillance.] To keep under surveillance.

sur-veil-lance (sər-vā'ləns) *n.* 1. Close observation, esp. of one under

suspicion. 2. The act of observing or the state of being observed.

sur-veil-lant (sər-vā'lənt) *adj.* [Fr., pr.prt. of *surveiller*, to watch over :

sur-, over + *veiller*, to watch < Lat. *vigilare* < *vigil*, watchful.] Ex-

ercising surveillance. —**n.** One that exercises surveillance.

sur-vey (sər-vā', sūr'vā') *v.* **-veyed, -vey-ing, -veys** [ME *surveyen* < Ofr.

surveier < Med. Lat. *supervidere*, to look over : Lat. *super-*, over +

Lat. *videre*, to look.] —**vt.** 1. To examine in a comprehensive way :

APPRAISE. 2. To inspect carefully : SCRUTINIZE. 3. To determine the

boundaries, area, or elevations of (land or structures on the earth's

surface) by means of measuring angles and distances, using the tech-

niques of geometry and trigonometry. —**vi.** To make a survey. —**n.**

(sūr'vā') **pl. -veys** 1. A detailed inspection or investigation. 2. A com-

prehensive view. 3. A gathering of a representative data sample. 4a.

The process of surveying. b. A report on or map of something sur-

veyed. —**sur-vey'or** *n.*

survey course *n.* A course consisting of an overview of a broad topic

or field of knowledge.

sur-vey-ing (sər-vā'ing) *n.* Measurement of dimensional relationships,

as of horizontal distances, elevations, directions, and angles, on the

earth's surface esp. for use in locating property boundaries, con-

struction layout, and mapmaking.

surveyor's level *n.* A level having a telescope and attached spirit level

mounted on a tripod and rotating around a vertical axis.

sur-viv-a-ble (sər-vī'və-bəl) *adj.* Having the capability to survive or to

be survived. —**sur-viv'a-bil'i-ty** *n.*

sur-viv-al (sər-vī'vəl) *n.* 1a. The act or process of surviving. b. The state

of having survived. 2. Something, as an ancient belief, that has sur-

veyed.

sur-viv-al-ist (sər-vī'vəl-ist) *n.* One whose primary goal is personal or

group survival, as after nuclear war.

survival of the fittest *n.* Natural selection conceived of as a struggle in

which only those organisms best adapted to existing conditions sur-

vive and reproduce.

sur-viv-ance (sər-vī'vəns) *n.* Survival.

sur-vive (sər-vīv') *v.* **-vived, -viv-ing, -vives** [ME *surviven* < Norman Fr.

survivre < Ofr. *sourvivre* < LLat. *supervivere* : Lat. *super-*, over +

Lat. *vivere*, to live.] —**vi.** To remain alive or in existence. —**vt.** 1. To

live longer than : OUTLIVE < *survive* one's spouse > 2. To persist

—**sus-cep'ti-ble-ness** *n.* —**sus-cep'ti-bly** *adv.*

sus-cep-tive (sə-sēp'tiv) *adj.* 1. Receptive. 2. Susceptible. —**sus-cep'tive-**

ness, sus-cep'tiv'i-ty (sə-sēp'tiv'itē) *n.*

sus-shi (soo'shē) *n.* [J.] A Japanese dish consisting of thin slices of fresh

raw fish or seaweed wrapped around a cake of cooked rice.

sus-pect (sə-spēkt') *v.* **-pect-ed, -pect-ing, -pects** [Lat. *suspectare*, freq. of

suspiciere, to watch : *sub-*, from below + *specere*, to look at.] —**vt.**

1. To suppose to be true or probable : IMAGINE. 2. To have doubts

about : DISTRUST < *suspected* their motives > 3. To think (a person)

guilty without proof < *They suspect* the doctor of murder > —**vi.** To

have suspicion. —**n.** (sūs'pekt') One who is suspected of committing

a crime. —**adj.** (sūs'pekt', sō-spēkt') That is open to or regarded

with suspicion < *suspect* behavior >

sus-pend (sə-spēnd') *v.* **-pend-ed, -pend-ing, -pends** [ME *suspenden* <

Ofr. *suspendre* < Lat. *suspendere*, to hang up : *sub-*, from below +

pendere, to hang.] —**vt.** 1. To bar for a period from a privilege, of-

fice, or position, usu. as a punishment < *suspend* a lawyer from the

bar > 2. To cause to stop for a period < *suspend* stock market trad-

ing > 3a. To hold in abeyance : DEFER < *suspend* judgment > b. To render

temporarily ineffective < *suspend* the regulations > 4. To hang so

as to allow free movement. 5. To support or keep from falling with-

out apparent attachment, as by buoyancy < *suspend* oneself in the

water > —**vi.** 1. To cease for a period : DELAY. 2. To fail to make pay-

ments or fulfill obligations.

✦ **synonyms**: SUSPEND, BREAK OFF, CEASE, DISCONTINUE, INTER-

RUPT, TERMINATE *v.* **core meaning** : to cause to stop for a period

< *suspended* the negotiations indefinitely >

suspended animation *n.* A dormant condition resembling death and in-

duced by reversible cessation of the vital functions.

sus-pend-er (sə-spēn'dər) *n.* 1. One that suspends. 2. **suspenders.** A pair

of often elastic straps, worn over the shoulders to support trou-

sers. 3. *Chiefly Brit.* A garter.

sus-pense (sə-spēns') *n.* [ME < Norman Fr. < Ofr. < *suspendere*, to sus-

pend.] 1. The quality or state of being undecided, uncertain, or

doubtful. 2a. Anxiety or apprehension resulting from an uncertain,

undecided, or mysterious situation. b. Agreeable stimulation or ex-

citement as to dénouement < a novel of *suspense* and intrigue > 3. The

state of being suspended. —**sus-pense'ful** *adj.*

suspense account *n.* A temporary account in which entries of credits

or charges are made until their proper disposition can be deter-

mined.

sus-pen-sion (sə-spēn'shən) *n.* 1. The act of suspending or the state of

being suspended, esp.: a. Temporary abrogation or deferment. b. De-

barment, as from office or privilege. c. Postponement of judgment,

opinion, or decision. 2. *Mus.* a. Prolongation of one or more tones

of a chord into a following chord so as to create a temporary dis-

sonance. b. The tone prolonged by suspension. 3. A device from

which a mechanical part is suspended. 4. The system of springs that

protects the chassis of a motor vehicle from shocks transmitted

through the wheels. 5. *Chem.* A relatively coarse, noncolloidal dis-

persion of solid particles in a liquid.



suspension
From Bach's Fourth
Fugue

suspension bridge *n.* A bridge having the roadway suspended from

cables that are usu. supported by towers.



suspension bridge

suspension points *pl.n.* A series of dots, usu. three, used to indicate the

omission of a word or words from a written text.

sus-pen-sive (sə-spēn'siv) *adj.* 1. Serving or tending to suspend some-

thing temporarily. 2. Marked by or causing suspense. —**sus-**

pen'sive-ly *adv.* —**sus-pen'sive-ness** *n.*

sus-pen-soid (sə-spēn'soid') *n.* [SUSPENS(ION) + (COLLOID).] A col-

loid solution with solid dispersed particles.

sus-pen-sor (sə-spēn'sər) *n.* [Med. Lat., one that suspends < Lat.

suspendere, to suspend. —see *SUSPEND.*] 1. Bot. A cell or cellular

structure developed from a zygote in seed-bearing plants and con-

necting the embryo to the embryo sac. 2. A suspensory.

sus-pen-so-ry (sə-spēn'sō-rē) *adj.* 1. Supporting or suspending < a sus-

pensory bandage > 2. Delaying completion. —**n., pl. -ries** 1. A sup-

port or truss. 2. An athletic supporter.

ā pat ā pay ār care ā father ār car ē pet ē be ī pit ī bite īr pier ō pot ō toe ô paw ôr core
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