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chicken.] A severe contagious diarrhea of young poultry, caused by the bacterium *Salmonella pullorum*.

pull-out (pŏl'out') *n.* 1. A withdrawal, esp. of troops. 2. The change from a dive to level flight in aviation. 3. Something designed to be pulled out.

pull-over (pŏl'ov'vər) *n.* A garment, as a sweater, that must be put on by being drawn over the head.

pull-lu-late (pŭl'ya-lāt') *vi.* **-lat-ed, -lat-ing, -lates.** [Lat. *pul-lulare, pullulāt-* < *pullulus*, dim. of *pullus*, chicken.] 1. To put forth sprouts; GERMINATE. 2. To breed abundantly or rapidly. 3. To swarm; teem. — **pull-lu-la'tion** *n.* — **pull-lu-la'tive** *adj.*

pull-up (pŏl'up') *n.* An exercise for strengthening the arms, performed by hanging by the hands from an overhead bar and pulling the body upward until the chin is even with or above the bar.

pul-mo-nar-y (pŏl'mə-nēr'ē, pŭl'-) *adj.* [Lat. *pulmonarius* < *pul-mo*, lung.] 1. Of or relating to the lungs. 2. **PULMONATE** 1.

pulmonary artery *n.* An artery in which blood travels directly from the heart to the lungs.

pulmonary vein *n.* One of four veins in which blood travels directly from the lungs to the heart.

pul-mo-nate (pŏl'mə-nāt', pŭl'-) *adj.* [NLat. *pulmonatus* < Lat. *pulmo*, lung.] 1. Having lungs or lunglike organs. 2. Pertaining to the Pulmonata, an order of gastropods including snails and slugs, in which the mantle cavity is modified to function as a lung. — *n.* A member of the Pulmonata.

pul-mon-ic (pŏl'mŏn'ik, pŭl'-) *adj.* **PULMONARY** 1.

pulp (pŭlp) *n.* [Lat. *pulpa*, flesh.] 1. A soft, moist, shapeless mass of matter. 2. The soft moist part of fruit. 3. A mass of pressed vegetable matter <orange pulp>. 4. The soft pith forming the contents of the stem of a plant. 5. A mixture of cellulose material, as wood, paper, and rags, ground up and moistened to make paper. 6. The soft inner structure of a tooth, consisting of nerve and blood vessels. 7. A mixture of powdered ore and water. 8. A magazine or book having rough-textured paper made from wood pulp and often containing lurid subject matter. — *v.* **pulp-ed, pulp-ing, pulps.** — *vt.* 1. To reduce to pulp. 2. To remove the pulp from. — *vi.* To become reduced to pulp. — **pulp'-i-ness** *n.* — **pulp'-ous** (pŭl'pəs), **pulp'-y** *adj.*

pulp-it (pŏl'pit, pŭl'-) *n.* [ME < Lat. *pulpitum*, platform.] 1. An elevated platform, lectern, or stand used in preaching or conducting a religious service. 2. A raised platform, as one used by harpooners in a whaling boat. 3. a. The clergy. b. The ministry of preaching.

pulp-wood (pŭlp'wŏd') *n.* Soft wood, as spruce, aspen, or pine, used in making paper.

pul-que (pŏl'kə', -kē, pŏl'-) *n.* (Mex. Sp. < Nahuatl *polihqui*, decomposed.) A fermented milky beverage made in Mexico from various species of agave.

pul-sar (pŭl'sār') *n.* [PULSE + (STELL)AR.] Astron. Any of several very short-period variable galactic radio sources generally believed to be rotating neutron stars.

pul-sate (pŭl'sāt') *vi.* **-sat-ed, -sat-ing, -sates.** [Lat. *pulsare, pulsāt-*, freq. of *pellere*, to beat.] 1. To expand and contract rhythmically; THROB. 2. To quiver.

pul-sa-til-e (pŭl'sə-təl, -tīl') *adj.* [Med. Lat. *pulsatilis* < Lat. *pulsare*, freq. of *pellere*, to beat.] Vibrating; pulsating.

pul-sa-tion (pŭl'sā-shən) *n.* 1. An act of pulsating. 2. A single beat, throb, or vibration.

pul-sa-tor (pŭl'sā'tər, pŭl-sā'-) *n.* A pulsating device.

pul-sa-to-ry (pŭl'sā-tŏr'ē, -tŏr'ē) *adj.* Having rhythmical vibration or movement.

pulse (pŭls) *n.* [ME *pous* < OFr. < Lat. *pulsus* < *pellere*, to beat.] 1. Physiol. Rhythmical throbbing of arteries generated by regular contractions of the heart. 2. A regular or rhythmical beating. 3. A single beat or throb. 4. Physics & Electron. A transient amplification or intensification of a characteristic of a system, esp. of a wave characteristic, followed by return to equilibrium or steady state <a signal pulse> <beam pulse>. 5. Perceptible emotions or opinions of a group of people. — *vi.* **puls-ed, puls-ing, puls-es.** To pulsate. — **pulse'less** *adj.*

pulse (pŭls) *n.* [ME *pols* < OFr. < Lat. *puls*, pottage of meal and pulse.] 1. The edible seeds of certain pod-bearing plants, as peas and beans. 2. A plant yielding pulse.

pulse-jet (pŭls'jēt') *n.* A jet engine in which air intake and combustion occur intermittently, producing rapid periodic bursts of thrust.

pulse modulation *n.* Modulation by coded variation of the amplitude or other characteristic of wave pulses.

pul-sim-e-ter (pŭl-sīm'ē-tər) also **pul-som-e-ter** (-sŏm'-) *n.* Med. An instrument for measuring the frequency or strength of the pulse.

pul-som-e-ter (pŭl-sŏm'ē-tər) *n.* 1. A pump for raising water by the pulsed condensation of steam. 2. *var.* of **PULSIMETER**.

pul-ver-i-able (pŭl'və-rə-bal) *adj.* Capable of being pulverized.

pul-ver-ize (pŭl'və-rīz') *v.* **-ized, -iz-ing, -iz-es.** [Lat. *pulverizare* < Lat. *pulvis*, dust.] — *vt.* 1. To crush, pound, or grind to a pow-

der or dust. 2. To demolish <pulverized the old building> — *vi.* To be ground or reduced to powder or dust. — **pul'-ver-iz'a-ble** *adj.*

— **pul'-ver-iz-a'tion** *n.* — **pul'-ver-iz'er** *n.*

pul-ver-u-lent (pŭl-vēr'yə-lent, -vēr'ə-) *adj.* [Lat. *pulverulentus*, dusty < *pulvis*, dust.] 1. Made of, covered with, or crumbling to fine powder or dust. 2. Dusty; crumbly.

pul-vil-lus (pŭl-vī'l'əs) *n., pl. -vil-li* (-vī'l'i') [Lat., dim. of *pulvinus*, cushion.] One of the soft, cushionlike pads between the claws of an insect's foot.

pul-vi-nate (pŭl'və-nāt') also **pul-vi-nat-ed** (-nā'tid) *adj.* [Lat. *pulvinatus* < *pulvinus*, cushion.] 1. Shaped like a cushion. 2. Bot. Having a swelling at the base. — Used of a leafstalk.

pul-vi-nus (pŭl-vī'nəs, -vēr'-) *n., pl. -ni* (nī') [Lat., cushion.] Bot. A swelling of the stem at the base of a leafstalk.

pu-ma (pyŏ'mə, pŏo'-) *n.* [Sp. < Quechua *poma*.] The mountain lion.

pum-ice (pŭm'is) *n.* [ME *pomis* < OFr. *pomis* < Lat. *pumex*.] A porous lightweight volcanic rock used in solid form as an abrasive and in powdered form as a polish and abrasive. — *vt.* **-iced, -ic-ing, -ices.** To clean, polish, or smooth with pumice. — **pu-mi'ceous** (pyŏ-mīsh'əs, pə-) *adj.* — **pum'ic-er** *n.*

pum-mel (pŭm'əl) *vt.* **-meled, -mel-ing, -mels** also **-melled, -mel-ing, -mels.** To beat; pommel. — **pum'mel** *n.*

pump (pŭmp) *n.* [ME *pumpe*.] 1. A device or machine for transferring a gas or liquid from a source or container through tubes or pipes to another container or receiver. 2. a. Biochem. A biochemical mechanism for transporting ions, atoms, or molecules against a concentration gradient by an expenditure of energy. b. The process of such transport. 3. Physics. Electromagnetic radiation used to raise atoms or molecules to a higher energy level. 4. HEART 1a. — *v.* **pumped, pump-ing, pumps.** — *vt.* 1. To raise or cause to flow by means of a pump. 2. To inflate with gas by means of a pump <pump up an air mattress>. 3. To remove the water from. 4. To cause to operate with the up-and-down motion of a pump handle. 5. To eject, propel, or insert with or as if with a pump. 6. Physics. To supply (a laser) with sufficient energy to achieve population inversion. 7. Physics. To raise atoms or molecules to a higher energy level by exposing them to electromagnetic radiation at a resonant frequency. 8. Biochem. To transport ions, atoms, or molecules against a concentration gradient by the expenditure of chemically stored energy. 9. To question persistently or closely <The police pumped the suspect.> — *vi.* 1. To operate a pump. 2. To raise or move gas or liquid with a pump. 3. To move up and down in the manner of a pump handle. — **pump'er** *n.*

pump (pŭmp) *n.* [Orig. unknown.] A low-cut shoe without fastenings.

pumped storage *n.* A system of generating electricity using hydroelectric power in which electricity is generated during the hours of peak consumption by using water that has been pumped into an elevated reservoir during the hours of low consumption.

pum-per-nick-el (pŭm'pər-nīk'əl) *n.* [G.] A dark sourdough bread made from whole coarsely ground rye.

pump-kin (pŭmp'kin, pŭm', pŭng'-) *n.* [Alteration of obs. *pumpion* < OFr. *pompon* < Lat. *pepo* < Gk. *pepōn*, large melon < *pepōn*, ripe < *peptein*, to ripen.] 1. a. A coarse trailing vine, *Cucurbita pepo*, widely cultivated for its fruit. b. The large pulpy round fruit of the pumpkin vine, having a thick, orange-yellow rind and numerous seeds. c. A vine, *C. maxima* or *C. moschata*, bearing large pumpkinlike squashes. 2. A moderate to strong orange.

pump-kin-seed (pŭmp'kin-sēd', pŭm', pŭng'-) *n.* 1. The seed of the pumpkin. 2. A North American sunfish, *Lepomis gibbosus*, having brightly colored markings.

pun (pŭn) *n.* [Orig. unknown.] A play on words, occas. on different senses of the same word and occas. on the similar sense or sound of different words. — *vi.* **punned, pun-ning, puns.** To make a pun.

punch (pŭnch) *n.* [Short for **PUNCHEON**.] 1. A tool for circular or shaped piercing. 2. A tool for forcing a pin, bolt, or rivet in or out of a hole. 3. A tool for stamping a design on a surface. 4. A countersink. — *v.* **punched, punch-ing, punch-es.** — *vt.* To use a punch on; mark or perforate. — *vi.* To use a punch.

punch (pŭnch) *vt.* **punched, punch-ing, punch-es.** [ME *punchen*.] 1. To hit with a sharp blow of the fist. 2. To prod or poke with a stick. 3. Western U.S. To herd (cattle). — **punch in.** To check in formally at a job before a day's work. — **punch out.** 1. To check out formally at a job before leaving after a day's work. 2. Slang. To eject from a military aircraft. — *n.* 1. A blow with the fist. 2. Energy or drive. — **punch'er** *n.* — **punch'less** *adj.*

punch (pŭnch) *n.* [Perh. < Hindi *pānch* < Skt. *pañca*, five (from its orig. having been prepared from five ingredients).] A sweetened beverage of fruit juices, often spiced, usu. with a wine or liquor base.

Punch (pŭnch) *n.* [Short for **PUNCHINELLO**.] The contentious hook-nosed husband of Judy in the comic puppet show *Punch and Judy*.

— **pleased as Punch.** Highly pleased.

punch-board (pŭnch'bŏrd', -bŏrd') *n.* A small, usu. rectangular board, used as a game of chance, that contains many holes each filled with a folded slip of paper that when punched out indicates a designated prize, win, or loss.

punch bowl *n.* A large bowl for serving a beverage, as punch.

punch card also **punched card** *n.* A computer card punched

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